

Nordhavn 64

admire the endurance of wolves. Biologists claim that these animals can trot at a steady 8-mph clip for up to 12 hours in search of food—quite a show of stamina. In the marine world, Nordhavns have earned a similar reputation for doggedness. And as all wolves can trace their lineage through the rough-and-tumble *Canis lupus*, Nordhavn's full-displacement craft are based on what's considered the blueprint for determined, oceangoing vessels: Robert Beebe's 1963 50-foot *Passagemaker*, one of the first private powerboats to circumnavigate the globe.

The 64 bridges the gap between Nordhavn's 62- and 68-foot models and, like those boats, reaps the benefits of generous freeboard. Tank testing and sea trials revealed its advantages: According to the builder, generous foresections provide extra buoyancy for breaking through large head seas, plus added dryness, especially in snotty conditions. Extra height allowed engineers to place the engine and fuel and water tanks relatively low, reducing the boat's center of gravity and making her a stable ride.

The 64 is built to cross oceans safely and in comfort and style. Her full-beam saloon has a standard 42-inch plasma TV and Bose Surround Sound system. Forward and to port is her well-equipped galley; a full-size Sub-Zero 'fridge/freezer, four-burner Thermador cook-



top/oven, Miele dishwasher, and other GE Profile appliances are all standard.

Comfort is also paramount in the amidships pilothouse, thanks to two Stidd helm seats, a C-shape settee that seats four, and a large chart table. Just aft of here is a double watch berth.

Below decks, the amidships, full-beam master stateroom has a king-size walk-around berth, his-and-her hanging lockers, a small office area, and en suite head. Two guest staterooms forward—a double to port and single bunks to starboard—share head privileges.

Standard power is a single 400-hp Detroit Diesel Series 60 diesel inboard matched to a Twin Disc marine gear with

Length overall: 66'3"

Beam: 20'4"

Accommodations: 1 king, 1 double, 2 singles, plus 1 double crew berth

Standard engine: 1/400-hp Detroit Diesel Series 60 diesel inboard

a deep, 3.43:1 gear ratio. With her standard 42-inch prop, sound and vibration should be significantly reduced. Also standard is a 174-hp Luger LP668T wing engine with its own dedicated shaft, folding prop, and fuel system should a loss of power occur.

At a 9-knot cruise, the 64 is claimed to have a 3,000-nautical-mile range. Pricing was not available at presstime. ❄

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Azimut 43

The 43 is the first production boat to be built from the keel up with Azimut's Core Infusion Technology, which uses a grooved Divinycell core to maximize resin infusion. Like all of Azimut's yachts, her bold exterior design is by Stefano Righini. Features include a Carlo Galeazzi-designed interior; 4'2" draft; cherry interior; teak swim platform, cockpit, and side decks; hydraulic passerelle; 2/foredeck sunpads; two-burner cooktop; microwave/convection oven; bow thruster; teak soles; basin-style

sinks; Tecma MSDs; hot/cold transom shower; forepeak master with walkaround queen and his-and-her hanging lockers; optional twin 425-hp Cummins QSB5.9 diesels. With standard twin 380-hp Cummins QSB5.9 diesel inboards, the 43 is claimed to have a 30-mph cruise and top end of 36 mph. Pricing not available at presstime.

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Length overall: 42'4"



Beam: 13'10"

Accommodations: 1 queen, 2 single berths, settee converts into double berth

Standard engines: 2/380-hp Cummins QSB5.9 diesel inboards