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New Boat: Back Cove 30

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This stylish Downeaster is built for outdoor entertaining.

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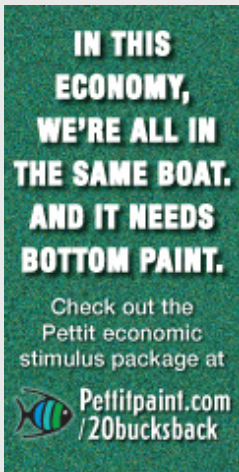


During the Norwalk Boat Show in Connecticut this fall, we happened on a more tangible kind of social network than Facebook or Twitter. It was the arrangement of cockpit seats on the new Back Cove 30, a network of plush and adjustable lounges so well-executed that some showgoers were calling this Downeast-style beauty the most entertainment-friendly cruiser in its class.

•If the 30 looks a tad familiar, that's because it is the successor to the 29-foot boat that launched the Back Cove brand for Maine builder Sabre Yachts in 2003 and went on to have a long and successful run. But even popular designs like that one can be artfully reinvented, as the new 30 proves. Rest assured, it's not a Back Cove 29 that's been stretched and streamlined; rather, the 30 is a brand-new boat from the bottom up.



Like its predecessor, it boasts the efficiency of a single diesel, the reliable performance of a hull built for offshore cruising, and an elegantly styled cabin sized just right for two. Unlike the 29, however, the new 30 has more outdoor



space in which to sit, move about in, and generally enjoy the company of at least eight friends. •

This much was made clear to us on a run down Long Island Sound following the boat show. In addition to the helm chair and a companion seat for three, there are two more settees on the protected bridge deck, including one that converts to a wide berth.

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Specifications

LOA: 33'11"

Beam: 11'2"

Draft (hull): 2'6"

Disp.: 12,000 lbs.

Power: 1 x 350hp Cummins

Fuel/Water Capacity:

160/60 gals.

Top/Cruising Speed:

28.4/20 knots

Range: 285nm @ 20 knots

Price (as tested): \$229,882

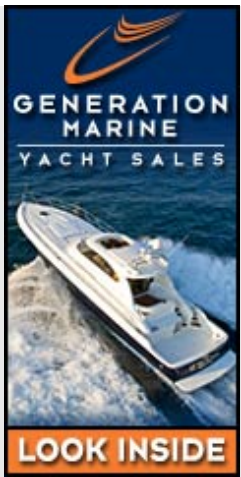
"You can offer it to an overnight guest or use it for a nap, which is one of my favorite Sunday afternoon activities," said Back Cove Vice President Bentley Collins, who was on board for our trial.

- Like all Back Coves, the 30 has classic lobster-boat lines and a spoon bow, although there is more flare forward than on its predecessor, and the camber in the transom is more pronounced, making it look even more distinguished. Standard propulsion is a 315-horsepower Yanmar; our boat, equipped with the upgrade 350-horsepower Cummins QSD 4.2-liter diesel, saw an ultra-smooth cruising speed of 20 knots at 3000 rpm. Sound levels at cruise, which were measured at the helm, were low at 81 decibels. As for fuel economy, the 30 only burns 10 gph at that pace. "Many people interested in this boat are coming out of gas-powered cruisers and they like the fact that it consumes significantly less fuel," Bentley said.

- Then there's the fact that the boat feels bigger and beamier than your average 30-footer. With so much space to play in, an owner will be tempted to invite more friends into his social network.

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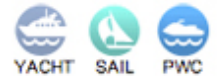


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