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Beauty *in the* BEAST

Paul Mann's latest proves that determination, custom design and attention to detail blends a tournament fishing yacht with luxurious style and does so magnificently.

By Steve Davis

Walk into any marina and you'll see a lot of white boats. There may be yachts in other colors, but if she's there, you won't miss the new Paul Mann 61-foot *Jichi*, a sportfisherman that draws attention with a striking color scheme of platinum and black accented with warm, polished teak.

Docked stern-to at the Cocoplum Yacht Club in Coral Gables, Florida, the rich, deep teak of the cockpit and mezzanine outlined by the faux teak toe rail and transom pulls eyes in before the gleaming upper deck and polished tower structure draw your attention upward. Caught in a moment of awe, it's easy to see this is one special boat.

First thoughts are of fishing. It's impossible to miss the 47-foot outriggers, the abundance of rod holders and the Release Marine Rocket Launcher fighting chair in the cockpit. Clearly, the owner is an experienced tournament fisherman who enjoys the fight of billfish, but the meticulous styling says his good taste goes beyond sporting activities.

Inner Beauty

Paul Mann yachts are recognized for their detailed woodwork, exceptional cabinetry, clean design, and unique detail that lends itself to the owner's personality. "The overall design and look is me," says builder/designer Paul Mann, "but the owner has his chance to come in and really express what he thinks he wants his boat to look like."

The result is a smart, clean, contemporary, three-stateroom, three-head layout with megayacht appointments: cedar-lined hanging lockers, custom-built showers and sinks, Euro-style flat panel doors and drawer fronts with push locks and concealed catches, carpeted cabins and bunk storage areas,

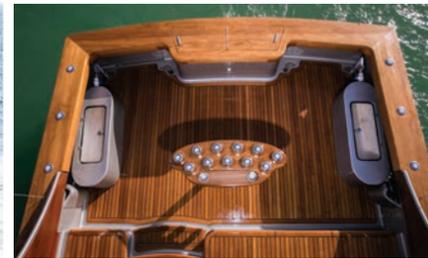
custom headboards and upholstery, marble countertops below with Ice Crystal Quartzite countertops in the galley, custom dinettes, and electric window screen shades. A complete entertainment system with TVs in the salon and in each cabin include Fusion, Bose, JL, Apple, and Samsung equipment throughout. With the addition of the Miele induction cooktop and microwave in the galley, the interior of this sportfish is more yacht than fishing boat.

Exterior Strength

Speaking of fishing, during a tournament, it's key to get out to the grounds fast, more like, first. Twin Caterpillar Acert C32s provide 1,925 horsepower each that comfortably get on it at 40 knots even when seas are rough. The 1,750-gallon fuel tanks can keep the boat on the run for extended periods.

The hull is built with a cold molded jig method and uses three layers of 3/8-inch Okoume plywood on the bottom and three diagonally-planked layers of 1/4-inch Okoume on the hull, each with fiberglass and epoxy between each layer, which make the structure glassed inside and out. "All of our boats, Carolina boats especially, have a sharp entry and a modest exit as far as deadrise, and that's what makes it stable," explains Mann. "The spray rails come up and turn down just a little bit, and that's what helps take the water. Just that little bit cups the water and gets her to roll and turn like she's on an axis. You can down-wheel it hard, and she'll roll right around in just about her length and never kick out or blow out.

...When we're running, say thirty knots, she sits on top of her spray rails. The only thing in the water is the bottom; there's no water from the spray rails. That's when you feel like you've done your job, when you get her to run right on her bottom."



Comfortable sleeping quarters, the teak bow platform with anchor access and the hidden swim ladder are just a few of the special features.



The hull design also incorporates a subtle convexity that allows the boat to run much harder and faster in a heavier sea.

That maneuverability is controlled from both the bridge deck and the tower helm. The bridge centerline helm places all the controls and instruments within arm's reach and eyesight, which requires minimal movement on the captain's part when in the thick of the action. The 360-degree unobstructed view from both locations allows clear visibility to what's going on in and around the boat. The tower helm is offset to allow for a larger display that helps when exposed to weather.

Three Release Marine helm chairs with custom satin finish cushions provide comfort at the bridge helm equipped with the latest in electronic and mechanical technology, including Garmin multifunction displays and KVH satellite communications. A clear, acrylic panel protects the displays while instruments are protected in an overhead compartment that opens when in use.

An ingenious safety feature for the helm is the valve setup incorporated into the steering system. If steering on the bridge fails, valves under the helm can be shut off to keep the system pressurized and allow steering from the tower and vice-versa; the same valve setup is installed under the tower helm.

The bridge deck has two lounges forward of the helm that provide plenty of room for guests or the family to enjoy the

open air and 360-degree views. The area also provides lots of storage space for gear and rods. In front of the console, a cushioned seat conveniently houses a custom-built freezer. The bridge is protected from the elements with a hardtop and removable front and side panels.

The Trenches

The cockpit is the heart of fishing on *Jichi*, and equipment is configured to engage any fishing style: Livewell systems are set up very specifically and rod holder systems are strategically placed. "Dredges and chains and teaser systems are set up very high-tech and easy for the captain to operate," says Mann and adds that the tower and everything put in the tower was made to do certain types of fishing. The boat is set up to adjust from dredge fishing to kite fishing to trolling.

The custom-built pressurized livewells have quick-connect fittings that allow the tanks to be removed when trolling (or entertaining). The ability to adjust the pressure of raw water being pumped from the sea chest protects the bait. "Too much pressure can descale your bait, deoxidize them, [and make them] all look bad," says *Jichi* skipper Capt. Hanibal Moya. "The bait when you're kite fishing is what makes a difference from the guy fishing next to you. Your bait is everything when you live fish; it's the difference from first to fifth [in a tournament]."

And when it's time to empty the wells or seawater swamps the rail on backdown, two three-inch and two two-inch drains quickly discharge the water from the cockpit.

A custom fish box with stainless steel liner along with Dometic freezers and refrigerator built into the mezzanine



a grill. "I want you to feel the air conditioning, and I want you to have to find where it's coming from," he says. Even the return grills are built within the cabinetry and beds.

From the Ground Up

Paul Mann built his first yacht when he was 26 years old, a 52-footer. "Since I was little, I grew up around the original

builders in our area that founded the Carolina boats," he says. "I was very lucky in my life to have grown up in a fishing era and a boat building era in an area that went from building charter boats and boats to make a living on to yachts that fish." Mann started at the bottom and celebrates 30 years in business this year, and he's learned to be consistent in the face of continuing change. By the looks of it, Mann has adapted to new materials, new electronics and new processes, but he consistently builds magnificent fishing yachts that provide superior performance. 🐟

Keep it Cool

In the heat of the battle, air conditioning keeps crew cool. Hidden slots built in the back bulkhead cool the cushions and provide a refreshing breeze. Mann tested overhead and corner chines for air-conditioning vents, but he designed a slot system that provides direct cold air without seeing

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SPECIFICATIONS

LOA: 61'

Beam: 18'

Draft: 5'6"

Displacement: 78,000 lbs.

Fuel/Water: 1,750/275 gals.

Power: 2x Caterpillar Acert C32 1925-hp

Cruise/Top Speed: 38/45 knots

Price: Inquire

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