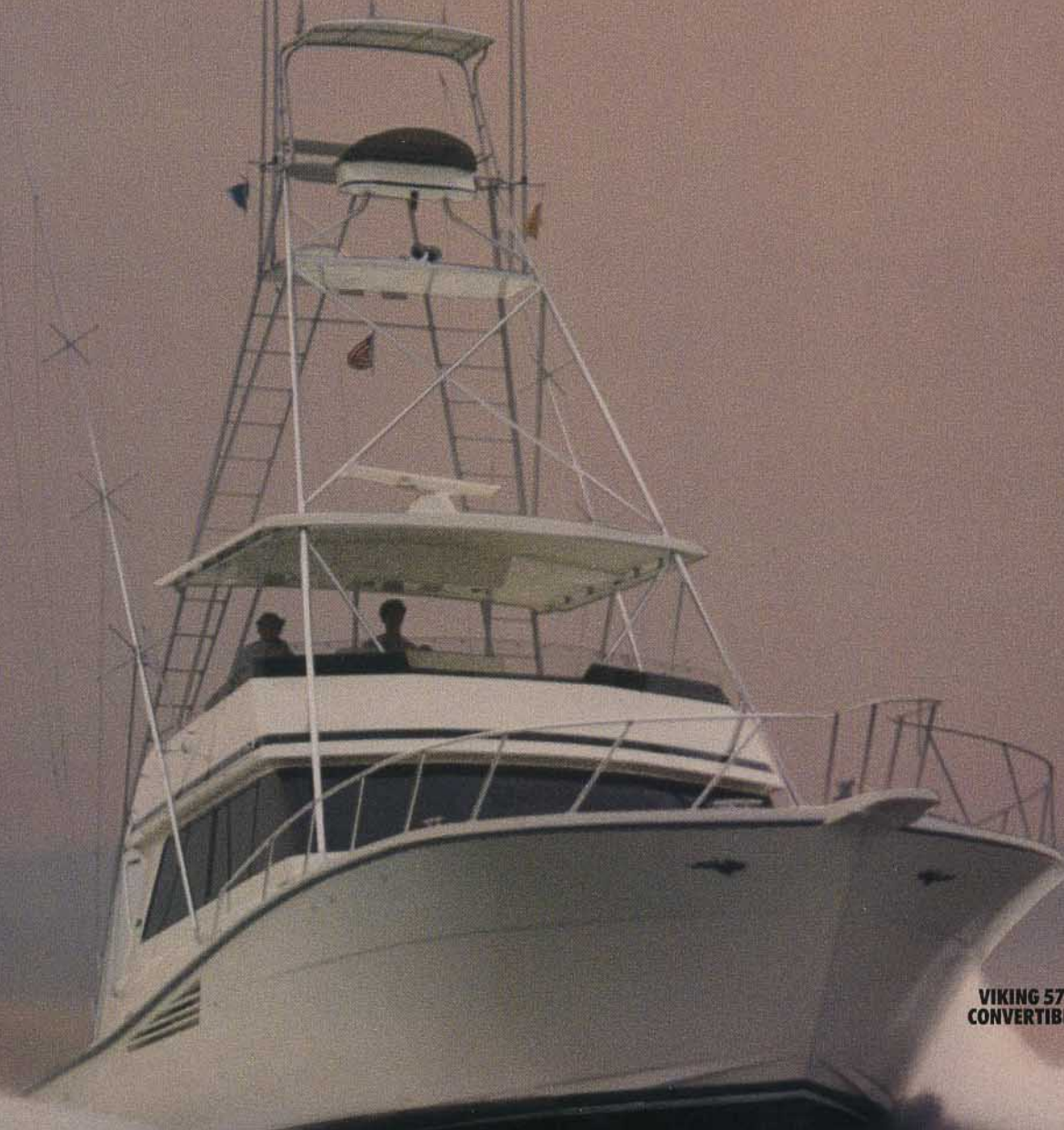


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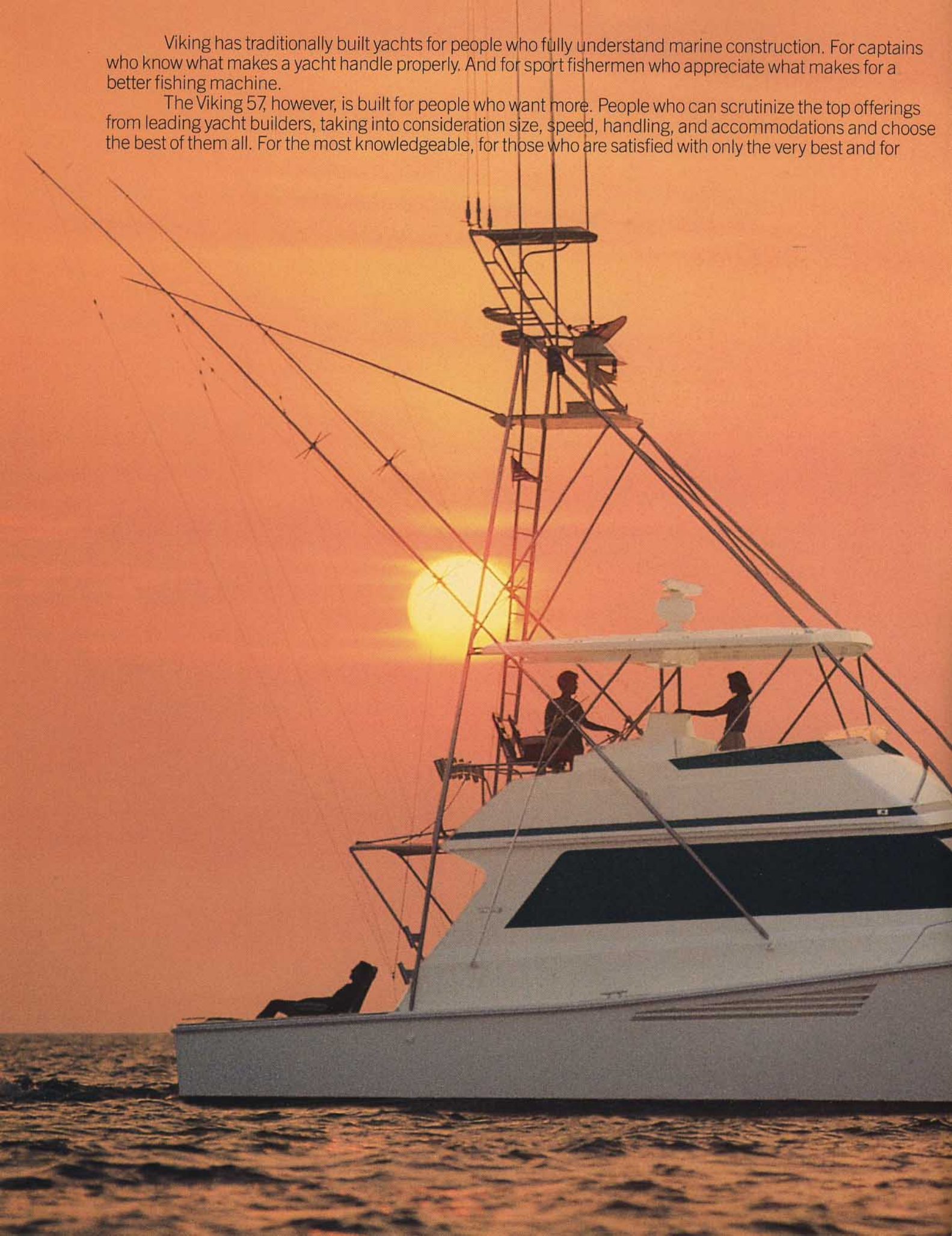


**VIKING 57'
CONVERTIBLE**

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Viking has traditionally built yachts for people who fully understand marine construction. For captains who know what makes a yacht handle properly. And for sport fishermen who appreciate what makes for a better fishing machine.

The Viking 57, however, is built for people who want more. People who can scrutinize the top offerings from leading yacht builders, taking into consideration size, speed, handling, and accommodations and choose the best of them all. For the most knowledgeable, for those who are satisfied with only the very best and for



the fortunate few to be offered one of this limited production series, that choice will be the Viking 57.

In the words of Viking president Bill Healey, "The Viking 57 is the culmination of 25 years of yacht building." It is a faster running, sturdier, more stable fishing machine with more standard features and more space than competitors' yachts as much as 8 feet longer, costing hundreds of thousands more.

If you're thinking of buying *any* flagship sport fisherman, from either a production or a custom builder, first compare it to the Viking 57' Convertible. The best always stands out.

THE VIKING 57' EVERYTHING VIKING STANDS FOR. BUT MORE.



For decades, the name Viking has been synonymous in the marine industry for technology and craftsmanship. Nowhere are these qualities more clearly evident than in the new Viking 57.

"A POWERHOUSE STRUCTURE!"

That's how *Boating Magazine** describes Viking's unique fiberglass laminate. Double-bias heavy mat is sandwiched between triaxial fiberglass for superlative strength and stiffness. Viking sands each layer of glass. While sanding is costly and time-consuming, it's the only way to maximize adhesion in the laminate, and only Viking does it. Lightweight balsa coring above the waterline keeps the 57' lean as well as tough.

Strong as it is, our hull is made even stronger by Viking's reinforcement system. Six full-length longitudinal stringers



of marine-grade plywood, diagonal braces and anti-shear gusseting are fully encapsulated with fiberglass, making them an integral part of the hull. We mate the hull to a superstructure formed in a single mold—from bow pulpit to cockpit liner—for outstanding structural integrity. Even the engine bed is stronger. Wide-flange steel beams bolted to dedicated bulkheads reduce prop shaft warpage, engine noise, vibration and wear.

BORN TO RUN.

Boating Magazine measured the 57's top speed at 33.5 knots (38.6 mph). That's with tuna tower, heavy fishing gear, full water and about a thousand gallons of fuel. Their reaction: "When a boat of this size moves like that, you've got every reason in the world to brag about it to friends and strangers at the marina."

While some of the credit goes to the 57's 12-cylinder turbodiesels, part must go to the Viking hull. The deep-V entry and high-speed planing fairbody get her out of the hole quickly. Reverse-radius lower chines give her directional control. *Boating* affirmed, "She is up on plane easily, arrow straight in tracking, and handles as gracefully and graciously as she looks." Not only will she travel fast, she'll travel far thanks to a 1500 gallon fuel capacity that surpasses others in this class.

AN ENGINE ROOM AHEAD OF ITS CLASS.

Inside the engine room, you'll discover a level of detailing, sound deadening, and serviceability that puts other yachts to shame. Convenient entry from the cockpit, stand-up headroom and 360° walk-around access to both engines make routine maintenance easier than ever.

To contain engine noise at the source, Viking's fiberglass lift mufflers fit inside the engine room. Another layer of noise proofing is built into the salon sole. This vacuum-bagged composite "girder" features aluminum, fiberglass and three inches of foam core for superb rigidity and acoustical isolation. Even the wiring channels are sealed for sound proofing.

Throughout the engine room, lighting and ventilation are first rate. Color-coded wiring harnesses are enclosed in raceway channels. You won't need to take oil cans aboard, the standard lube oil tank is filled from the outside.

THE LESSONS OF A THOUSAND TOURNAMENTS.

Viking's sportfishing expertise appears throughout the 165 square-foot cockpit. Built-in features leave the fighting area free of line-catching projections. It's all here, including 32" walk-through transom door, 8' recessed fish box, acrylic tackle lockers and cable master.

Fishability extends to the flybridge, where the aft-mounted helm offers ideal visibility both over the bow and aft of the cockpit for backing down and docking. Because the flybridge extends the full length and width of the deck house, there's room for an expansive L-shaped lounge, molded-in wet bar, chill box and plenty of storage. Viking's hardtop is an attractive option. All Viking's aluminum fittings are fabricated in house and are anodized for low maintenance. Key metal components are further protected with a baked-on powder coating more durable than urethane. But then, you'd expect no less from the company that builds yachts "for those who know better."



VIKING MOUNTS THESE 12-CYLINDER TURBODIESELS ON SOLID STEEL BEAMS.

WHAT MAKES A VIKING A VIKING.

"IF GOD IS IN THE DETAILS, WE'VE GOT A SHRINE HERE!"

—Boating Magazine



WITH FURNITURE-QUALITY TEAK, THE SALON CHALLENGES THE INTERIOR APPOINTMENTS OF LARGER, MORE COSTLY YACHTS.



THREE STATEROOMS AND THREE HEADS, SHOWN HERE: THE STARBOARD (CREW) STATEROOM.



THE PORT GUEST STATEROOM RIVALS MANY BOATS' MASTER STATEROOMS.



THE PORT GUEST STATEROOM HAS A PRIVATE HEAD WITH VANITY AND SHOWER.



FEEL LIKE PART OF THE PARTY: THE GALLEY'S ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THE SALON.



THE OPTIONAL HARDTOP FEATURES A SPACIOUS OVERHEAD ELECTRONICS ENCLOSURE.



One look inside the Viking 57, and knowledgeable owners cannot help but agree: this is one beautiful yacht. The furniture-quality teak reflects Viking's 25 year heritage of master wood-

working. The 57's commanding 18 feet of beam delivers accommodations on a par with larger, more costly yachts.

Intelligent layout and expansive windows make the salon an inviting place for living and entertaining. The wet bar is thoughtfully positioned within easy reach of the cockpit. The entertainment center incorporates color TV, VCR and an AM/FM/cassette stereo system—all built into the forward starboard bulkhead and hidden by raised teak paneled doors. The L-shaped sofa comfortably stores up to 14 rods beneath.

Because the galley and dinette are on the same level as the salon, they form a single, eminently livable space. The sleek galley features abundant working countertop space complemented by amenities such as microwave, dishwasher and compactor.

THE COMFORTS OF HOME.

After a day of fishing or cruising, you'll enjoy unsurpassed space, comfort, and privacy. Each of three staterooms offers its own head, individual climate controls, Viking's custom teak joinery, cedar-lined hanging lockers, and plentiful drawer space.

The port guest stateroom rivals the master staterooms of many fine yachts. It features side by side berths, night table, and a beautifully detailed private head with Viking's custom-built vanity. The starboard (crew) stateroom provides upper and lower cross-over berths. Companionway access to the crew head lets daytime visitors use the head without disturbing the privacy of a stateroom. The washer/dryer and linen locker are conveniently located in their own nook.

Forward, the master suite offers a walk-around queen size berth and a large private head replete with mirrors all around, custom vanity and shower. Additional amenities include generous cabinets, large his and hers hanging lockers, a second vanity, and, as standard equipment a TV and AM/FM/cassette stereo.

But no amount of words and pictures can do full justice to the Viking 57. The yacht sets new standards for luxury, structural integrity, and all-out fishability. Prove it to yourself at your Viking dealer. Or call us at (609) 296-6000.

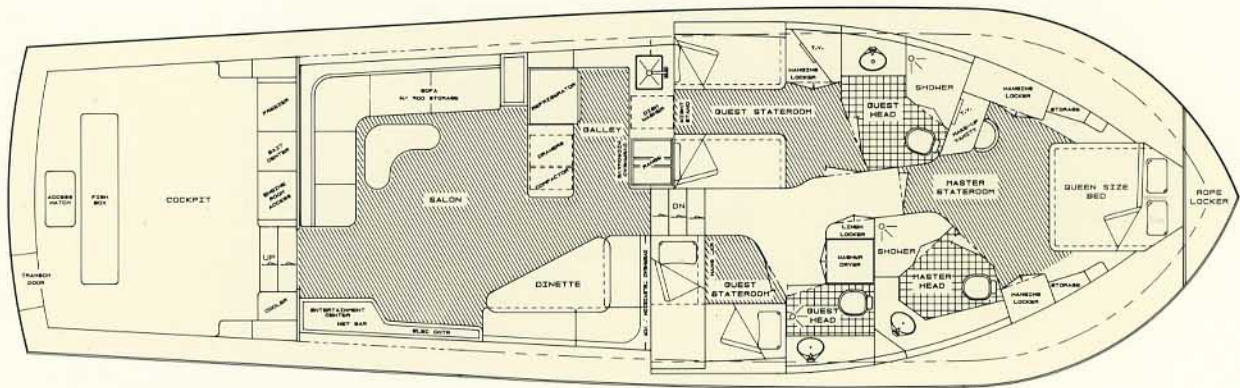


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