

Hatteras 64 Convertible

Battleship toughness paired with ultimate comfort.

by Tom Thompson

Built like a battleship." That thought came to mind while I looked over the Hatteras 64 Convertible in Beaufort, North Carolina. The weather was clear and the seas were rolling with 4-foot swells. The spray was deflected in large sheets to either side as we cut through the whitecaps. The 64 Convertible handles well at cruising speed, which Hatteras claims is a swift 30 knots. A top end of 36 knots is reached in a matter of seconds. I punched the throttles, and the pair of 1,800-hp C32A Caterpillar diesels moved out smartly. Capt. Dave Fields spun the boat on its center point like a ballerina. Backing down, not a drop of water came over the teak-finished transom.

The 64 Convertible boasts what might be the widest beam, shallowest draft and largest fuel capacity in her class. The cockpit is 164 square feet and includes a mezzanine with cushioned seating to keep the crew comfortable. You can





select from a choice of freezer, livewell or insulated storage tub. Instead of standard seating to starboard, you can opt for a bait-prep station with stainless steel-lined tackle drawers. Shorepower connectors, washdowns and gaff storage are all hidden, so no exposed hardware gets in your way.

The flybridge has a pair of helm chairs aft. The teak helm pod has a brushed-chrome steering wheel and single-lever engine controls to each side. Behind this is a power-actuated panel that rises to expose the electronic display screens. Forward, the standard configuration is bench seating all around. A rear-facing jump seat to starboard is on top of a drink cooler. With the optional bridge enclosure, Hatteras revises the forward layout with an L-shaped settee to port and a bar sink and refrigerator to starboard. The single-seat helm is all the way forward on the centerline. An optional circular staircase leads to the salon.

The salon has American black cherry paneling and is finished in gloss or satin sheen. A large U-shaped sofa is located to port and has a 42-inch plasma TV with surround sound opposite. The galley, one step up and forward, includes a U-shaped seating area for dining. Two large granite countertops make up the

workspace above three refrigerator/freezer drawer units. A four-burner ceramic-top stove is standard. The microwave/convection oven is hidden in one of the cabinets along the upper forward bulkhead.

Hatteras offers a range of possibilities for the lower deck layout. You can have three or four staterooms, and three heads with stall showers are standard. The forward suite has a queen-size berth and can also be configured with a double and a single berth. The middle stateroom, to port, can have a twin or double berth. The optional fourth stateroom goes along the starboard side and has bunk beds. The full-beam master suite is amidships. There's a king-size berth, twin nightstands and two dressers.

The battleship-toughness of the Hatteras 64 Convertible is contrasted with the comfort of its amenities. This boat's built to take on the elements yet handle passengers with care. It's a long-distance traveler, with considerable fuel capacity and generous storage, not to mention a high-tech array of navigation and entertainment electronics. As far as I'm concerned, this is one exceptional way to go fishing. ↴

Specs

LOA	63'10"
Beam	19'6"
Draft	4'10"
Weight	100,000 lbs.
Fuel capacity	1,950 gals.
Base power	T/Caterpillar C30 diesels (1,550 hp each)
Base price	\$2,750,000
Power as tested	T/Caterpillar C32A diesels (1,800 hp each)
Price as tested	\$3,000,000

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