A Carolina Fishing Machine

he latest yacht from Paul Mann Custom Boats launched this spring. The 60-foot Caught Up is a 41.5-knot, two-stateroom, two-head, cold-molded Carolina sportfisherman built for a Florida couple with plans to "travel great distances and fish often," says company owner Paul Mann.



Powered by twin 1,550-hp MAN diesels, the convertible fishboat includes a walk-in pantry and laundry/storage area, as well as a separate walk-in tackle locker. The interior features teak cabinetry, teak soles, and solid-surface and teak countertops. Euro-style fixtures accent the galley and heads.

Equipment includes a Side-Power 240 hydraulic bow thruster, Muir Storm VR 2500 hydraulic windlass, Eskimo icemaker, watermaker, Onan 21.5-kW generator and a 285-

gallon water tank. A custom mezzanine holds a freezer and refrigerator for extended fishing.

Caught Up weighs 73,000 pounds, has an 18-foot beam and a 5-foot draft, and carries 1,650 gallons of fuel. The 12-cylinder MANs push her at a comfortable cruise of 34 knots. "The way she runs upwind exceeded every preliminary estimated goal," says Mann. "Our propeller estimates were spot-on."

Paul Mann boats are known for their size, ability to run in a head sea, fishability, fit and finish, and spacious interiors, says Mann, a former charter captain. They show a distinctive profile with a flared bow, broken sheer and narrow forefoot. The flatter bottom sections aft deliver performance efficiency and speed on plane, as does the lighter weight from the wood-cored, cold-molded construction.

The builder is offering a 60-footer that's under construction "with many components in place." The eventual owner can customize the interior, cockpit and bridge design of this three-stateroom, two-head sportfisherman.

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