

Galeon 500 Fly (2019-)

Brief Summary

The Galeon 500 Fly brings innovation to features rarely seen in a Sport Yacht of this class and size. Powered by dual Volvo Penta 670 V-Drive diesel engines, the Galeon 500 Fly takes advantage of nearly every space onboard. Capable of sleeping up to six, she combines the accommodation of extended coastal cruising with the spontaneity of an enjoyable day on the water with family and friends, especially at anchor.

Price

Base Price

Prices, features, designs, and equipment are subject to change. Please see your local dealer or visit the builder's website for the latest information available on this boat model.

Key Features

- Folding down bulwarks
- Expansive fly bridge
- Aft settee on a 360-degree swivel base
- Hydraulic swim platform
- Foredeck arranged in "Bow Rider" Fashion
- Teak decks and swim platform
- Enclosed air conditioned salon

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	6.2	5.4	2.2	2.9	2.5	1235	1074.2	62
1000	9.5	8.3	7.3	1.3	1.1	558	484.8	68
1250	11.2	9.7	14	0.8	0.7	343	298	71
1500	12.8	11.1	24	0.5	0.5	228	198.7	70

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1750	17.8	15.5	33.5	0.5	0.5	228	197.9	74
2000	24	20.9	43	0.6	0.5	239	207.9	74
2200	29	25.2	51	0.6	0.5	244	211.8	76
2400	33	28.7	61	0.5	0.5	232	201.5	79
2520	35	30.4	69	0.5	0.4	217	189	80

[View the test results in metric units](#)

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Specifications

Length Overall	53'2" 16.20 m
BEAM	14'8" 4.46 m
Dry Weight	50,155 lbs. 22,750 kg
Tested Weight	53,616 lbs. 24,320 kg
Draft	3'3" 1 m
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	

Max Headroom	
Bridge Clearance	
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	476 gal. 1,802 L
Water Capacity	172 gal. 651 L
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	53,616 lbs. 24,320 kg
Aft Deck	
Salon Inside Width	
Salon Fore & Aft	
Salon Height	
Salon Volume	
Galley Volume	
Master SR Width	

Master SR fore & Aft	
Master SR Overhead	
Master SR Volume	
Eng. Room Volume	

Acceleration Times & Conditions

Time to Plane	11.4 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	
Props	
Load	3 persons, full fuel, no water, 50 lbs. of gear
Climate	76 deg., 70 humid; wind: 5-10 mph; seas: 0

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Galeon 500 Fly running

The Galeon 500 Fly has an LOA of 53'2" (16.2 m), a beam of 14'8" (4.46 m), and a draft of 3'3" (1 m).

Mission Statement

At 53' (16.2 m) LOA, the Galeon 500 Fly's primary mission is to entertain. Leaving almost no option of entertainment unaddressed for a yacht of her size, she brings what are the makings of a thrilling day on the water.

Galeon 500 Fly stern

Stern view of the Galeon 500 Fly with port and starboard sidewalls deployed, and the storage garage opened.

Major Features

Folding Bulwarks. On both the port and starboard sides, the Galeon 500 Fly offers a feature yet to be seen on a boat of this class and size. Folding bulwarks on the side decks fold down, creating an additional entertaining area of nearly 90 sq. ft. (8.36 sq. m) when both are deployed.

Each has five vertical stainless steel stanchions, which have a safety line that runs at a height of 29" (73.66 cm) along the outside edge of the “new” deck. However, when the safety line and stanchions are removed, this makes a place from which to dive or jump into the water.

The side windows also slide forward, opening up the entire salon to the sea air.

The salon sofa converts into either a sun pad or lounge, while on the port side, two bar stools can be affixed outboard of the galley countertop. This arrangement creates a fantastic outdoor bar.

Galeon 500 Fly sidewall

When the starboard bulwark is deployed, the salon sofa converts into an outboard-facing lounge.

Galeon 500 Fly sidewall

With the port side bulwarks deployed, bars stools in place and the galley counter folded out, it creates a great setting for cocktails.

Galeon 500 Fly cockpit

A view of the galley from the aft cockpit showing the server station to the port side wall bar.

Galeon 500 Fly standing

The view from a distance with port bulwarks deployed, showing the bar and aft cockpit settee.

Aft Cockpit Rotating Settee/Sun Pad. The aft cockpit settee, which includes a telescoping teak table, rests upon a rotating swivel. This allows the settee to rotate a full 360 degrees so that it can face forward toward the swim platform or at any angle in between. When the table is lowered, the settee converts into a sun pad.

Galeon 500 Fly cockpit

The aft cockpit settee, rotated to face aft.

Galeon 500 Fly cockpit

The aft cockpit settee, rotated 45-degrees to starboard.

Beneath the settee is a dinghy garage that, when the settee is faced forward, can be opened from the swim platform to allow access to stowed water toys, fenders, and gear, which, when replaced, are kept conveniently out of the way. As an option, the space can also be fitted to serve as a crew berth.

Galeon 500 Fly storage

The storage garage shown with the settee rotated into the forward-facing position and opened. This space can also be converted to serve as a single crew berth.

Hydraulic Swim Platform. The 4' by 14' teak swim platform spans the full breadth of the beam of the Galeon 500 Fly and accommodates a tender. There is a boarding gangway incorporated into the port side, allowing for easy access on and off the yacht when both Med-moored and docked astern. A collapsible three-step stainless steel swim ladder is also incorporated on its starboard side.

Galeon 500 Fly stern

A stern view of the Galeon 500 Fly shows the swim platform.

Expansive Flying Bridge. Entertaining and gathering continues aboard the Galeon 500 Fly by ascending the steps from the aft deck onto the flying bridge, which feels more like an entertainment area unto itself than simply a secondary location from which to operate the yacht. Enough seating exists to accommodate a dozen guests. Aft is a broad settee, full folding table, and storage beneath.

Galeon 500 Fly flying bridge

Flying bridge of the Galeon 500 Fly, showing aft settee, table, outdoor wet bar, and helm station.

The forward seating section of the settee is reversible to allow a rear or forward facing backrest. Forward of the settee is a full-sized sun pad which encompasses the full breadth of the bridge. Stowed between the wind screen and the sun pad is the Bimini, which retracts aft to cover the majority of the deck.

Galeon 500 Fly flying bridge

Flying bridge deck plan with settee table in full extended position. Note that the rendering shows the starboard folding side wall in the deployed position.

Furthering the entertainment function of the flying bridge, there is an outdoor wet bar on the port side, featuring a refrigerator, sink and storage cabinet. Additionally, a grill and ice-maker can be added. Finally, the helm station provides all of the necessary controls and electronics with which to navigate, operate and dock the yacht.

Galeon 500 Fly unknown

Galeon 500 Fly underway, giving a view of the expansive flying bridge.

Features Inspection

Boarding the Galeon 500 Fly from the swim platform, three steps to either port or starboard lead up into the teak soled aft deck, where the rotating settee is located. The aft cockpit is shaded by the flying bridge overhang.

Galeon 500 Fly cockpit

View of the aft deck from the flying bridge.

Galeon 500 Fly deck

Plan view of the main deck of the Galeon 500 Fly showing a small tender mounted on the swim platform and the port folding bulwark in the deployed position. Additionally, the red arrows on the foredeck illustrate convertible seating, which is not available in the U.S.

Galley

From the aft deck, the galley and salon areas are accessed by a three segment, folding glass door which has a flush threshold with the deck. Immediately to port is the galley, making it centrally located between the main salon dining area and aft cockpit, as well as easy access from the flying bridge directly above.

The galley countertops are Corian, with both a work top and a serving shelf. There is a two burner electric induction cooktop with a lighted overhead extraction fan. A refrigerator with freezer and microwave are incorporated into the walnut cabinetry. The twin-basin stainless steel sink is under mounted into the countertop and there are overhead cupboards as well as storage cabinets below the counter.

The galley counter converts into a bar serving area when the port bulwark is deployed and window retracted. To the right of the galley is the starboard-opposing sofa with the convertible backrest as shown below.

Image of front of five galley
Galeon 500 Fly galley

The galley to port with overhead storage and the opposing sofa to starboard. Note the two low-rise steps up to the salon.

Salon

Stepping up into the main salon, the dining settee is to port, while to starboard, there is an opposing love seat arranged from two moveable ottomans which can be placed at the table for dining. The walnut dining table is both folding and telescoping. While the space is climate controlled, the windows can be electronically opened to allow a free flow of air. With the bulwarks deployed and all doors and windows retracted, the Galeon 500 Fly opens up almost entirely to the atmosphere.

The speakers for the entertainment system are mounted in the overhead and the television is cabinet mounted behind the love seat to be raised and lowered. The passage to the lower deck and cabins is forward and positioned on the centerline.

Image of front of five salon
Galeon 500 Fly salon

Salon of the Galeon 500 Fly showing the dining settee, table, love seat, and helm.

Helm Station

The helm is integrated into the salon, as seen in the photo above, and the doublewide helm seat rotates to face inboard. The console consists of two 12" navigation displays, a Volvo Penta 7" digital Electronic Vessel Control panel, dual lever throttles and thruster control, autopilot, and vessel service switches. Conveniently positioned above the console are all system, pressure, temperature, and level indicator gauges.

Image of front of five helm
Galeon 500 Fly helm

The lower helm station of the Galeon 500 Fly.

Accommodations

Five steps down lead to the three cabins and guest head.

Image of front of five deck
Galeon 500 Fly deck

Deck plan of the Galeon 500 Fly's berthing accommodations, showing optional crew berth aft in lieu of a storage compartment.

Master Stateroom

Centered amidships and down three more steps is the owner's cabin. The queen-sized bed is positioned on the centerline with storage lockers beneath. Night stands are integrated on either side of the headboard with sconce reading lamps above and there is a lighted wardrobe closet. To starboard, there is a dresser beneath the hull side window, and beneath the port window is a vanity desk.

Galeon 500 Fly cabin

The master stateroom of the Galeon 500 Fly.

The master's head is accessed directly from the stateroom, has a Corian countertop with a decorative glass bowl sink, electric flush toilet, and separate shower with a wooden shower seat and glass door. An overhead skylight, as well as hullside windows, with an opening port light provide natural light to the space. It has an exhaust fan.

Galeon 500 Fly head

Master's head of the Galeon 500 Fly.

Forward Guest Cabin

Forward lies the VIP cabin. A double bed with drawer storage beneath and a lighted wardrobe locker appoint the space. Hull side windows run the length of the bulkheads, while above, the horizontal windows on the foredeck allow natural light to fill the cabin. Accent lighting, sconce reading lamps on either side of the headboard, and overhead lighting also provide illumination.

Galeon 500 Fly guest

Forward guest cabin of the Galeon 500 Fly.

Starboard Side Guest Cabin and Guest Head.

Within the starboard guest cabin are two twin-sized bunks and storage lockers. The guest head is located opposite to port and is appointed similarly to the master's head with Corian countertop, decorative bowl sink, electric toilet and shower. The head serves both guest staterooms and is the day head.

Galeon 500 Fly

Shown is the guest head.

Engines, Mechanicals, and Tankage

Propelled by two Volvo Penta D11-670 horsepower diesel engines with V-drive transmissions, the 500 Fly has a fuel capacity of 476 gallons (1,802 L) in two stainless steel tanks. The yacht is cooled by a 69,000

BTU Condaria chilled water air conditioning system which is powered by both 50 Amp shore power and an Onan 15 kW generator. She carries 172 gallons (651 L) of water along with a 16 gallon (61 L) hot water heater and has both grey and black water tankage of 103 and 63 gallons (389 L and 238 L), respectively.

Performance

The Galeon 500 Fly has a LOA of 53'2" (16.20 m), a beam of 14'8" (4.46 m), and a draft of 3'3" (1 m). With an empty weight of 50,155 lbs. (22,750 kg), full fuel, and three people onboard, we had an estimated test weight of 53,616 lbs. (24,320 kg). Powered by twin 670-hp Volvo Penta D11s, we reached a top speed of 35 mph at 2520 rpm. At that speed, we were burning 69.0 gph for a range of 217 statute miles.

Galeon 500 Fly running

The Galeon 500 Fly had a top speed of 35 mph at 2520 rpm with twin 670-hp Volvo Penta D11 engines. **Best cruise** was 29 mph at 2200 rpm. At that speed, the fuel burn was reduced to 51.0 gph while still holding back a 10% reserve. We reached time-to-plane in 11.4 seconds and accelerated to 20 mph in 11.6 seconds.

Galeon 500 Fly running

The Galeon 500 Fly planed in 11.4 seconds and hit 20 mph in 11.6 seconds.

Option Packages

This boat comes with a number of options as well as what Galeon calls a "Comfort Pack" and a "Luxury Pack." The "Comfort Pack" includes most major items of electronics, among other things, and the "Luxury Pack" includes the hydraulic swim platform, among other things.

We recommend both packages as the boat then becomes "turn-key," something that not only saves money but also eliminates aftermarket hassle.

Observations

The Galeon 500 Fly is built in Gadask, Poland and is imported into the U.S. by MarineMax. In addition to the features mentioned, it also has top-quality joinerwork throughout. All materials used and the build's execution appear to be world-class.

Galeon 500 Fly running

The Galeon 500 Fly while underway.