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A daysailer from Bruckmann

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The Bruckmann Daysailer is the youngest member of the new generation of large daysailers, joining such boats as the Morris 36, the Friendship 40 and the Hinckley DS42.

The Bruckmann Daysailer was designed by Douglas Zurn of Zurn Yacht Design in Marblehead, Mass., and is being built by Bruckmann Yachts of Mississauga, Ontario. Zurn says it actually was a collaboration by four people that brought about the 42-footer.

Linda Warren, a yacht broker with Alden Yacht Brokerage in Boston, brought the designer, the builder and the owner of hull No. 1 together. In fact, Zurn, Warren and the boat's owner all learned to sail at the same yacht club in Erie, Pa., Zurn says. "We were reunited through this daysailer," he says.

Zurn says it was a lot of fun working with the group, and the project came together quickly. They started talking in October 2004 and sent drawings to the tooling manufacturer by Christmas, he says. The 42-footer was lengthened a couple feet during the design phase to allow for standing headroom in the cabin — one of the owner's stipulations — while maintaining a sleek profile, according to Zurn.



He says he tried to keep the design simple. The weather deck layout is clean, save for the raised cabin top. Zurn says the intention was to make it easy for a single person to handle the boat, and let the passengers be passengers.

All control lines for trim and course heading lead to the aft cockpit. The boat has all self-tailing winches, two primary electric cockpit winches, and a 12-volt dual direction windlass. The boat uses rigging and deck hardware components by Lewmar, Harken and Edson.

The daysailer has a fractional rig with swept double spreaders, lazy jacks, hydraulic boom vang and backstay and a headsail furler. The main halyard and reefing lines are located on the cabin top and can be fitted with an electric winch.

"It's offering something that's a little more user-friendly for quick sails, evening sails," Zurn says. He says it would be a nice boat to run out to destinations like Block Island, R.I., or Nantucket, Mass., for an overnight.

Exterior teak includes handrails on the

cabin top, cap rail, cockpit grating and a cockpit table. The boat's opening ports, flush-mount cleats and chain plates are stainless steel. There are two storage lockers in the cockpit, as well as lazarette storage.

Below deck the layout is Spartan, as befits a daysailer. There is a small galley to port and a head compartment to starboard. Forward of those is a centerline table flanked by settees for dining or sleeping, and a V-berth may be fitted forward.

The hull and deck are of E-glass and Core-Cell construction, with vinylester resin throughout. Topsides, boot stripe, deck and non-skid surfaces are painted with Awlgrip, as is the aluminum mast. A carbon fiber mast is optional. The boat has a bulb keel with externally fastened lead ballast and draws 4 feet, 9 inches.

Zurn says the Bruckmann Daysailer will take its place among the other offerings on the midsize sailboat market. "Clearly we feel we're a little late, but we feel we have something that's a little more price-point oriented and a little more accommodating as far as accommodations," Zurn says.

The boat is expected to make its debut at the Newport (R.I.) International Boat Show in September. ■

SPECS

LOA: 42 feet, 4 inches **LWL:** 32 feet, 9 inches **BEAM:** 11 feet **DRAFT:** 4 feet, 9 inches **DISPLACEMENT:** 17,503 pounds **BALLAST:** 8,134 pounds **SAIL AREA:** 898 square feet **TANKAGE:** 26 gallons fuel, 60 gallons water **ENGINE:** Yanmar 30-hp diesel **ESTIMATED PRICE:** \$490,000 **CONTACT:** Bruckmann Yachts, Mississauga, Ontario. Phone: (905) 855-1117. www.bruckmannyachts.com