



Grand Banks 41 Heritage EU

Tradition meets high tech. BY TOM THOMPSON

The Grand Banks 41 Heritage EU is a skillful combination of classic styling and design with state-of-the-art systems and propulsion. It sports timeless good looks, from its nautical exterior lines to its flawless teak joinery inside. Underneath it all, however, are the control, speed and efficiency of an advanced power system and a new hull design.

The 41 EU is the first Grand Banks model to feature the Cummins MerCruiser Zeus propulsion system, which uses vectored thrust to move the boat precisely at slow speed with the touch of a joystick. Docking has never been easier. While cruising, the pod drives run the boat with surprising responsiveness. During our sea trial, I swear we did a 360-degree turn in about one and a half boat lengths while running at 20 knots. Zeus' underwater exhaust makes the 41 EU exceptionally quiet, too. At a 17-knot cruise, I measured the sound level at the lower helm station to be 71 dbA. A wide-open 24 knots only raised the sound level by 2 dbA.

Grand Banks built a modified deep-V hull around Zeus, making extensive use of the resin infusion process. The company used it in the deckhouse and flybridge as well. Furthermore, the 41 EU is the first Heritage model to feature a hull that's cored both above and below the waterline, which reduces weight and improves fuel efficiency.

The 15-foot, 3-inch beam, along with a large expanse of glass, give the main deck an open feeling. Visibility from the lower helm station is excellent. There's a full galley for-

ward and to port, featuring an unusual articulated shelving unit that comes out from a dead corner in the cabinetry to take advantage of every inch of storage. Sofa seating runs along both sides of the salon, and an inlaid teak dining table can be adjusted for size.

One of the most unique features of the boat is the "basement." Because pod drives are placed far aft, there's a utility room under the salon instead of engines. It holds the washer/dryer, a workbench and plenty of storage cabinets.

The aft deck is covered by the flybridge overhang. The flybridge has sofa seating along three sides and a centerline helm position. A dining table serves the L-shaped seating to starboard.

Designed around a queen island berth set on a drawer storage cabinet, the master stateroom includes a cedar-lined hanging locker and shelf lockers. The second stateroom has twin berths that can be converted to a queen with a filler. Both cabins share a spacious head with a separate shower stall.

With the 41 Heritage EU, Grand Banks has brought a traditional feel into the 21st century.

specs

LOA.....	46'5"
Beam.....	15'3"
Draft.....	3'10"
Weight.....	37,000 lbs.
Fuel capacity.....	500 gals.
Base power.....	2 x Cummins QSB5.9s (380 hp)
Base price.....	Contact dealer

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