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The F//Line 33 blends Italian style with Fairline's quality and heritage to create an exciting high-performance tender, day or overnighter boat.

To review the new F//Line 33, it's important to know a little bit of the original company's background, Fairline Boats, a British luxury motor yachts manufacturer. The company was founded in 1963 by Jack Newington and built their vessels in Oundle, Northamptonshire, UK. Over the years, Fairline gained a good reputation as an excellent builder of medium-sized luxury motor vessels.

Sadly, the company started facing serious fiscal troubles after the 2008 financial crisis. Seven years later, Fairline Boats went into administration. In 2016, Russian businessmen Alexander Volov and Igor Glyanenko acquired the company for the bargain price of about four million pounds. With the assets, the businessmen formed a new business entity, naming it Fairline Yachts Ltd. To get profits back on track, the new managing director of the







company, Russell Currie, reduced the workforce to about a fifth of its original size to about 100 workers. The new company's first model was launched in London in late August 2019. The renowned Italian naval architect Alberto Mancini designed the new F//Line 33. With its new owners, Fairline Yachts was now leaner and ready to take on the competition.

"This is a traditional Fairline but with a modern twist," Fairline's brochure proudly proclaims. Indeed, the introduction of the ten-metre F//LINE 33 offered a new range of sportier, feisty Fairline boat. Fairline also says that this series of vessels are not planned to exceed 12 meters LOA. That puts this craft squarely in the 'superyacht tender' category. A tender usually refers to the boat that transports people to and from a larger yacht. The F//Line 33 blends Italian style with Fairline's quality and heritage to create an exciting high-performance tender, day or over-nighter boat.

Boasting impressive amounts of open deck space, the F//Line 33 is unashamedly focused on water sports and entertainment. A huge cockpit is complemented by a stretching foredeck, offering large amounts of space to enjoy and relax in the sun. An innovative reverse sheer transom folds down to create an on-water beach platform.

With its contemporary Italian design, the F//Line 33 has a sporty profile that seems to fly right through the water. The vessel's compact size makes it easy to navigate and berth just about anywhere, whether dropping the hook in a cove, tying up to another boat or a slip. Fast-paced cruising is made possible by brawny petrol or diesel sterndrive engine options from Volvo Penta, with twin diesel and twin petrol upgrades for those looking for even more speed.

Pushing the throttle forward in calm seas means this aggressive little tender or day boat can do 30 knots easily, with

a ride that is dry, smooth, and nearly flat when the hull begins to plane. The F//Line 33 has a sharp forward bow and a deep-V hull that flattens off towards the stern. This allows the craft to push easily through small waves without that sudden thud you can often feel on other craft. Naturally, in tight turns, you will feel the G-force, but there's no uncomfortable sensation of rolling. To limit splashes as it slices through the waves, full-length, spray deflectors help keep the spray from ruining your day with a torrent of saltwater.

The F//Line 33 was designed with performance and simple operation in mind. The UK builder wanted the new boat to cater to a customer that would want the boat to be exhilarating or calm when required; capable of high speed, but not a dedicated race boat. In other words, this boat represents practical luxury. "Whether the owner has young children onboard or wishes to experience the thrill of speeding at 48 knots, we wanted to give them the freedom to have any boating experience they want," says Wayne Huntley, Fairline's head of design and engineering.

As you'd expect the F//Line 33 like most vessels her size is constructed from Glass Reinforced Plastic (fiberglass), which is lightweight, low maintenance, and durable. Fairline revamped its production methods to reach its goal of building one F//LINE 33 per week to meet the expected delivery timeline on new orders.

The Fairline F//Line 33 is perfectly suited to weekend or day use for groups, couples, or small families. Below deck, the interior is characterized by light-filled spaces, with an open plan cab-in forward and, amazingly, a full-standing height ceiling. It does seem like the Russian businessmen got this boat right without sacrificing quality and craftsmanship that the old Fairline yard was known for.

So, for those who like speed, luxury, comfort, and that 'something extra', Fairline's new yacht should be on their horizon. **J**