



FIRST PHOTOS OF THE FABULOUS FINO

America's poshest sport boat

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FINO: AMERICA'S ANSWER TO THE RIVA

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Esasing up to a rafting party in a Fino it like arriving at a high school picnic in a Ferrari. Both the Fino and the Ferrari have the guts and the machinery to win races, yet both are posh enough and plush enough to make a Chanel-gowned lady feel right at home. And that, high performance and luxury, is what the Fino is all about.

The design of the 30 foot hull is strictly race boat. However, she has a little more deadrise (27 degrees) than most deep-vees to soften the ride a bit. The standard engines, a pair of 325 hp. MerCruisers, are a little milder than those in a race boat, but larger engines can be installed. The boat we photographed, for example, had a pair of 390 hp engines. Top speed for the standard Fino is estimated to be in excess of 60 knots.

But if the hull and engines are strictly American muscle the rest of the boat is pure Italian class. In addition to being fast and rugged, the Fino sports a host of unheard-of extras for a sport boat of this size. The accompanying photographs show the upholstery, the moulded in (and teak covered)

swimming platform, the upholstered aft lounging dock and the over stuffed driver's seat that folds up for playing race driver.

Then too, the list of standard equipment that is included in the basic price of \$28,500 is as long as your arm. It contains, besides such plebeian items as deck lines and fire extinguishers, such goodies as a built-in bar, an ice maker, an electric head, and a vanity with hot and cold running water. Actually, a bare list of the equipment doesn't tell half the story; much or even most of the gear was made especially for the Fino.

However, the standard equipment is still only the beginning. If you are of a mind to make this already extraordinary boat into something really spectacular, the builder will be happy to oblige. For a few thousand more _lire_, they will gleefully air condition the forward cabin, install a stereo tape system, add a radiotelephone, install an alarm system, and add a 110 watt generator to power everything.

When Fino president Bobby Rautbord set out to create this boat, he wanted to make the most comfortable and best equipped sport boat available anywhere. There is no doubt that he succeeded.

Right: The two sides of the Fino's character: flashing performance (est. speed-60 knots), and a great deal of very plush luxury.



Typical Fino details: custom designed siren, light and crest.



Well placed console and instruments surround custom wheel.



Fold-our bar and deeply padded seats are also custom designed.

