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Nordhavn's 78-footer an ocean-going entertainer



When it comes to genuine passagemaking yachts, Nordhavn has carved out an enviable reputation as one of the most trusted builders among the true globe-trotting fraternity with its full-displacement motor yachts. A steadily increasing number of hardcore skippers are making a Nordhavn their choice and you'll run into the stout little boats in some of the most remote corners of the globe. But wherever you choose to go, getting there safe and sound is just the first bit. If you want to really enjoy relaxing once you've arrived, then the new Nordhavn 78 is the motor yacht for you.

Following up their two latest innovative designs, the N56 Motorsailer and the N75 Expedition Yachtfisher, Pacific Asian Enterprises has once again pushed the boundaries of its trawler line to introduce N78, a long-range with contemporary styling and a design

conducive to entertaining.

According to its designer, the N78 will serve to fulfill the needs of the class of boater who wants the proven ocean-crossing capabilities of a Nordhavn combined with the sleek lines comprised by typical European-style yachts.

"This design will appeal to a whole faction of clientele who tend not to prefer the traditional expedition-type look of a Nordhavn," said PAE vice president and chief designer, Jim Leishman.

"The N78 will evoke a contemporary European feel without losing the dynamic of being a Nordhavn."

Key to the N78's unique design is the greater emphasis Leishman has placed on outdoor living, starting with the flybridge, which will feature a Jacuzzi, wetbar, barbecue and a large open deck area perfect for entertaining. Meanwhile, the foredeck – a

typical lounging hotspot on most European boats – has been designated the ideal outdoor "chilling space." The cockpit of the N78 has been opened up, too, further enhancing entertaining possibilities. Another drawcard for the N78, and a new feature for Nordhavn, will be its improved segregation of crew owner's areas. Like the entire Nordhavn product range (with the exception of the N120), the N78 was intended to be operated without a captain. However, Leishman has incorporated engine room access in the transom so that employed crew can enter the area without disturbing the owner and guests. The new N78 will come equipped with twin engines, will boast ocean-crossing capabilities with a range of 3,000-plus miles and do it all with excellent fuel efficiency.

The interior will feature an updated, modern design aesthetic that includes "sumptuous owners' accommodation" and two guest rooms, all with ensuite heads, crew quarters and off-watch quarters. Although the lines of the N78 will have a European flair, Nordhavn feels the yacht will appeal to international and American markets alike.

"The beauty of this design is that it's a Nordhavn, so you've got comfort and confidence while underway, but the benefits will be realised when you're not passagemaking," noted Nordhavn Europe's Philip Roach.

"The added elements will really allow you to enjoy your time on board once you've arrived."

The project is currently underway with the first hull scheduled to complete in early 2011. It will be officially announced at a press event next week at the Dusseldorf Boat Show where PAE President Dan Streech will address the media and offer the latest details on the project.

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Blue Reef's first motor yacht to launch late 2010



Newly established catamaran builder Blue Reef Yachts has revealed its first motor yacht with the launch of the Blue Reef 87, which will be available at the end of 2010. The 87-foot motor yacht will be followed up with other sizes. Blue Reef aims to create a range of medium-sized power boats from 65 to 95 feet for genuine bluewater cruising. Designed to be functional, ergonomic and technically reliable, these new motor yachts will also have reduced fuel consumption by 20 per cent compared with other yachts of similar size.

They have compact exteriors whilst retaining the impression of internal space equalling to that of 100-foot yachts.

Highlights include an owner suite located in the forward section on the main level with spectacular 180-degree view over the sea, three guest cabins, a full-beam VIP cabin and a high quality interior designed by CDR Yachting.

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