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Nordhavn 40

Been there, done that – and ready to go again

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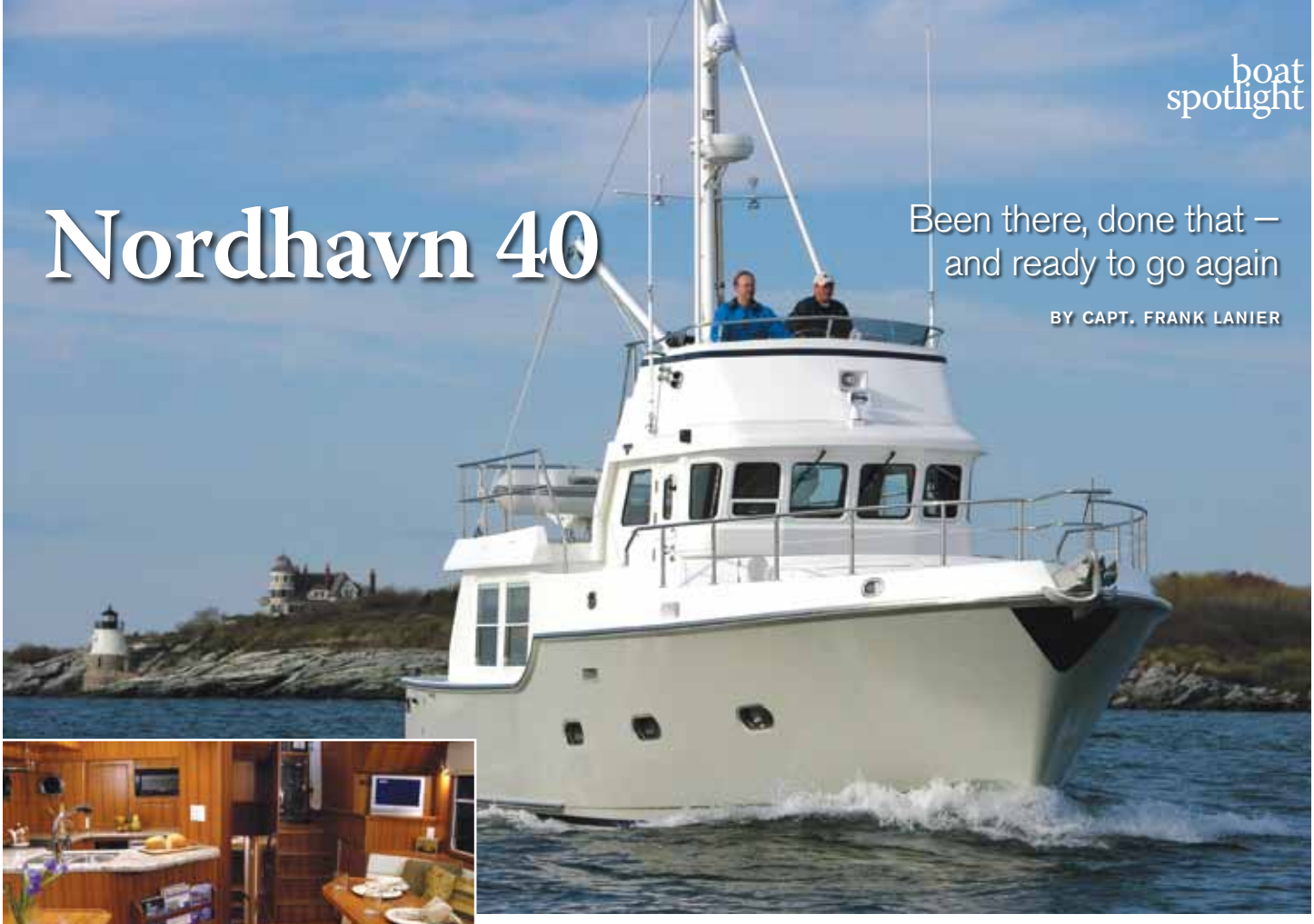

Being the smallest of the Nordhavn line doesn't mean the Nordhavn 40 (N40) is any less capable than its bigger sisters. Thanks to a highly efficient full displacement hull design, the N40 is just as comfortable crossing the Atlantic as it is winding around the Great Loop.

"There have been 68 Nordhavn 40s built, and they can be found cruising all over the world," notes Jennifer McCauley Stern, director of marketing for Nordhavn.

With a fuel capacity of more than 900 gallons, the N40 has a range of 2,400 nautical miles at 7 knots. More important than range, however, is the N40s impressive sea-keeping ability. Her high bow provides exceptional buoyancy and contributes to a dry ride, while the long keel with a large, protected rudder keeps her going exactly where she's pointed.

The interior construction details and high-quality materials used represent a luxurious level of fit and finish, as well as functionality. A large owner's cabin with center island berth is located forward. A guest stateroom features an upper berth and a lower, while the cozy main salon seats four or more at the dining table with built-in settee. There's even room for a washer and dryer.

A fully equipped galley provides the chef all the conveniences of home: A full-size refrigerator, freezer, optional trash compactor, microwave oven, three-burner stove and a double stainless steel sink. Adjacent to the dining area, the galley is conveniently located for easy serving at anchor or while underway.

The area that truly separates the N40 from so many wannabe long distance cruisers is the commercial style wheelhouse. Up three steps from the main salon, the captain has a full view with all instruments, controls and navigation equipment within easy reach. High-quality tempered safety glass is used throughout.

The "Dutch-Doors" that open to the port and starboard side decks are an especially nice touch. Cruising along in a bit of weather, the bottom sections can be closed to provide protection while the top sections remain open for better visibility and airflow.

Innovative space design is only part of the Nordhavn 40s magic. Beyond the imaginative layouts are a level of workmanship and choice materials that put this vessel in the quality category of today's finest megayachts. Satin-finished teak cabinets, bulkheads and trim are used throughout, and to maintain a cheery sense of brightness on those dark and dreary days, light-colored laminates are used on selected bulkheads and paneling. Granite countertops are incorporated in the galley and head, and teak fiddles are an integral part of all counters and tables. Cabin soles are finished with teak and spruce flooring in all rooms except the head.

Even if your cruising plans don't include crossing oceans, the Nordhavn's remarkable capabilities will be appreciated and enjoyed during long-range, coastal cruising. ◆

Specifications

LOA: **39'9"**
Beam: **14'6"**
Draft: **5'2"**
Displacement: **50,000 lbs.**
Power: **John Deere 4045TFM75**
Fuel Capacity: **920 gals.**
Water Capacity: **70 gals.**
Holding Tank Capacity: **68 gals.**
Price: **Contact dealer**

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