



Predacious

The name given to a yacht usually has significant meaning to the owner. For *Predacious*, it is clear that her owner chose her name based on her ability to “conquer” the seas with her strong exterior and hunter-green planning hull, which also, coincidentally complements her name.

The rugged 65ft cruiser was built by New England Boatworks and designed by Sparkman & Stephens, for whom *Predacious* holds significance, as she is their first Northeast style yacht

of this size. Project manager Tom Otto met me at the dock where *Predacious* was moored. Before we boarded, Otto revealed, “The challenges the owner set before the designer and builder were many: three staterooms; lots of space to accommodate the owners, their three children and a nanny, as well as guests (the owners love to entertain); a shallow draft for island-hopping in the Bahamas and the Florida Keys and lots of horsepower – the owner wanted to cruise at 26 knots.”

Built for comfort and speed, the 65ft Sparkman & Stephens cruiser *Predacious* certainly lives up to her owners' expectations. Jimmy Merrill reports. Photos by Billy Black.

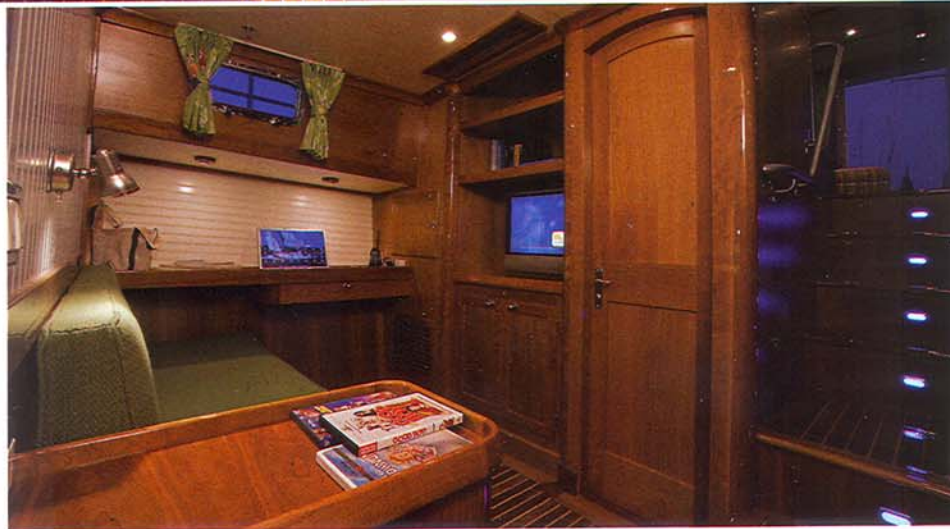


The master stateroom features an en suite head and shower (left). The saloon is outfitted with Palm Beach style fabrics and furnishings (below). Opposite the galley, an open area can serve as a playroom, an onboard office, or a dinette (bottom).



The result is just what the owner had envisioned: a vessel with an LOA of 64.8 feet, a beam of 18.3 feet and a draft of 5 feet. She's powered by twin 1,550bhp Caterpillar C-30s that deliver a 27-knot cruising speed at 1,950rpm over a day's run and a most impressive 35-knot top speed. Otto adds, "She has a magnificent ZF transmission with a 2.46:1 gear ratio and 41in x 48in, 5-blade props." There is no doubt about it, this yacht moves according to her owners' wishes.

I entered the yacht from the aft deck, which has several teak chairs on either side, making for a comfortable outdoor space. Entering the nicely air conditioned saloon was refreshing with its sunny, Palm Beach style, set off by tropically colored fabrics and furnishings, a beauti-



fully detailed teak and holly sole and cherry paneling with white wainscoting. It made me think of the Dorothy Parker line, "let's slip out of these wet things and into a dry martini."

Forward is the master stateroom with an en suite head and shower. Next, aft to starboard is the children's stateroom including two fixed berths and a fold-down third berth, plus an en suite head with a shower. There is a guest room opposite port with two full-size berths and an adjacent guest head with a tub and shower. Continuing to starboard, opposite the galley, is an area that can serve as a playroom for the children, an onboard office, or even a dinette.

To port is the kind of galley that any gourmand would adore. Its features include a four-burner Miele electric stove top with a convection oven below and a microwave above. Other amenities include a wine cooler, a Miele dishwasher and a Sub-Zero refrigerator/freezer that opens as a drawer. The double stainless steel sink and abundant storage for glasses and dinnerware make this an ideal galley equipped to prepare meals for a family or a group of guests. The galley is a level below the main saloon, with an open overhead for easy pass-through to the helm, which is part of the main saloon.

The design had originally called for no flybridge to accommodate fixed bridge height restrictions at the owners' previous home. Now, having moved to a larger estate in Coral Gables, Miami which presents no bridges to the open sea, the owner wanted his pilot area to be within the main saloon so he could be among his family and guests. Clearly, this is an owner-operated vessel.

The engine room is expansive and easily navigable. Its walkaround layout and nearly six feet of headroom makes for easy access to all of the yacht's electrical and propulsion equipment. Her generator is a top-of-the-line 20kW Northern Lights and her shorepower is delivered via two AC 50 A Shore cables. All batteries have redundant charging, paralleling, monitoring and service capability from any engine, plus duplicate AC charging sources.

As for entertainment, she's been wired for sound and video, satellite TV and radio and a shore cable TV hook-up. The fold-down mast carries all navigation, communications wiring, as well as the antennas, radar and other equipment.

An expression of the latest in marine technology, the fully-custom *Predacious* will be the ideal yacht in which to entertain children and adults. Planned cruises include the summer in eastern Long Island with journeys to Newport and Maine. While her molds are available to clients who want to build a semi-custom performance vessel of their own, for these owners, *Predacious* represents the freedom to explore and subjugate the waters with speed, precision and undoubtedly, predacity. □



The owner wanted the pilot area within the main saloon so he could be among his family and guests (above left). The galley (above right) is a level below the main saloon, with an open overhead for easy pass-through to the helm.

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LOA: 64.8ft (21m)
LWL: 60ft (18m)
Beam: 18ft (5.59m)
Draft (max): 5ft (1.52m)
Displacement: 86,000lbs
Engines: 2 x Caterpillar C30
Propellers: 2 x 41in x 48in ZF custom NC 5-bladed Nibral
Speed (max/cruise): 35 knots/27 knots
Fuel capacity: 2,000 gallons
Range: 500nm
Bow thruster: Side Power SP220 TC - 15hp, 24 VDC
Stabilizers: N/A
Generator: Northern Lights M844LW2, 20kW, 60hz, single phase
Watermaker: N/A
Freshwater capacity: 360gals
Grey/black water capacity: grey: 125 gallons; black: 125 gallons
Sewage system: Headhunter Royal Flush system, 24 VDC
Fire-control system: FireBoy Xintex FE-241

Security systems: N/A
Monitoring system: Fire, smoke and bilge alarm system; carbon monoxide detectors in sleeping areas
Air-conditioning: Rich Beers Marine Technicold® direct expansion, reverse cycle system
Communication/navigation electronics: Raymarine E-Series Multifunction Navigation System
Entertainment systems: satellite TV & radio, 32in LCD TV in main saloon, 20in LCD TV in owner's stateroom & lower entertainment area, speakers throughout
Owner and guests: 7
Crew: N/A
Tender: N/A
Tender launching system: N/A
Passerelle: N/A
Paint: Awlgrip Awlcraft
Construction: Vacuum-bagged Corecell, quadaxial E-glass and epoxy resin

Classification: ABYC and USCG
Yacht management: N/A
Naval architecture: Sparkman & Stephens
Exterior styling: Sparkman & Stephens
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