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The Palm Beach GT50 Open takes the bold line from this builder in a bracing new direction

Palm Beach Motor Yachts is building on the success of the recent launch of its GT50 Salon Express with a captivating next step: The GT50 Open. The Open takes the same well-matched hull and propulsion package of the original GT50 and deepens the connection with the sea for her owners and guests. The GT50 Open has an open main-deck plan that welcomes fair skies and sea breezes aboard. The Palm Beach GT50 Open will make her world debut at the Miami Yacht Show in February 2019.

"We're excited to continue the GT line with such a positive follow-up," says Mark Richards, Palm Beach Motor Yachts founder and CEO. "Boaters in the sunnier parts of the world will enjoy the same performance as the GT50 Salon Express, but in an open layout that heightens the excitement of a day on the water. Adding that open feeling just really makes a fun ride."

Beneath a forward-swept radar arch, an amidships social area has facing settees: An L-shaped settee to port is served by a dining table, while a straight settee to starboard adds to the gathering space. Forward is the command station to starboard, served by helm and companion seats, while a pair of additional forward-facing companion seats are positioned to port at the same elevated height to enjoy excellent lines of sight. A carbon-fiber windscreen wraps around the area, allowing the crew to enjoy the day in comfort even as the boat realizes her exhilarating performance. A portable sun awning provides shelter when needed but disappears when not in use. On the helm deck, the forward-facing seating for four allows everyone to enjoy the ride.

In keeping with the design philosophy of strong, lightweight hulls with exciting, efficient performance, Palm Beach uses carbon-fiber decks to lower the weight as well as the vertical center of gravity to help improve stability and performance even further. The GT line comprises elegant cruising yachts that are easy to own and simple to operate, and are also capable of 40-plus knots, with an economic cruise speed in the mid-30-knot range.

A hyper-focus on lightweight, strong construction helps to ensure the GT50 Open's efficiency. The hull is a fully infused vinylester cored e-glass construction that is complemented by a fully infused, 100-percent carbon fiber deck and superstructure. The bulkheads and deck are bonded to the hull structurally for increased strength and rigidity, forming a semi-monocoque shell that produces a far stronger result.

"A GT50 Open will continue the philosophy of the GT line, with simple systems and turn-key operation," Richards says. "Simply step onboard, turn on the engines and go, and enjoy the sun and sea, surrounded by your family and friends."

The cockpit features an additional refrigerator and an ice maker to complement the full-service galley below. Side decks are designed to join the cockpit seamlessly to allow for easy access forward.

Below, the attention to detail continues with contemporary finishes blended into a timeless elegance. A broad selection of designer double-stitched fabrics are wrapped around a spacious forward master stateroom, huge head with shower, large galley and a queen-sized berth aft. Engine access is beneath the helm deck.

"The GT line is meant to offer a yacht that will help continue to set us apart in terms of performance, efficiency, and easy ownership, all in the one beautiful package," Richards says.

Palm Beach is underway on production additional models for the GT line, including a GT60 that will make her debut in September of 2019. Performance projections of the 60 are calling for high-40-knot top-end, marking a true industry game-changer. A GT70 is also in the design process will follow the introduction of the GT60.