



Excellence in Boat Building

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Norstar Boats launches sailing yachts.

Norstar Boats, Inc., a long time custom power boat builder, announces that it has launched construction of a new line of sailing yachts. The first model, the Norstar 40, is a 40-foot performance cruising yacht with a proven heritage. The Norstar 40 was previously built and marketed as the Nordic 40.

Introduction of the Norstar 40 will be followed by her bigger sisters, the Norstar 44 and the raised pilothouse Norstar 46. Gary and Steve Nordtvedt were owners of Nordic Yachts, Inc., formerly builder of the Nordic line of sailing yachts.

The initial Norstar 40 will be delivered in August to her owners, Carl and Karol Weston, of Bellingham.

Norstar, builder of 30-foot and 36-foot semi-custom fishing and cruising power boats, started business in 1995. Last summer, with the cost of fuel approaching \$5.00 / gallon, Gary Nordtvedt, President, began investigating an addition to the Norstar line of power boats. He wanted products that would not be as dependant on the ever changing supply and price of diesel. His previous experience in building sailing yachts was an obvious place to begin.

The Nordic sailboats molds were located and inspected and found to be in excellent condition. Both sets of molds were re-acquired and with only a thorough pressure washing, a light sanding and several coats of mold release wax, the first Norstar 40 has been laid-up and is currently under construction for her owners.

The Norstar 40 provides an ideal combination of performance and comfort. The accommodation features luxurious hand rubbed teak paneling with finely detailed trim. The teak and holly cabin sole is a traditional feature of quality yacht construction carried forward in the execution of this modern design. Two interior arrangements are offered, the classic Nordic 40 interior and the Norstar Special Edition.

The Norstar 40 deck is a textbook example of how to make a deck efficient, safe and beautiful. Everything required for a yacht under sail has been evaluated, engineered and provided. You can see it in the molded bosses and recesses for hardware, hatches and ventilation. With all lines running aft she can be easily handled and sailed by two persons. Everywhere on deck that a foot might step will find a non-slip surface. The non-skid provides a pleasing contrast with the fiberglass gelcoat and it is easily cleaned and equally as effective when wet or dry.

As is true with its line of power boats, the Norstar sailing yachts are built to a standard - a standard that is absolutely the best we know how to do. Nordic sail boats were described, in a March 2009 *Cruising World* article, titled *Nordic 40: The Belle of Bellingham*, and written by a long time Nordic owner, "When these boats were built nobody in the United States was building a better boat". At Norstar, we intend to reclaim that lofty status.

Norstar is a special kind of yacht builder, having a staff and crew of widely experienced and exceptionally competent people. Headed by Gary Nordtvedt, both he and many of the crew have spent their entire working lives building boats. Each Norstar is specially built specifically for her initial owner and many owners have returned to order a second and even a third Norstar.

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