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ADVANCED YACHTS 60

Speed and style on a semi-custom 60-footer

To my eye, Advanced Yachts are building some of the most stylish semi-custom yachts around. For a fairly new outfit, the quality of their debutante, the A66 launched at the Genoa Boat Show last year, is astonishing.

The Reichel Pugh/Nauta Design blend on that boat is all about quality. Indeed, the premium placed on no-expense-spared design, construction, materials and finish inside and out is almost Swan-like. Now the Milan-based yard have revealed this follow-up 60-footer, the A60.

Designed by Umberto Felci, again with key input from Nauta, the A60 carries the family look of her larger RP sister – that cool raised coachroof has Italian flair and the lines are sleek and powerful. But the A60 is more of a custom design than her sister. As with Swan's recent models, clients can choose between a semi-raised deck or a sleeker flush-deck model.

But the choices extend way beyond this to take in factors such as the interior layout (including materials and type of veneer), mast height and material, plus deck

equipment. Customers even get the choice of construction methods: either vinyl ester resin and gelcoat or full carbon, post-cured in an autoclave. The latter saves 1.5 tonnes over the 18.7-tonne Cruise version and sports a 3.4m rather than a 3m keel.

The common denominators of the Advanced Yacht range are performance and safety together with space and brightness. Below the single-level dinette area seems blessed with exceptional natural light. Guest cabins are located aft and the owner's cabin is forward, offering double or French berths. Despite a lounge area abaft the twin wheels, the cockpit seems vast and clearly designed for cruising comfort, while those cruising aboard will welcome large tank allocation for water (860lt) and fuel (680lt).

Felci has given her powerful forward sections and a long waterline, hoping to combine sailing efficiency and performance with ease of handling. Look for our test later in the year. www.advancedyachts.it

▲ **Top: the A60 comes with a low-profile flush deck or a more muscular semi-raised saloon (left). Above: Mario Pedol designed the single-level open-plan dinette**

DIMENSIONS

LOA 18.60m/59ft 3in
LWL 17.08m/56ft 0in
Beam 5.15m/16ft 9in
Draught 3.0-3.4m/9ft 8in-11ft 2in