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## **New Grand Banks 60 Makes North American Debut at Newport International Boat Show**



NEWPORT, R.I.— August 29, 2017 – Grand Banks Yachts Limited is excited to announce the North American introduction of the pioneering and highly anticipated Grand Banks 60 at the Newport International Boat Show. To celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grand Banks, this yacht further burnishes the company’s reputation of designing, engineering and building high-tech, long range motor yachts that have satisfied cruising owners since the 1960s. The new Grand Banks 60 incorporates the latest marine technologies, from leading-edge construction to well-proven and reliable propulsion and maneuvering systems.

Following Hull No. 1’s successful debut at the Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show in May, Hull No. 3 will be displayed at the Newport International Boat Show, September 14 to 17.

“The GB60 is taking Grand Banks in a whole new direction in terms of appearance, performance, and construction techniques,” said Grand Banks’ CEO Mark Richards. “You really have to take the boat for a ride to get the full experience. There’s just nothing else like it from a performance perspective.”

To make the yacht strong, light and thus more efficient, the entire deck and cabin house are fully infused using the highest quality carbon fiber available —a method primarily seen on performance sailing craft. A fully-cored structure is employed using PVC foam core in areas of specific application, sandwiched between skins of stitched multi-axial carbon fiber, bonded with vinylester and epoxy resins and supported by infused composite panels in a robust grid system — all working together for long life, strength, and reliability in punishing open water conditions.

The owner of hull No. 3 chose the optional 1,000-horsepower Caterpillar 12.9 diesel paired with Twin Disc MGX 5126A transmission with EC300 controls and the Sea Torque enclosed shaft system. Additional engine choices include shaft drive or Volvo Penta IPS options. Depending upon the engine package selection, performance includes a top speed of 36 knots, a high-cruise speed of 27 knots, and a range of 2,500 nautical-miles at 10 knots.

The GB 60 measures 65'4" overall, has a beam of 19'2", and draws less than four-feet if equipped with the IPS pods. This means that Grand Banks is delivering a large, comfortable yacht that can be owned and operated by a knowledgeable cruising couple, with the interior volume that makes extended stays practical for owners and their guests, and the capability to explore waters less frequented by other 60-footers with deeper draft. And the company is delivering these themes in a design that harkens back to the days when balance and proportion were prerequisites for a desirable yacht, one that would be visually pleasing over decades.

A quick glance at the exterior also sets this design apart as a true ocean-going yacht, with a large and well protected flybridge, wide side decks with high bulwarks and handholds, and an extended boat deck that shelters the aft deck from the elements. All of this, coupled with the optional Sea Keeper stabilizer, positions the new GB 60 in the front of the pack in both safety and comfort.

Seating abounds on the spacious flybridge, on the aft deck, and in the generous salon. Large electric windows bathe the main cabin — salon, lower helm, and aft galley are all located on one level deck — with an abundance of natural light and ventilation, perfect for family and friends to relax while underway offshore or on the hook. With three generous staterooms and two full-size heads, finished in Grand Banks' hallmark handcraftsmanship, guests will enjoy the overnight accommodations usually reserved for owners. The owner's stateroom is located in the midships, featuring a spacious walk-in wardrobe and full-height mirrors.

To celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grand Banks, the GB 60 will make its North American debut at the Newport International Boat Show, September 14 to 17 in Newport, R.I. From there, this venerable yacht will be displayed at the Norwalk Boat Show (September 21 to 24 in Norwalk, Conn.), the Annapolis Power Boat Show (October 12 to 15 in Annapolis, Md.), and the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (November 2 to 6 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.).

**About Grand Banks Yachts** - With a renowned legacy that dates back to 1956, Grand Banks Yachts Limited is a global company well known for its vast experience in manufacturing and

selling luxury motor yachts. The Grand Banks brand is recognized across the globe for superior quality and craftsmanship, which created one of the most acclaimed and highly sought-after yachts on the market today. Grand Banks Yachts Limited has factory-based sales offices in North America, Europe and Asia-Pacific to manage new boat and brokerage transactions.  
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