New Yanmar 8LV powers Hinckley Picnic Boat

The Hinckley Company's award-winning Picnic Boat MK III is an intriguing blend of classic, elegant styling and performance technology. Delivering only the best to its customers, Hinckley now exclusively offers Yanmar's new 8LV diesel engine to power this sleek, sophisticated jetboat.

"Smooth, refined propulsion was one of the design criteria for the Picnic Boat repower," said Mike Arieta, Hinckley VP of boatbuilding. "Yanmar's 8LV has those qualities and more. The engines are quiet and power-dense, with lots of horsepower per pound. The 8LV is best-in-class."

Hinckley's standard power for the 37' Picnic Boat MK III is the 320 hp 8LV model, with the 370 hp version as an option. Twin engines are paired with ZF gears to power the boat's Hamilton jet drives.

Yanmar distributor Mack Boring and Parts Company of Union, New Jersey, supplies the engines. "We have always enjoyed responsive and expert support from their team, for both product introductions and any technical questions," said Arieta.

"The 8LV is easy to install and maintain, backed by Yanmar's well-known reliability. We recommend it with no reservations. It's a high compliment to have Hinckley exclusively choose the 8LV for the Picnic Boat MK III," said Scott DuBrow, Mack Boring marine sales manager.

With the high-end performance of a V-8 gas engine, the Yanmar 8LV benefits from the durability and fuel efficiency of diesel. Hundreds of pounds lighter than comparable engines, the 8LV achieves maximum performance with a minimal dry weight of 992 lbs.

Well-suited for luxury cruisers and high-speed craft alike, the EPA Tier 3-compliant engine utilizes common rail fuel injection. It idles at 550 rpm and reaches a top speed at 3,800 rpm. Smooth, quiet and powerful acceleration is achieved by Yanmar's twin turbochargers. They provide impressive torque through the wide rpm range. Typical drive system choices include Yanmar's new ZT370 dual-prop sterndrive, a KMH50 down-angle or V-drive, and ZF series 2800 pod drive.

The 8LV is the first to use Yanmar's proprietary CAN-bus vessel control system (VCS). Integrated full-color digital displays with NMEA2000 or J1939 gauge output, cabling and wiring further simplify operation. The 12V, 180 amp alternator charges all on-board electronics.

Built in Southwest Harbor, Maine, the Picnic Boat MK III has been called an "updated icon" and "a real dreamboat." Hinckley's signature yacht features a raised pilothouse for 360° visibility. A deeper V-hull design offers stability and comfort. Hinckley's patented Jet Stick makes docking and maneuvering in tight spaces effortless.