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# MAGIC TOUCH

## 68 FT. F&S BOATWORKS

When Puerto Rico resident Adrian Stella, a former Monterey Yacht owner, decided it was time to design and build his fifth sportfish to date, he knew the challenge lying ahead would be both an exciting, yet daunting task. With speed, fishability and durability in mind, countless decisions would have to be made, starting of course, with the manufacturer. Paving the road, experienced angling friends and close acquaintances in the big-game sport-fishing industry recommended one builder, F&S Boatworks. After sea-trialing an associate's recently launched F&S and visiting the Delaware plant and meeting the company's proprietor, Jimmy Floyd, a lasting relationship was formed and initial plans were laid. Thanks to naval architects Applied Concepts Unleashed and Belkov Yacht Interiors, the futuristic looking *Magic Touch* was soon on the drawing board and destined to be one of the fastest 68s the world's oceans have ever seen.

Powered by twin 2400-horsepower MTU 16V2000s, *Magic Touch* screams across the wildest seas at a mind-boggling 47.6-knots - nothing short of spectacular for a custom-built yacht displacing 95,000-pounds with a 19'7" beam. Coupled with five-bladed props and no prop-pockets, her cold-molded hull features a unique "stepped" design allowing for unparalleled cruise and top-speeds. Combined with a sheik Carolina-style flare and outstanding seafaring abilities in nearly any sea conditions, *Magic Touch* has clearly set a new standard amongst custom builders.

Today, only eight months after her christening, *Magic Touch* is already running a rigorous schedule. Her full-time captain, Juan Ramon Colon, stays busy keeping her on the marlin bite with regular visits to Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and St. Thomas. Long-range trips to and from the hottest action are a breeze when you consider that she is totally self-sufficient and carries a whopping 2,800-gallons of diesel fuel. At

a super-fast, super-efficient cruising speed of 30-knots at 1600-rpm, burning just under 100-gallons per hour, the added fuel capacity provides her a safe and comfortable range of almost 900-miles - undeniably impressive for any custom yacht of this magnitude.

While weight was an issue during the design and manufacturing phases to insure maximum speed (the owner readily admits 'speed' was a major concern) as far as creature comforts are concerned, absolutely nothing was neglected. Step into the expansive salon through the automatic sliding door and you'll find a spacious area encapsulating a large imported chocolate leather settee and authentic buffalo skin table. Notably, the entire man-style salon is adorned in rich teak with no square edges. White and cream color walls and ceiling give the expanse an even more open, airy feel.

The Aquos theater-like flat-screen and Denon/Bose surround-sound multi-media system start here in the salon but continue to entertain each room throughout. Speaking of

