Yanmar pushes Novurania 11.6m Chase 38 yacht tender to highest speed

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Novurania’s luxury Chase 38 yacht tender and sport boat is in a class of its own. Its rich, sophisticated amenities suit accurately a sleek, deep V hull design with a high freeboard for a smooth, dry ride. That’s fortunate, because the new Yanmar 8LV-370 from Mastry Engine Center pushes this unique yacht tender to previously unattained speeds.

“The new Yanmar 8LV is intriguing,” said Robert Collada, president of Novurania of America. “We were never able to get the Chase 38 above 50 mph. But with twin 370 hp Yanmar 8LV diesels, it tops out at 56 mph. This is the fastest it’s ever gone, we’re very excited about the performance.”

“We now have greater weight capacity due to the lighter Yanmar engines, which also deliver more horsepower for their weight. And they’re the quietest engines we’ve ever run,” he said. Both the Yanmar 8LV 370 and 320 hp models are new options on the Novurania Chase 38, with twin Yanmar 260 hp diesels now listed as standard power.

Collada has equally positive comments on Novurania’s relationship with Mastry Engine Center, the local Yanmar distributor. “Their team is professional and very responsive to our needs. They assist with sea trials and are always right there to answer questions,” he said.

Novurania is so sold on Yanmar, and the support it receives from Mastry, that powerful and lightweight 260 hp diesels are also used on the Chase 31 and throughout the
company’s offerings. This includes the four-model Launch series, paired to Hamilton jet drives, and the four Custom line models, which are IO packages. And brand new from Novurania is the Chapman series, three models with a unique opening bow for easy entry, sporting Yanmar 260 hp diesel engines with Hamilton jet drives.

The 11.6m Chase 38 yacht tender features a low-profile console which allows a snug fit into most yacht tender bays. All electronics are flush mounted and incorporated into a unique fold-down POD system. Console space is freed up for entertainment and communication equipment thanks to NMEA interfaces for gauge data through the GPS unit. A stereo system with an iPod docking station is standard.

Elegant touches such as a side entry door, recessed swimming ladder, plush helm seats, full teak package and custom hull colors add style to the Novurania tender Chase 38. Enhanced comfort for those aboard comes from leather-feel seating on the full sunpad and lounge area, a freshwater system with shower and drawer-style refrigeration unit.

Yanmar’s 8LV combines diesel’s long life with impressive performance comparable to a big block V-8 gas engine, while consuming up to 40% less fuel. At a dry weight of 992 lbs., it’s also about 200 lbs. lighter than similar gas engines. EPA Tier 3-compliant, the common rail fuel injected, twin turbocharged Yanmar 8LV idles at 550 rpm and tops out at 3,800 rpm. It offers exceptionally smooth, quiet and powerful acceleration with impressive torque through a wide rpm range.