



Nordhavn 41.

MONARO LAUNCHES 45TH ANNIVERSARY FEATURE BOAT

The new 257 is Monaro's special anniversary edition and was featured at this year's Vancouver International Boat Show. It is the fourth model built for one of their customers, Malcolm Hunter, and has been designed and constructed specially as a commuter model. The boat will be used primarily to access the owner's property and various landings in Howe Sound.

Having owned and operated Monaros myself over the past 30 years, I have come to know and appreciate their performance and seagoing capabilities. Our first was a 21 with a 200-horsepower Mercury outboard and we could run at over 40 knots, which enabled us to access many places up and down the coast in pursuit of data for *Pacific Yachting* and my series of boating guides. We switched to a larger version of the boat, a 27, in 1992 and that provided additional comfort and carrying capacity for longer voyages. With it we cruised at about 25 knots (it topped out at 40 knots) and travelled all the way to Alaska and around Vancouver Island on a number of occasions during the 22 years we owned it.

Monaro continues working on upgrading their boats. They have improved the interiors by molding formerly-separate components into one in some cases, and switching some linings to fiberglass rather than the standard softer materials. They've supported other industries by having their seats manufactured and as-

sembled locally. In the latest 257 they had a costly folding and removable aft bench seat built in Florida at the request of their customer, as it required aluminum framing and a hinge that was not a local standard procedure and would have been far too pricey to develop here.

The 257 is custom built and can be modified with a layout to suit longer trips and provide a galley and other features.

— Peter Vassilopoulos

PACIFIC ASIAN ENTERPRISES (PAE) announced the first two hulls of the new **Nordhavn 41** have shipped from the factory and are currently en route to California. The N41 has set records for Nordhavn pre-orders with commitments on the first 22 hulls. Most of these buyers will have the opportunity to sea-trial either Hull #1 or #2 once they are brought to PAE'S Dana Point, California, headquarters and undergo a quick commissioning. PAE hopes to have an open house on the Nordhavn 41 for other interested clients later in the year.

The Nordhavn 41 is the smallest boat in Nordhavn's ocean-crossing line-up. She has a range of 3,000-plus miles and an anticipated cruise speed of around seven knots. She succeeds the Nordhavn 40 which is celebrated for setting the world record for fastest circumnavigation made by a production power boat.

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