



Ovation 52

Silverton's latest line
redefines luxury.

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There's a new boat on the water from a well-known manufacturer. New Jersey-based Silverton has debuted the Ovation line of luxury yachts. The first model, the 52, features significant advancements in design, engineering and manufacturing, according to Mike Usina, vice president of sales and marketing.

The sweeping lines and elegant profile of the Ovation 52 are an indication of what's to come when you step aboard. Looking closely, you'll begin to notice the details: All of the seating is genuine leather. Wall light fixtures are frosted glass with gold trim, set in wood frames. Cabinet tops have panes of glass with accent lights above them.

It's common to find a flat-screen TV that rises from cabinetry nowadays, but how many boats have a microwave oven that does the same thing? The extensive salon cabinetry is done in cherrywood with touches of burl inlay. There's a pair of reclining chairs along the port side, a curved sofa to starboard, and the galley and dinette are two steps up. There's an almost 360-degree panoramic view from any seat in the house. Padded Stainmaster carpeting and cherrywood-framed cabin doors inlaid with leather panels highlight the space. The two heads have glass basin sinks set on pedestal vanities.

The full-beam master suite has a walkaround queen berth flanked by cherrywood nightstands, along with his-and-hers cedar-lined wardrobes. The standard layout for this cabin includes a countertop along each side with drawers beneath it, but an optional sofa can take the place of one. The forward stateroom also has a queen berth and separate wardrobes.

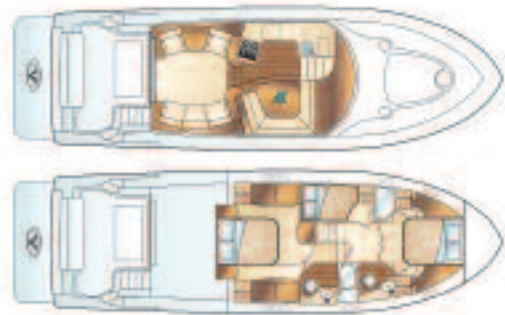


In the third stateroom, there's another queen berth, something you won't find on other boats this size. It's hinged to provide access to a step-down compartment for separate washer and dryer units.

Outside, the flybridge overhang shelters the cockpit and its nearly full-beam bench. Ovation says there's room for 15 people up top on the port-side lounge and full-beam settee aft, plus the captain's and mate's seats. The wetbar has a sink with refrigerator, all under a standard hardtop enclosed by clear panels. A/C comes standard.

The Ovation 52 is one of the first production boats in the world to use triple Volvo IPS drives. IPS 500 engines come standard, but our test boat had IPS 600s. Acceleration was smooth and strong, but most of all, quiet. The boat handled well, and steering response was immediate. The IPS joystick makes slow-speed maneuvering no challenge at all, even for a boat this size. When we returned to the dock, I brought the Ovation alongside about 30 feet out, then moved the boat in sideways. Can't get any easier than that!

I've tested many Silverton models over the years and have seen the continual progress this boatbuilder has made. The Ovation 52 is more than an evolutionary change—I'd venture to say it's a quantum leap. ⚓



Specs

LOA	52'
Beam	16'4"
Draft.....	4'
Weight	47,000 lbs.
Fuel capacity.....	610 gals.
Base power.....	3xVolvo IPS 500s
Base price.....	\$1,229,000
Power as tested	3xVolvo IPS 600s
Price as tested	\$1,308,000

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