

Viking 47 Convertible

If you've followed the evolution and refinement of the convertible sportfisherman over these many years, you may wonder whether it's possible to tweak the type any further. However, before you conclude that it's not, take a close look at the Viking 47C.

With more than 3,000 yachts under its belt—1,200 in the 35- to 45-foot range alone—Viking has unquestionably brought considerable, nay massive, experience to bear in the development of this all-new 47-footer.

Although she'll have a well-proven Viking hull form, her thoroughly contemporary engineering will emphasize the reduction of structural weight and its associated benefits: improved range and higher top speeds.

Her profile is sure to qualify as among the most handsome in this genre, what with its well-placed and proportioned superstructure, deftly drawn sheer, and rakish overall appearance. Moreover, her planned layout, with its airy single-level, raised deckhouse saloon/galley/dinette complex, is clearly the distillation of Viking's many years of experience with the breed.

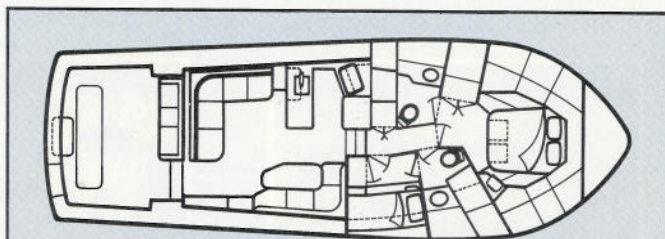
Indeed, the 47C promises to have experience written all over her. She will, for example, incorporate direct access from her cockpit to her engine room, a feature that appeals to all who use their boats seriously. And she'll have reduced freeboard aft to make both fishing and boarding easier, the importance of which would escape only the greener hands among us.

However, what will not escape notice is the 47C's sensible two-stateroom/two-head accommodation plan. By not trying to crowd in too much, it assures genuine comfort for the two to four people most likely to be aboard when she's actually being cruised—a number again generated, no doubt, by deep experience, and which

could be increased to six by a convertible sofa in the deckhouse.

Power options will include both twin 600-hp 6-cylinder and twin 680-hp 8-cylinder MAN diesels. Depending on which is chosen, the 47C is expected to attain top speeds in excess of 30 knots. And with substantial fuel tankage, she should provide range commensurate with her abilities.

Consequently, not only does she tweak the type, she also promises to tweak the noses of the competition. □



Length overall	47' 2"
Beam	15' 6"
Draft	4' 5"
Displacement	43,000 lbs. (approx. half-load)
Fuel capacity	700 gal.
Standard power	2/600-hp MAN D2866 diesel inboards
Designed by	in-house team
Base price	\$630,000

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