

Galeon 640 Fly

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BROADENING YOUR HORIZON

Intriguing, innovative and adaptable, the Galeon 640 Fly surprises with resolute performance, impresses with fresh approaches, and delivers boating dynamics that are hard not to love, writes **James Dumergue**.

Boat dynamics seem to change so slowly that when one comes along that blows the modest pace of design evolution out of the water, it's worth exploring the interpretation. And so it is with the Galeon 640 Fly.

Galeon Motor Yachts first demanded our attention with their Australian debut in 2019. It may seem like they appeared out of nowhere, but they're not a new brand. Established in 1982, they employ around 1,200 people and produce approximately 100 boats each year. And with a team that's dedicated to innovation, they don't play it safe or wait to implement new technology. Instead, Galeon builds in options that allow you to create your bespoke combination depending on your whim, the conditions and who's on board.

That's why the 640 Fly is exceptionally responsive to the mood, the vibe and the ambitions of the day. If you thrive on variety and that holiday-by-the-sea feeling with wandering tendencies, this chameleon will change its colours to suit.

Testing times

Leaving Airlie Beach for Hamilton Island, it's looking like the day will prove a good test of what the 640 Fly is like when it's not all fluffy clouds and liquid pancakes. As we approach the Whitsunday Passage, we experience the full effect of the 25 knots on the nose. The confused corrugations on the surface do little to warrant a change of speed – the vessel remains solid and maintains a rate of 22 knots with a slight rise and fall. The weather-sealed doors are working, and the hull is trimmed well by the Humphree automatic tabs.

Weighing in at a reasonably lean 35 tonnes lightship, the Galeon 640 proved itself a worthy challenger to the churned sea-state. The stable ride is a result of the measured approach to keeping the weight low and distributed for buoyancy. A resin-infused, carbon-fibre superstructure has kept the weight aloft to a minimum while foam-cored sides and a hand-laid, resin-infused bottom keeps the vertical centre of gravity low and the hull stiff.



The metamorphosing 640 is not delicate; it rides confidently and withstands the tropical chop with solid integrity.

Papillon de mer

Over the past 10–15 years, galleys have moved up and aft, and rear bulkheads have opened up, connecting the indoors with the outdoors. Alfresco seating has danced around the cockpit, but not too many genuinely innovative features have appeared since the galley migrated.

Galeon, on the other hand, has made us acutely aware that there's more real estate on a vessel if you know where to look for it, and more ways to connect the galley to the outside too. The 640 Fly is the culmination of many avant-garde ideas that allow the boat modes to suit the functional and social requirements of an owner-operator.

At rest, this papillon de mer can stretch its wings and deliver some tonic in a variety of configurations.

The ability to arrive, expand and adapt to the environment is something worth experiencing.

The wings of the butterfly unfold and take the beam from just under 5 metres to over 7 metres, a staggering increase of usable deck space, while the side windows on both sides slide forward, the bar gets raised (literally) and the stools are installed quickly and easily. It rapidly transforms the space and dynamics, creating a whole new flow and sensation.

The balconies without safety rails evoke time spent on a jetty in the summer holidays, hanging your feet off the end. It's a slick transformation that also reminds me of over-the-water bungalows offering effortless access to the water. In short, there's a lot to like.

Left: More clever engineering in the form of a central sliding electric panel in the windscreen, which opens up the saloon with the foredeck.

Above: Maximising available space through innovation: the fold-out side balconies boost the 640 Fly's beam to over 7 metres.



Left: A free-flowing lounge/dining layout in the saloon embellishes the 640's entertainer character.

Below: Aft galley arrangement with hopper window perfectly opens up to the aft cockpit dining area, which seats eight in comfort.

The entertaining mode allows people to find the space that suits them.

A la mode

Galeon has raised the bar on outdoor entertaining spaces and functionality. The multimodal approach encourages personalisation of features, predominantly when at anchor. Travel Mode is when the major transformative features are locked in place. The high, safe bulwarks don't inhibit the view or the intimacy with the water – robust frames and flush-tinted glass panels provide excellent sightlines to the water through the bulwarks when under way.

In Beach Mode, the 800-kilogram, capable hydraulic platform can be lowered to a height that suits the day. Slightly submerged as a swim-up beach or right down for tender retrieval, there are a small set of steps inlaid that automatically deploy for safe access to the fixed platform at all elevations. The aft utility room/crew cabin, convenient via the stern watertight door has a full bathroom, a place to change, and additional refrigeration to complete the beach club sovereignty.

On main deck level with the balconies extended and the view unrestricted by the removable stanchions is an over-the-water dynamic unmatched in this size.



In dining mode, there's an incredible number of seats with dining table options for a variety of large gatherings on board, making entertaining easy.

On the flybridge, the aft section seats an impressive ten, the tables unfold and slide to connect as one large L-shaped dining table. An electric awning extends from the flybridge hardtop, providing shelter from the sun.

The foredeck is easily accessible via two steps adjacent to the helm. The central window retracts into the ceiling, giving full walkthrough to the foredeck. It's also very adaptable – sliding the seats and tables forward opens up an athwartships walkthrough just in front of the windscreen, which creates an ability to change sides without travelling to the bow.

AT A GLANCE

20.8 m
Overall length

7.09 m
Beam (Balconies down)

40 t
Displacement (fully laden)

28 kn
Maximum speed



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Bringing it all together

Boats are an escape from our everyday life; if there are ways to enhance that transformation through innovation, bring it on. Galeon Motor Yachts does this in spades, and the 640 Fly is a remarkable example of a boat punching well above its length in terms of functionality, space and onboard dynamics. Without a doubt, this entertainer's boat. This robust and dynamic butterfly of the sea represents endurance, change and life – the adaptive nature leads the way with owner-operator flexibility.



Easily handled by two and capable of hosting a tribe for any occasion, this boat covers all possible boating personalities in the one hull. alexandermarineaust.com.au

SPECIFICATIONS ➔

Above: Powerful contemporary lines with transformational solutions for exterior and internal spaces make the Galeon 640 Fly a potent competitor in its segment.



Above: Mosaic tiling in the owner's ensuite is yet another appealing decorative finish.

Top: Luxury fabrics and finishes with ambient lighting set the tone in the full-beam stateroom.

Supply and demand

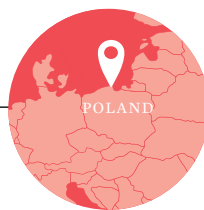
Catering to large numbers requires infrastructure to meet demand, and Alexander Marine Australia has commissioned this boat with upgraded airconditioning and additional refrigeration.

The main accommodations entrance is on the starboard side of the saloon behind the helm, where the hull window is even more impressive. At the bottom of the stairs, a door opens to the day head with dual access to the full-beam twin cabin forward complete with a desk/vanity.

The master is another step down aft and spans the full beam, a sanctuary below decks. A dedicated vanity with mirror on the centreline frees the port side for a very functional and comfortable booth for two with a view just above the waterline. You could work, dine or relax here while gazing through the generous windows.

The VIP cabin forward is accessed from the stairs on the port side opposite the helm. Large hull windows create an open feel and great view on the descent.

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FLYBRIDGE

Spacious with flexible and generous dining options, a full-size bar and plenty of lounging area surrounding the steering console.



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MAIN DECK OPEN

Beach Mode sees fold-out balconies extend the beam to create an entertainer's dream complete with bar. Front sliding window makes the entire deck one accessible space.



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LOWER DECK

Three staterooms plus crew cabin. Master midships is full-beam, while VIP forward has its own access, providing extra privacy for guests.



SPECIFICATIONS

Builder	Galeon Yachts	Fuel capacity	3750 litres
Model	640 FLY	Range	800 nm
Country of build	Poland	Freshwater capacity	800 litres
Designer	Tony Castro Design Studio	Blackwater capacity	300 litres
Year of build	2020	Greywater capacity	330 litres
LOA (length overall)	20.8 metres	Generators (main)	Onan
LWL (waterline length)	18.42 metres	Gen-set size	22.5 kW
Beam	balconies up – 5 metres; balconies down – 7.09 metres	Bow thrusters	Side-Power Electric
Draft	1.47 metres	Stern thrusters	Side-Power Electric
Displacement (fully laden)	40 tonnes	Winches	Maxwell Electric
Classification	CE Category B	Anchoring systems	Ultra 60 kg/132 lbs stainless steel
Hull construction	GRP	Navigation electronics	Raymarine Axiom 12" touchscreen MFDs
Superstructure	GRP/ Carbon fibre	Radios	Raymarine VHF
Engines	Twin Volvo Penta D13-1000	Depth sounder	Raymarine
Output	2 x 1,000 hp	Owner	Full-beam queen island berth with ensuite
Propellers	5 Blade	Guest berths	1 x VIP queen and 1 x twin single both with ensuite
Drive Train	Shaft	Crew	Aft crew cabin with over and under single bunks
Stabilisation systems	Seakeeper 9 Gyro Stabiliser	Maximum people on board	15
Gearbox	ZF 500-1A	Tenders	Buyer's selection
Speed (max)	28 knots	Standard warranties	1 year
Speed (cruise)	25 knots	Price in Australian dollars (landed)	AU\$4.4 million

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