

Brooklin Boat Yard and Hinckley Yachts Partner on Bill Tripp-designed Sou'wester 53

Two Maine boatbuilders will build a custom cruising yacht.

BROOKLIN, ME – 10 September 2018 – Brooklin Boat Yard of Brooklin, Maine, and Hinckley Yachts of Southwest Harbor, Maine, are partnering to build a Bill Tripp-designed Sou'wester 53. The modern pilothouse sloop will feature a Hinckley-built composite hull and a custom Brooklin Boat Yard-built interior. Constructed for a cruising-minded owner hailing from New England, the completed yacht will launch in June 2019.

The Sou'wester 53 has a single-level layout and a pilothouse with surrounding views from every direction. The pilothouse acts as an indoor/outdoor room, providing expansive, temperate space and natural light while helming or entertaining in any weather. There's ample room for hosting friends, dining and relaxing alongside a helm station with joystick steering. A sliding glass door design provides the flexibility and comfort.

"I looked to design a boat that honored the tradition of Phil Rhodes' great pilothouse boats," said designer Bill Tripp. "The Sou'wester 53 is a new, classic American-style pilothouse boat that brings the outside in with a helm station and 360-degree wrap-around sightlines from inside the pilothouse."

Beyond the pilothouse, the interior features two generous double cabins and two heads with stall showers. The mahogany interior will be finished in Herreshoff style and complemented by a teak sole with gloss varnish. The decks and cockpit will have teak decking.

"Our carpenters and shipwrights at Brooklin Boat Yard have a real opportunity to show off their craftsmanship with this yacht," said Steve White, president of Brooklin Boat Yard. "The bespoke interior will be elegantly finished to the owner's high standards and particular specifications."

Hinckley will construct the hull of carbon outer skins, foam core and carbon inner skin with epoxy resin infusion in their state-of-the-art facility opened earlier this year. The foil is biaxial e-glass and epoxy-wrapped steel with a lead ballast bulb. A carbon rudder complements the modern underbody.

"We are very pleased to be partnering with Brooklin on hull number one of the Sou'wester 53. We strongly believe in this new yacht, which will enable owners to experience the joy of bluewater sailing with the ease of ownership that is uniquely Hinckley," said Peter O'Connell, president and CEO of Hinckley Yachts. "The Sou'wester 53 offers many comforts but there are a few in particular you will rarely find on other yachts – the comfort of longevity, enduring quality and timeless beauty."

The Sou'wester 53 is primarily a cruising yacht set up to be owner-operated with a self-tacking jib and roller furling boom for low-maintenance sail-handling. Her modern hull form and runner-less fractional rig with swept spreaders guarantees she also will be fast in point-to-point racing. Auxiliary power comes from an 80-hp Yanmar saildrive with three-blade folding prop and a bow thruster.

Hinckley Yachts began construction of the hull in August 2018. Upon completion, the hull will be delivered to Brooklin Boat Yard for the installation of the interior. The Sou'wester 53 will launch from Brooklin Boat Yard nine months later.

More information about the Sou'wester 53 is available on Brooklin Boat Yard's website at brooklinboatyard.com, on Hinckley Yachts' website at hinckleyyachts.com and on Tripp Design's website at trippdesign.net.

Sou'wester 53 Specifications

Hull LOA	52'-4" / 15.96 m
LWL	44'-1" / 13.45 m
Beam	14'-3" / 4.35 m
Draft	8'-3" / 2.5 m
Cruising Displacement	29,700 lbs / 13.5 tonnes
Sail Area (up wind)	1,624 ft ² / 151 m ²
Fuel Capacity	100 U.S. gallons / 380 liters
Water Capacity	218 U.S. gallons / 450 liters

(Editor's note: high-resolution renderings are available [upon request.](#))

About Brooklin Boat Yard

Brooklin Boat Yard is a full-service yard specializing in wooden boat design, construction, repair and maintenance. The Brooklin, Maine, yard also works with boats of all construction types, from fiberglass and composites to aluminum and steel. Equipped with an 80-metric-ton hoist, a complete machine shop and a modern paint building, the yard services yachts as long as 120 feet. Brooklin Boat Yard was founded in 1960 by Joel M. White and is now operated by his son, Steve White. Located on the Eggemoggin Reach, the yard is in the heart of the best cruising grounds in the Northeast. Brooklin Boat Yard also has an on-site yacht brokerage office. More information about Brooklin Boat Yard is online at www.brooklinboatyard.com.

About Hinckley Yachts

The Hinckley Company's roots are deep in soil of Maine boatbuilding. The company was founded in 1928 to build and care for the boats of the local lobstermen. Celebrating its 90th anniversary this year, Hinckley has been in continuous operation building such classics as the Bermuda 40 and the Picnic Boat. Henry Hinckley set the course with the Bermuda 40 in the early 1960s when he crafted her stunning lines out of a radical, new material, fiberglass. This combination of elegant form, material innovation and brilliant attention to finishing detail set the course Hinckley has been on ever since in the pleasure boat business. Today, Hinckley builds carbon epoxy Jetboats and sailboats from 29 to 55 feet and supports its owners and other yachtsmen with its network of Yacht Care centers from Maine to Florida. Two other distinguished boat builders, Hunt Yachts and Morris Yachts, were acquired in 2013 and 2016 respectively. For information please visit www.hinckleyyachts.com.