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396 AFT - CARVER YACHTS



Builder:

Carver Yachts

Model:

396 Aft

LOA:

40' 0" (12.37 m)

Total Heads:

2

Hull Material:

Fiberglass and Plastic Yachts

Deck Material:

Fiberglass

Engines:

2

Manufacturer:

MerCruiser

Engine Type:

Inboard

Fuel Type:

Diesel

If you would like to buy a yacht **396 AFT - Carver Yachts** or would like help, please call +1(954)274-4435 or visit shestakovyachtsales.com

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OVERVIEW

The 396 Aft from Carver Yachts is a well-appointed motor yacht platform that combines twin **Mercruiser inboard diesel** powerplants with a robust fiberglass and plastic hull. Represented by Andrey Shestakov and the team at Shestakov Yacht Sales, this roughly 40 foot design can be evaluated and purchased with professional support.

Selecting a 396 Aft

Deciding on the 396 Aft comes down to your priorities: a 40 ft (12.37 m) overall length that balances marina access and liveaboard comfort, twin-engine redundancy for confident handling, and two separate heads to improve onboard privacy. As a motor yacht choice built on a fiberglass and plastic hull with a fiberglass deck, it represents a straightforward, low-maintenance platform. If that profile matches your cruising brief, Andrey Shestakov at Shestakov Yacht Sales can guide you through specification choices and timing.

Features of the Model

- Constructed by Carver Yachts
- Twin **Mercruiser Inboard Diesel** engines (2)
- Fiberglass and plastic construction hull complemented by a fiberglass deck
- Two heads to enhance onboard convenience and guest privacy
- LOA measuring 40 ft (12.37 m), offering manageable berthing and cruise flexibility

Technical Specifications

- Builder: Carver Yachts
- Model: 396 Aft
- Category: motor yacht
- Hull material: fiberglass and plastic
- Deck material: Fiberglass
- LOA: 40 ft (12.37 m)
- Engines: 2 x Mercruiser, Inboard, Diesel
- Heads: 2

Pricing and Ordering

Current pricing, availability, and estimated delivery windows for the 396 Aft are provided upon request. For personalized advice, on site inspections, and to arrange purchase logistics, reach out to Andrey Shestakov and the Shestakov Yacht Sales team; we will manage specifications, paperwork, and coordination to make the transaction as smooth as possible.

Questions and Answers

Q: What powers the 396 Aft? A: Propulsion is delivered by two **Mercruiser inboard diesel** engines for dependable thrust.

Q: What is the overall length? A: The **LOA is 40 ft (12.37 m)** , providing a size well suited to marinas and coastal passages.

Q: What is the hull and deck construction? A: The vessel rides on a fiberglass and plastic hull with a **fiberglass** deck, chosen for ease of maintenance.

Q: How many heads are on board? A: The layout includes **2 heads** , increasing comfort and convenience for owners and guests.

Q: What type of yacht is it? A: This is a motor yacht by Carver Yachts, listed and serviced by Andrey Shestakov at Shestakov Yacht Sales.

Owner Experience Review

Owners frequently choose the 396 Aft from Carver Yachts for family cruising and extended liveaboard use. Common praise centers on the full beam salon's spacious feel and the practical two stateroom, two head arrangement, while the flybridge seating receives consistent mention as a social hub for weekend entertaining. Many owner listings and forum posts also point to the model's suitability for long runs such as the Great Loop, with interior volume offsetting a modest aft deck footprint.

When underway, owners report comfortable cruise speeds in the high teens (typically about 17–19 knots), with frequent notes of operating around 3600–3800 rpm in 2–3' chop. The 396 Aft is often characterized as a heavy, steady motor yacht that handles moderate conditions reliably, though it can feel underpowered or sluggish in short, steep seas or when equipped with lower-output gasoline powerplants. Performance differences are commonly attributed to engine selection; owners specifically recall models fitted with lower-rated 454 gas engines feeling marginal for the boat's displacement.

Ownership conversations tend to emphasize systems access and the risks associated with some legacy gas installations. Threads document incidents of water intrusion and valve/seat corrosion on certain MerCruiser 454 Horizon setups, sometimes resulting in costly failures, and several posts raise concerns about limited access to the port engine beneath the galley for significant servicing or repowering. There are also accounts of cutless bearing or shaft wear and troubleshooting of black-water tank vent odors on early 2000s examples. Numerous listings and owner reports show repowers or examples fitted with Cummins or Volvo diesel engines, with owners stressing that

repowering or major service can be a considerable expense on older gasoline installations.

Pros and Cons

- The full beam salon plus a two stateroom, two head layout makes the boat well suited for family cruising and liveaboard lifestyles.
- Owner reports indicate a comfortable cruise in the high teens with stable handling in 2–3' chop.
- Demonstrated capability for extended passages, including Great Loop voyages, with ample flybridge seating for guests.
- The aft deck is smaller than some competitors in this size range, limiting exterior entertaining space.
- Some cruisers note ergonomic and storage limitations in the galley for longer voyages.
- Early MerCruiser 454 Horizon gasoline installations have documented water intrusion and corrosion problems that can lead to expensive repairs.

Comparison with Other Models

Model	LOA	Beam	Draft	Speed (Cruising/Max)	Gross Tonnage
396 Aft	40' 0" (12.37 m)				
36 Aft Cabin Motoryacht	35' 0" (10.77 m)	12' 0" (3.76 m)		7.5 kn	
43C	43' 0" (13.11 m)	13' 0" (4.22 m)	11' 9" (3.58 m)	28 kn / 33 kn	
C52 Command Bridge	52' 0" (15.85 m)	15' 0" (4.78 m)	14' 3" (4.33 m)	16.4 kn / 31 kn	
Santego 3067	34' 0" (10.36 m)	11' 0" (3.35 m)			

570 Voyager Pilot House	57' 0" (17.37 m)	15' 0" (4.70 m)	14' 9" (4.50 m) – 16' 5" (5 m)	23 kn / 28 kn	51
380 Express	38' 0" (11.58 m)	13' 0" (3.96 m)			
530 Voyager Pilothouse	53' 0" (16.15 m)	15' 0" (4.67 m)	15' 7" (4.75 m)		
360 Mariner	36' 0" (11.12 m)	12' 0" (3.89 m)	10' 1" (3.08 m)		
396 Aft Cabin MY	40' 0" (12.37 m)	13' 0" (4.24 m)	11' 6" (3.50 m)		

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The founder and lead broker of the company is Andrey Shestakov, a licensed and certified expert with extensive experience in marine engineering and shipbuilding.

The company has an extensive network of partnerships with major yacht manufacturers worldwide and provides services in multiple languages, including Russian, Ukrainian, Spanish, and English. The office is in Dania Beach, Florida, USA.

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