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NORDHAVN 75

AS THE NORDHAVN LINE OF FULL-DISPLACEMENT MOTOR CRUISERS MARKS ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR, ITS BUILDER, PACIFIC ASIAN ENTERPRISES, HAS UNVEILED AN EXCITING EVOLUTION OF THE SPECIES: THE 75 EXPEDITION YACHTFISH.

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"We knew we could design a comfortable, quiet, and safe yachtfish that could get to the most remote and productive fishing grounds and provide the same amenities that we've been offering for years in our larger Nordhavns, with a configuration perfectly suited to worldwide big-game fishing," says Jim Leishman, PAE owner and vice president.

Built by South Coast Marine shipyard in China, Hulls #1 and 2 launched almost simultaneously in California and Florida this winter, giving Nordhavn aficionados on both coasts the opportunity to view the brand's very first dedicated sportfisher up close.

The 75 Yachtfish is very much an organic sistership to the rest of the Nordhavn fleet, which ranges from 40 to 86 feet (with a 120-footer in the works). Designed by PAE naval architect and co-owner Jeff Leishman, in collaboration with his brother Jim, the new yacht shows a true family resemblance in her well-proportioned superstructure with its pronounced Portuguese bridge, raked brow, and trawler-style mast. The 75

seamlessly incorporates traditional sportfisher elements such as the aft-slanted pilothouse windows and a sweet reverse sheer that drops back to a long, horizontal cockpit.

The fishing features on the 75 Yachtfish are impressive. The large cockpit has two in-sole fish boxes and a mounting plate for a fighting chair or leaning post. Six rod holders are flush-mounted in the gunwales. Sizeable scuppers instantly drain any water shipped in big seas. Two 60-gallon live baitwells, along with tackle storage and a bait prep station with sink, flank the hatch to the stand-up engine room (which has 7ft 2in headroom). A 35-cuft deep freezer is located in the lazarette, along with a rack for four dive bottles.

Built for angling adventures on any ocean, the 75 also features deep side-deck walkarounds and a long foredeck with side rails that are low enough to permit fishing all around the boat's perimeter. West Coast anglers will appreciate the heavy-duty stainless steel pulpit, but if flats or center-console angling is more your style, the foredeck can hold two tenders up to 16 feet long, launched by a 2,000lb Nautical Structures davit.

The 75 is outfitted with 48ft, four-spreader Rupp outriggers. A tuna tower also is available, but the first three owners ordered the yacht with a flybridge and hardtop, so PAE made that the standard configuration.

This is a semi-custom sportfisher and the builder gives its customers fairly large latitude for personalization. For example, Hull #2's transom was cut not only for the standard twin boarding doors from the swim step, but also for an optional tuna door.

The yachtfisher's "california deck", a spacious mezzanine overlooking the cockpit, can hold a variety of al fresco dining options including a custom teak table designed to fit around the top of the engine-room hatch. The unique dayhead opens to the exterior, so diners—and fishy anglers—don't have to go inside to use the facilities.

The interior accommodations also are flexible. The standard plan sleeps an owner's party of six in three

Going Where the Fish Are

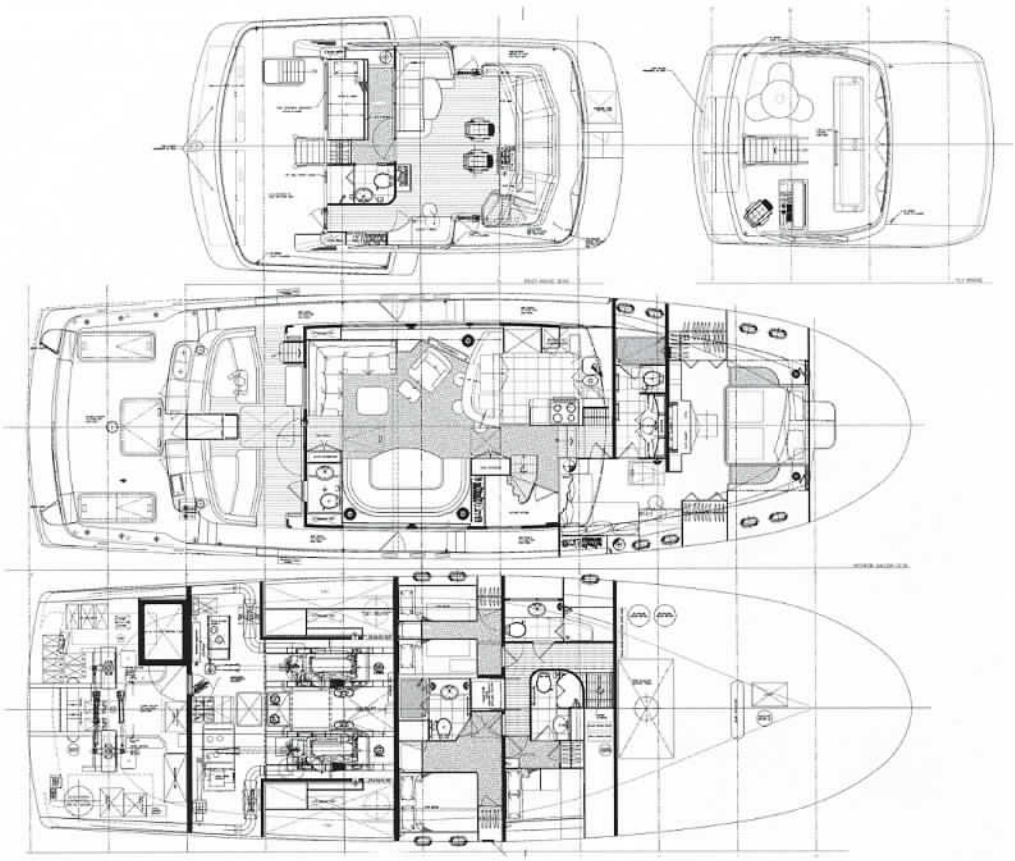
With gamefish stocks dwindling near shore, many serious anglers are looking for a means to extend their fishing range to deeper waters where the monsters of the deep still swim. This means abandoning the typical planing-hull sportfish in favor of a self-sufficient, full-displacement vessel like the Nordhavn 75 Expedition Yachtfish.

"Basically the Yachtfish was conceived and evolved while catching lots of big fish during the many deliveries we've done on Nordhavns in various places in the world," says Pacific Asian Enterprises owner Jim Leishman, adding, "...particularly during our around the world trip."

In 2001-2002, Leishman and his fellow PAE staff members embarked on an adventurous around the world voyage in a stock Nordhavn 40 that covered more than 24,000 nautical miles in seven months. En route, they wet their lines in many remote areas of the globe that are accessible only to vessels with ocean range—and landed trophy-size fish.

"Nine hundred miles off the California coast—where northeasterly trades begin to blow, the air temperature rises and the nutrient-rich water flooding from the Japanese current begins its westward flow—the fishing is incredible," says Leishman. "During the fall, the dorado are huge and plentiful; there are yellowfin tuna, striped marlin, wahoo—all in quantities far greater than what is seen 100 miles from the coast. I've seen the same thing at Cocos Island, 560 miles slightly west-southwest of Panama.

"These are places you can't get to on a typical sportfisher."



staterooms, including a full-beam en suite master with 6ft 6in headroom that occupies its own private deck. On the lower deck are a large VIP and a twin cabin; a fourth stateroom is optional. The pilothouse deck holds a separate bunkroom with en suite head that can house a captain and mate or delight a couple of children.

The 75's main deck is laid out with the galley up, which not only combines food prep with conversation, but also makes it easier to cook and serve in a seaway. The galley appliances and saloon entertainment equipment are high-end brands like SubZero, GE Profile and Bose.

PAE frequently works with interior designers to realize an owner's vision, and a choice of teak or cherry millwork as well as granite countertops are available in the 75; Hull #2 also features exotic bamboo detailing.

The new yachtfisher's deep hull and wide, 22ft 4in beam gives her exceptional interior volume, which translates to a feeling of spaciousness not only in the living areas but also in the big machinery spaces below decks. PAE has filled the latter with a long list of standard equipment designed to add hallmark Nordhavn self-sufficiency, safety and redundancy to the boat's operations.

"With a full displacement hull and active fin stabilizers, the comfort level aboard is more comparable to a cruise ship than the typical 75ft sportfish," Leisman says proudly.

Of course, there's a trade-off in speed–the same 40-plus-knot, 75ft planing-hull sportfish is going to leave the 14-knot Nordhavn back in the inlet once the race to the tournament grounds has begun. But the Nordhavn 75's standard twin Detroit Series 60 diesels eventually will get her there safely every time, while providing enviable fuel efficiency and an amazing range of 4,000 nautical miles at 9 knots.

"The fact of the matter is that one could cruise and enjoy our new 75ft Yachtfish and never fish it at all," Leishman says, "the vessel is just as cruiseable as any of our Nordhavns, but lends itself more to outdoor living." |

At cruising speed, the quiet and stable Nordhavn 75 is virtually vibration-free.

SPECS

LOA: 75ft (22.8m)
LWL: 66ft 8in (20.3m)
Beam: 22ft 4in (6.8m)
Draft: 6ft 6in (2m)
Displacement: 185,447lbs
Engines: 2 x Detroit Series 60 diesels
Speed (max/cruise): 13/10 knots
Range: 4,000+ nm @ 9 knots
Fuel capacity: 4,300 gallons
Bow/stern thrusters: Arcturus Marine Trac
Stabilizers: Arcturus Marine Trac
Windlass: Maxwell VWC
Generators: 2 x Onan
Shorepower: Atlas 35kVA
Watermaker: Village Marine
Freshwater capacity: 600 gallons
Grey water capacity: 160 gallons
Black water capacity: 200 gallons
Owner and guests: 6
Crew: 2
Tender: 1 up to 16 feet
Tender-launching system: Nautical Structures 2,000lb davit
Construction: FRP
Classification: ABS Certified
Naval architecture: Jeff Leishman
Price guide: $4.4 million base price
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