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“BEQUIA”

90' Yawl to Launch in Brooklin, Maine
June 27, 2009

A 90' world-cruising yawl is nearing the end of construction at Brooklin Boat Yard in Brooklin, Maine (USA). Designed by Robert Stephens & Paul Waring (Stephens, Waring & White Yacht Design), “BEQUIA” represents the largest project to date for both the design office and the building yard. This new world-class yacht is scheduled to launch at the time of high water on Saturday, June 27, 2009.

The owners of “BEQUIA” sought out Brooklin Boat Yard after seeing numerous examples of the yard’s previous work, most notably the 76’ W-Class day-racing sloops. While this new yawl shares the graceful sheerline, lengthy overhangs and classic esthetic of the W-Class boats, she is a much more substantial vessel, fully capable of taking her crew around the world’s oceans in safety, luxury and elegance.

Design work (Stephens, Waring & White Yacht Design) began in early 2005, more than two years prior to beginning construction in the spring of 2007. “With a yacht of this complexity, it’s good to have some time to work out the details before wood starts going together”, says designer Robert Stephens.

Perhaps the most demanding task for the design team was the integration of the ships systems into the traditional deck layout and interior joinery. In addition to the long list of creature comfort systems (air conditioning, refrigeration, gas fireplace, ice maker, etc.) “BEQUIA” also features fully automated sail-handling with a hydraulic system running some 27 different functions such as sail furling, winches and anchor deployment. The hydraulics can be powered by one or both of two 15kw generators, or if silent operation is desired, can be run through the ship’s DC electrical system. Extensive computer modeling has allowed the designers to minimize the intrusion of the various systems upon the accommodations.

“BEQUIA’s” most noticeable feature on deck is her varnished teak charthouse. The charthouse features a spacious chart table, electronics displays & autopilot controls so that once underway her crew can stand watch in comfort. When in port the charthouse offers “BEQUIA’s” owners and guests an elegant & comfortable elevated saloon with large windows providing sweeping views of her surroundings.

Below decks, the owners restrained tastes have resulted in a décor they like to call “casual cottage” featuring soothing white raised panel joinery contrasting with ebony-stained cabin soles. Custom made couches and a gas fireplace grace the main saloon, while certain pieces of furniture finished in differing woods add interest to the eye. Forward of the main saloon a spacious double stateroom provides accommodations for the owners two teenage daughters, while under the aft trunk cabin is a roomy owner’s suite.

A captains / crew cabin accommodating two is located to port aft of the galley, while in the passageway to starboard (connecting the main saloon with the owner’s stateroom) is a shower, laundry and a pair of bunks that can be used for the occasional extra guest or additional crew on offshore passages.

Carbon spars (Southern Spars) and state of the art sails (North Sails) will ensure sparkling sailing performance, while a relatively long, shallow keel and spade rudder promise good maneuverability along with access to the thin water of some of the world’s prime cruising grounds.

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Hull construction is of cold-molded wood-epoxy, a building technique proven to be exceptionally strong, lightweight, low-maintenance and very cost effective for production of custom yachts in this size range. An added benefit is the natural beauty of the varnished interior of the hull structure which on "BEQUIA" has been left exposed in the main saloon and staterooms.

In summing up the "BEQUIA" experience, Brooklin Boat Yard owner Steve White states, "This has been our largest project to date and perhaps the smoothest in execution. The owners of "BEQUIA" knew what they wanted and allowed the designers enough time to get ahead of the construction, so common "issues" of a custom project were well worked out before the crew had to build them. A very close collaboration between the design team and the crew bosses of the carpentry, mechanical, electrical and paint departments made all this possible. In fact they all met formally once every week for planning and detail discussions. Having the design firm of Stephens Waring & White here on site is a huge advantage and everybody involved in the project no matter what their task has done a terrific job."

In all (upon launching on June 27, 2009) will embody the quality craftsmanship of the past with the luxury, performance and safety that is the hallmark of the modern classic yacht as designed by Stephens, Waring & White and built by Brooklin Boat Yard.

"BEQUIA"

Principle Dimensions & Info

LOA: 90' 7"	D/LWL Ratio: 236
LWL: 63' 5"	Main Engine: Cummins Q5B5.9, 350 hp
Beam: 19' 4"	Generator(s): Westerbeke 15kw (2ea)
Displacement: 135,000 lbs.	Carbon Spars: Southern Spars
Sail Area: 3,424 sq. ft.	Deck Hardware: Harken
SA/D Ratio: 20.8	Hydraulics: Maxpower

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About Brooklin Boat Yard

Brooklin Boat Yard was founded in 1960 by Joel M. White and is presently operated by Joel's son Steve White. The yard is located in Brooklin, Maine on the Eggmoggin Reach. The Reach lies between Blue Hill and Penobscot Bays and is in the heart of the best cruising grounds on the coast of Maine.

We are a full service yard specializing in the design, construction, repair and maintenance of wooden boats. We offer a complete design office, new boat construction and classic yacht restoration services, along with routine storage and maintenance services. In addition to the above services we also have on-site a yacht brokerage office.

Our new 80 Metric Ton Travel Lift allows us to haul-out and service yachts of considerable size. There is 16,000 square feet of inside storage space and a deep water dock. In addition to our regular carpentry, painting, rigging and mechanical services, we offer a complete machine shop and a modern paint building. Our new main shop can accommodate boats up to 120 feet. With a highly skilled and versatile 60+ man crew, Brooklin Boat Yard offers the yacht owner a "one stop shopping" destination for any project large or small.

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