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## **NEW MERCURY RACING 60R OUTBOARD POWERS TECHNICAL FLATS SKIFFS *Combines a 15-inch Shaft, High-Thrust Gearcase and New Spitfire XP Propeller***

**FOND DU LAC, Wis. (February 13, 2020)** – The new Mercury Racing 60R outboard is a brilliant performance solution for technical flats skiffs. The only outboard in its class with a 15-inch midsection, the Mercury Racing 60R fits perfectly on the transom of these compact performance skiffs and offers the added benefits of a high-thrust gearcase. This lightweight, compact outboard is a powerhouse tuned and geared to deliver amazing hole-shot acceleration for instant on-plane performance in skinny water.

“The Mercury Racing 60R is a no-compromise outboard designed specifically for technical flats skiffs,” said Steve Miller, Mercury Racing director of marketing, sales and service. “It delivers Mercury Racing performance in a package that also offers outstanding fuel economy with rugged reliability and quiet operation.”

The 60R outboard features a four-cylinder, 1.0-liter long-stroke powerhead tuned for torque by Mercury Racing. The WOT range is extended to 6300 rpm to maximize acceleration and enable more propping options. A single overhead camshaft cylinder head keeps the powerhead as light and slim as possible for less intrusion on the transom. A powerful 18-amp alternator is designed to maintain battery charge on boats equipped with angling electronics and baitwell pumps.

The 4.25-inch diameter, high-thrust gearcase accommodates a robust 2.33:1 gear ratio to handle up to 20 percent more prop-blade area than a standard gearcase, and is shaped to provide added lift aft to further boost hole-shot performance and confident handling at speed.

The Mercury Racing 60R fits perfectly on a 15-inch transom. Compared to competing 20-inch motors the Mercury Racing 60R offers a lower center of gravity for better boat handling and stability. It can accommodate a lower poling platform while eliminating the need for a jack plate or flared transom.



The 60R outboard is equipped with SmartCraft® Integrated Marine Technology and the Engine Guardian® system, which monitors vital engine sensors for early indications of problems that could lead to engine damage. If a problem does occur, the system takes corrective action to reduce the risk of damage, and get the boater home safely. The Engine Guardian system will also display critical engine alarm data on a SmartCraft System instrument or a compatible display screen. To extend range the Mercury Racing 60R is equipped with computer-controlled electronic fuel injection (EFI) programmed to deliver outstanding fuel economy at cruising speed on 87-octane fuel. Its ability to run a larger propeller also enhances cruising-speed range.

An exclusive low-copper aluminum alloy and durable, multi-layer finish treatments provide industry-leading corrosion protection. The Mercury Racing 60R outboard is backed by a three-year Mercury limited factory warranty, coverage that can be extended for up to five more years with a Mercury Product Protection (MPP) factory-backed extended service plan. Mercury Racing R-Series graphics over a classic Phantom Black finish let the world know this is no ordinary outboard motor. Exclusive hand-crafted performance is delivered with singular style.

### **Custom Spitfire XP Propeller**

The new Mercury Racing Spitfire XP propeller is designed to be the ultimate prop for the Mercury Racing 60R outboard. Created to specifically match the power curve, gear ratio and gearcase shape of the Mercury Racing 60R outboard, the Spitfire XP has a four-blade design and long barrel that combine to deliver the lightning-fast hole shot shallow-water anglers desire. This precision-tuned Mercury Racing Pro Finish propeller is crafted in Mercury-exclusive X7 stainless steel alloy, then zero-balanced and measured for consistent performance. It's offered in 12-inch to 21-inch pitch in half-inch increments to dial in optimal RPM at wide-open throttle.

### **About Mercury Racing**

Based in Fond du Lac, Wis., Mercury Racing, a division of Mercury Marine, is a leading provider of high-performance marine propulsion systems for discriminating boaters worldwide, offering an exciting and fulfilling power boating experience on the water. Using leading-edge technology, Mercury Racing produces high-performance outboards, sterndrives, propellers, parts and accessories. Mercury Racing also produces crate engines for the automotive aftermarket industry. Mercury Marine is a division of Brunswick Corp. (NYSE: BC).