



**GRAND BANKS ALEUTIAN**

**70**

LIGHT AND QUICK, THIS LUXURIOUS YACHT  
COMBINES HI-TECH WITH TRADITION

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LOA	75-foot
Beam	19ft 10in
Draft	5ft 6in
Displacement	More than 25 k
Top speed	18 knots
Engines	Power Twin 155 C30 Caterpillar



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Everywhere you look someone seems to be on a diet, and the 2005 Grand Banks Aleutian 70 is on one too. The weight of this latest model in the luxurious Aleutian series was reduced just about everywhere it could be — from the composite fiberglass hull yacht — from the composite fiberglass sole to the honeycombed furniture. The results: a fuel efficient, yet extremely stable and quiet ride. The Aleutian 70 can easily do 28 knots fully loaded," says Jay Bettis of Jay Bettis and Company Yacht Sales, who provided significant input into the design. "This yacht is fast and maneuverable. The only thing we left out was the destination. That's what the owner," he adds with a smile.

The raised pilothouse 70 vessel features a 19ft. 10in. beam that allows Grand Banks to pack in an impressive amount of design enhancements that make this yacht one you can live on for long stretches of time without needing land. Clever touches such as galley cabinets that can completely disappear into the ceiling with the push of a button, giving the chef a clear view out the large pilot-

large room, with views from virtually bow to stern. When down, they provide more storage than traditional thinner cabinets normally found on a yacht of this size.

No expense was spared in the design. The automatic weathertight doors from the salon to the aft deck cost \$18,000, but are worth every penny, as they are well-designed, efficient and offer an impressive level of sound-proofing from engine noise below. Three chrome Stidd helm seats — one in the pilothouse and two on the flybridge — combine with well-laid out electronics to make the Aleutian as comfortable to drive as it is easy to maneuver. While the 70 has its hi-tech side, the teak decking in the cockpit and aft Portuguese bridge are all about tradition. This yacht is as functional as it is attractive, with a spacious custom master stateroom with a king-sized bed and ample vanity. The port stateroom can be converted into an on-board office for the owner who can't leave the business world behind for long, or wants to write his memoirs at sea. A Bose life-style system adds a movie-quality soundtrack to any voy-

age as tested by *International Yachtsman*, is powered by 1550 hp C30 Caterpillar Diesels; with remote engine thruster controls, Naiad electronic and 254 stabilizer.

Whether you're entertaining, lounging or fishing, the three private staterooms, with a fourth stateroom cabin, is the height of extravagant living, with elegant touches such as crown molding in the salon. The line started out in 1999 with the 64. This latest model takes the line into a whole new spectrum of lavish sea. The 70 is the fastest and most sumptuous of the renowned fleet of yachts. Interior design is by Mark McCurdy. "The techniques and research used to create this yacht will help all other boats in the Grand Banks line," says McCurdy, vice president of sales for Grand Banks.

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