**Nordhavn 41**

Boats have a natural life cycle, and builders retire and replace models all the time. But that task is especially difficult when replacing a stalwart model that contributed so much to a builder’s success. Take the Nordhavn 40, for example—known for being not only the smallest model of the builder’s fleet, but also the one that holds the record for the fastest circumnavigation by a production boat.

Enter the N41. The most obvious difference between the 40 and 41 might just be where the 41 is built: Turkey. For a brand that traditionally built boats in Taiwan and China, the change of scenery marks the start of an initiative that should simplify delivery to European and East Coast buyers.

Nordhavn Vice President Jim Leishman says another noticeable difference is that the N41 reduces displacement, from the 40’s 52,000 pounds down to the 41’s 43,300 pounds.

“The N41 hull has been modified based upon a complete computational fluid dynamics analysis performed by Vripack Yacht Design,” Leishman says. “This will be a more easily driven hull than the N40.”

The N41 has better propeller efficiency due to clean water flow into the propellers, has a lower profile and reduced wind resistance than the N40, and has a much longer waterline, Leishman says. What should remain constant is the ocean-crossing range that made the 40 famous. The 41 is CE certified to Category A (able to withstand 40-plus-knot winds and 13-plus-foot seas).

Single- or double-stateroom layouts are available, with room for overnight guests on settees in the salon. Buyers should be able to get aboard Hull No. 1, which is scheduled to arrive in California this fall.

“I’m really excited about this new model,” Leishman says. “I think when people see this boat in person for the first time, they are really going to be wowed.”

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**Highfield Sport Collection**

Highfield Boats is set to launch its Sport collection of aluminum-hull RIBs, which combine comfort features with durability and light weight. Replacing and expanding on the Highfield Deluxe and Classic Deluxe series, the new line includes 11 outboard-powered models from 10 feet to 26 feet length overall.

Standard features include EVA foam faux-teak decking, LED lighting, diamond-stitched upholstery and electric bilge pumps. The larger models also have swim platforms with telescoping ladders. Options include water-sports tow posts and Bimini tops. Sunpads, sport arches and built-in freshwater showers also are available on the larger models. Owners can choose among six color options. highfieldboats.com