

# trade**a**boat

THE BOATING BIBLE

# X650

## X-APPEAL

*Ocean Going Entertainer*



**ADVENTURES**



9

**CANAL**  
*du Midi*

**CELEBRATING**  
*The Slow Life*

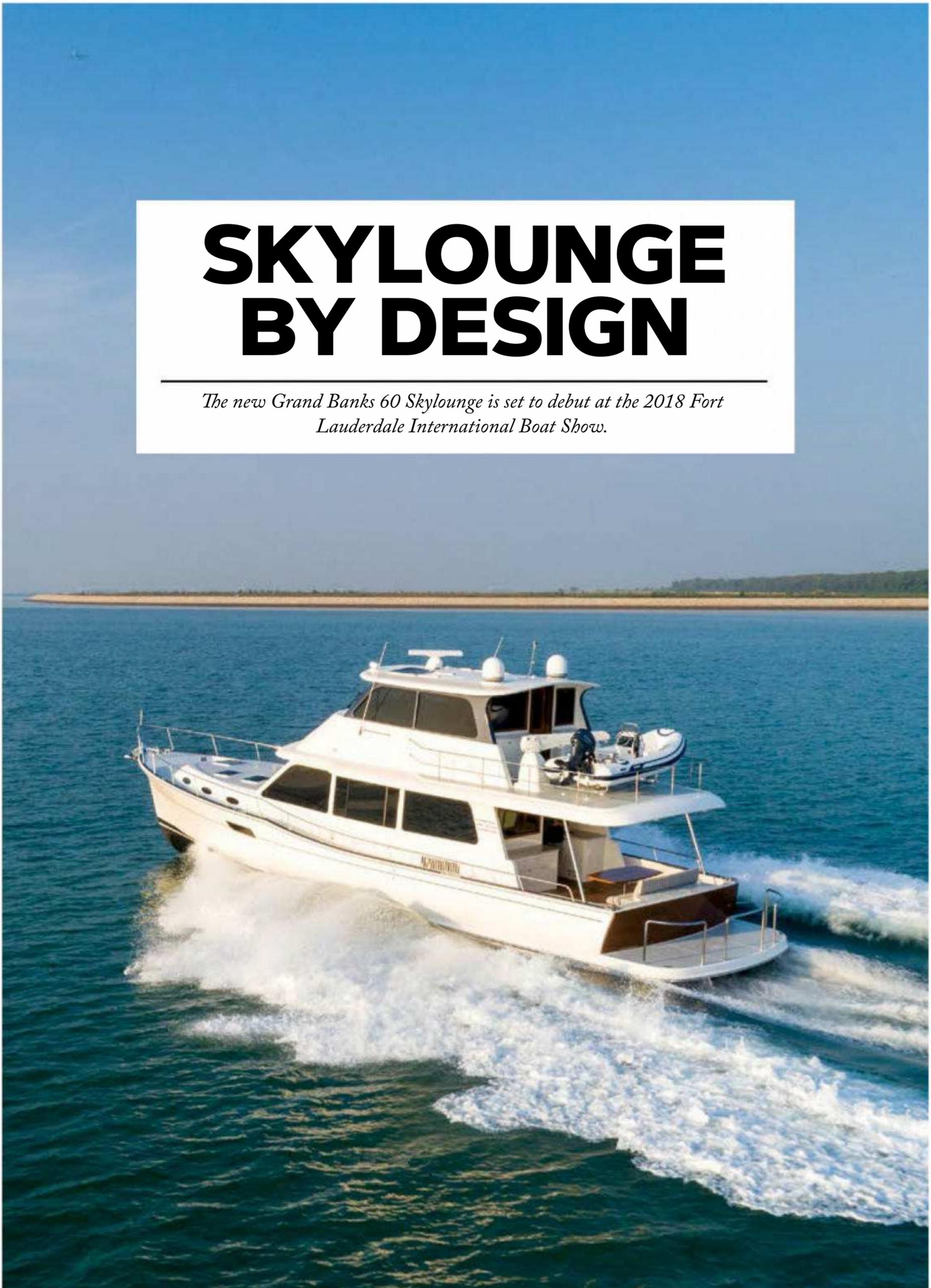
**SEAFARER**  
*Vamp*

ISSUE 508

\$12.95

# SKYLOUNGE BY DESIGN

*The new Grand Banks 60 Skylounge is set to debut at the 2018 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.*



## Quick Specs

GRAND BANKS 60  
SKYLOUNGE

**PRICE** POA

**LENGTH (OVERALL)**  
19.9m

**BEAM** 5.85m

**DRAFT** 1m w/IPS, 1.4m w/  
shafts

**DISPLACEMENT** 28t

**FUEL** 5,800L

**WATER** 1,100L

**ENGINE** 2x 900hp Volvo  
Penta D13

**WEB** [www.grandbanks.com](http://www.grandbanks.com)



Following on from the 2017 release of the Grand Banks 60, the first hull of the GB60 Skylounge will make its arrival at FLIBS from 31 October – 4 November. The new model will offer versatility for a greater range of climates while delivering an extra social area.

The touted Skylounge allows for operations in cold and warm climates thanks to its enclosed upper pilothouse. It also expands accommodations on the main deck level. Inside the Skylounge is an L-shaped settee and a dayhead, the arrangement of which allows for a 4.2m tender and standard Steelhead davit.

According to Grand Banks, the Skylounge 60

was designed to avoid what the boatbuilder sees as the typical pitfalls of skylounge models.

“The proportions of the design are very important to us,” says Mark Richards, CEO of Grand Banks.

“We’re not in the business of designing ugly boats, so we spent a lot of time ensuring the Skylounge looks like it belongs on the 60. And our emphasis on weight-reduction and strength in the build process ensure we’re not compromising the 60’s performance and still keeping a very low vertical centre of gravity. The whole package comes together and works extremely well.”

The entire deck, cabin house and Skylounge are

all fully infused using the highest-quality carbon fibre available. This and other structural choices seek to deliver strength, durability and reliability in open water conditions while retaining a low centre of gravity.

The bottom of the GB60 is free of augmentations such as running strakes or tunnels, and Grand Banks claims it is efficient throughout its entire speed curve up to a projected top of 31kts.

The GB60 Skylounge boasts a three-stateroom layout, with a large master that Grand Banks says benefits from light and ventilation. 

