Nordhavn 55 *makes its Australian debut*

This years Sanctuary Cove Boat Show saw the introduction to Australia of the new Nordhavn 55. Continuing to build on the highly successful introductions of the Nordhavn 62, 47 and 43, Pacific Asian Enterprises (P.A.E.) introduces the Nordhavn 55, a long-range, full-displacement passage maker that incorporates the company's newest styling and heightened focus on enhanced interior accommodations.

"The popularity of our new 47 confirmed our belief that our owners want more living space and more conveniences without sacrificing offshore capability", said Jim Leishman, vice president of P.A.E. "Our new N55 offers the interior room of many luxurious 60-footers, and yet she has the ability to cross oceans and take her owners to the far corners of the globe."

Thanks to the feedback of the P.A.E. staff as well as Nordhavn owners who have logged hundreds of thousands of miles offshore, the N55 has been designed to provide maximum comfort underway and while living aboard during extended cruises. "The generous interior volume is made possible by the relatively high bow and high freeboard of the design," adds Leishman. "We've learned that there is really no downside to adding more freeboard to our designs, and when done right, the advantages are many. "

The high bow provides extra buoyancy when punching into large head seas, and the higher deck takes on less blue water during rough conditions. The added height provides significantly more volume below the cabin sole. In relationship to the accommodations, the engine, fuel tanks and water tanks are very low, ensuring superior stability.

Long a Nordhavn feature, the main saloon opens directly to the aft cockpit, which is on the same level. This design effectively expands the living area from the inside to the outside, and when fitted with optional side curtains, the cockpit becomes an extension of the saloon, even in foul weather.

The owner's stateroom is on the same level as the galley, and it is located amidships, where the motion is least objectionable during passages and while at anchor. Forward is a spacious guest cabin with double sized berth, huge hanging locker, office area and private head with stall shower.

The Nordhavn 55 shows her serious side in her commercial-like pilothouse. Located amidships f or minimal motion at sea, it provides excellent, 360° visibility. A full-sized helm chair puts the captain comfortably in command of his ship, with all electronics and controls within sight and reach.

The Nordhavn 55 has been designed to incorporate a flying bridge as standard. Located directly over the pilothouse, it provides excellent visibility and is the ideal place to run the vessel in fair weather.

With a waterline of slightly more than 50-feet, the Nordhavn 55 has an efficient hull speed of 9.5 knots and under full load conditions, a range of 1500 nautical miles. At 8.25 knots, her range will be 3,000 nautical miles. Main propulsion is provided by a John Deere 330 hp diesel engine.

While each Nordhavn is priced individually due to the significant number of choices of finish details, layout options, custom details and accessory equipment, the base price of the Nordhavn 55 is just slightly over USD$1.3 million.

Two New Models *on order for Adventure Bay*

Since the tremendously positive response to Adventure Bay's Activa 5800 sold immediately after the Auckland International boat show, two new models have been placed on order. Deposits paid and construction is well underway on a 6400 Trawler and Contemporary versions of the same vessel. Both are powered by D12- 800hp Volvo's and feature submersible swim platforms for 14ft/70hp RIB-Ski tenders. On the flybridge boat deck is space for more family toys with a small beach tender or jet-ski plus 2 kayaks residing. Long range tanks allow for 8 knot Pacific Island passages yet short range passage-making at 17 kts means getting away from bad weather is a breeze.

Double opening aft doors and a new alfresco dinette against the aft bulkhead has cleared the cockpit for fishing action along with a bait tank under the swim step.

Stern and bow thrusters, aircon, 12kw genset, twin inverter chargers and three luxurious guest cabins ensure all the comforts are taken care of. The best feature of the raised pilothouse designs are the larger full beam master cabins mid-ships for a peaceful sleep in spacious surroundings with great views. With the current high dollar this 68ft LOA vessel still comes in around NZD$2m incl GST and can be built to Charter survey if required. ABYC grade electrical systems and over $150,000 worth of NZ supplied electrical equipment and project supervision ensure quality control meets or exceeds New Zealand standards.

For enquiries see www.adventurebay.co.nz or phone 0800 4 LAUNCH (0800 452 862)

Rivergate *and Nordhavn*

Rivergate YGA, the newly formed partnership between Brisbane's Rivergate Marina & Shipyard & Yacht Group Australia, has secured yet another big international boat manufacture to align themselves with the shipyard and marina. Rivergate will be the Australian provider for the commissioning, warranty and servicing for Nordhavn. This also includes being the preferred yard for refits

According to a Nordhavn spokesman, Rivergate was chosen due to its high quality marina that could accommodate all vessels and an experienced refit team in all facets of boat maintenance, including electronics, air-conditioning, engineering, detailing, trimming etc.

Cleanliness and presentation of facilities was also a major factor and the fact that Nordavn had the confidence that when the new owners come down to look at their new investment, they would be treated professionally by all levels of staff.

Rivergate recently commissioned the new Nordhavn 55 that appeared at Sanctuary Cove International Boatshow, plus a new Nordhavn 47. Both vessel's will be calling Rivergate home.

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