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On a gorgeous Portsmouth, Rhode Island morning, I arrived at Hinckley Yachts' corporate offices with great anticipation of putting the new Hinckley T34 through her paces. As I approached the marina, I recognized the classic lines of the iconic Picnic Boat in the distance — freshly scrubbed, a perfect size and appropriately outfitted, ready to go. The day was perfection: A 10-knot breeze, clear skies and a two-and-a-half-foot chop.

Roe O'Brien, Hinckley's marketing director, and I were greeted by Mike Arieta, Hinckley's vice president of production. We boarded from the swim platform and through the transom door. I was instantly captivated by the amazing attention to detail. The cockpit flowed forward on one level to the helm, creating a generous outside open area perfect for socializing. Teak accents and trim line the cockpit and deck. The cabin, which includes a roomy forward V-berth, enclosed head with shower and a full galley with all the appliances needed to entertain or prepare a meal, including a refrigerator, microwave, stove top and a sink, is finished in satin varnished cherry.

With flawless design engineering and high quality construction materials, it's clear Hinckley built the T34 to respond to the needs of the market. Keeping its customers — past and present — in mind, Hinckley researched what was important to those who truly love their boat and the Hinckley brand. Three important points were shared by Hinckley owners: They value their time (it is the greatest luxury, they claim); they like to keep things simple and low maintenance; and they want to get on the water fast. Additionally, Hinckley owners say they will not compromise on speed; it's a big part of the enjoyment, they maintain.

Hinckley's response to these owners' comments: The Hinckley T34.

OFF AND RUNNING

After a brief tour of this spectacular day boat, we were underway. Arieta put Hinckley's JetStick in docking mode and worked his way out of the marina using no more than his thumb and forefinger. When we reached the mouth of the marina, Arieta disengaged the JetStick and engaged the throttles, and we were off.

The Hinckley T34 is equipped with twin Yanmar 6BY2-260s paired to the Hamilton Jets 242 product developed exclusively for Hinckley's application. Because of the non-variable load characteristics of jet propulsion systems, Yanmar provides a five-year warranty for the engines.



The Hinckley T34 has impressive performance data. Idle to plane in less than three seconds. Top speed is 32 knots at wide open throttle and cruising speed is 29 knots. The boat carries the dead rise all the way aft and it gives the boat very precise, controlled handling.

With a mere 22-inch draft, this is definitely a go-anywhere boat, which adds to the adventure. Imagine drawing 22 inches — you could do the Intracoastal at low tide and never break a sweat!

While running, the noise level remained minimal regardless of RPM level. Arieta and I were able to carry on a relaxed conversation with relative ease throughout the sea trial.

The Hinckley T34's low freeboard provided a connection to the water that enhanced our cruising experience. This new model adheres to the tradition established with the first boats hand-made by Hinckley. The low freeboard is a holdover from the early workboat days when a low freeboard was helpful in the retrieval of lobster pots.

While motoring back to the marina, Arieta explained that if there were to be a stiff breeze at the marina, the JetStick is capable of two speeds, one of which boosts RPM to counteract the wind.

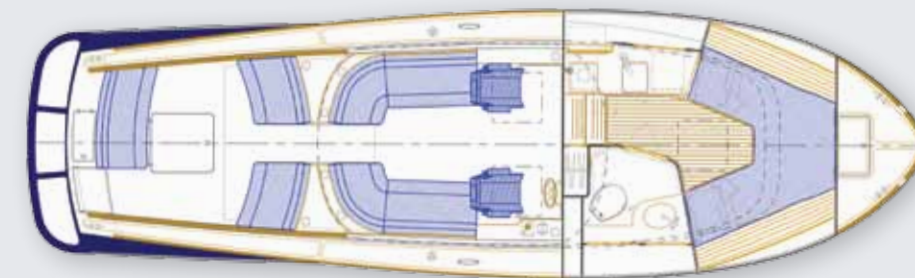
ROOTED IN TRADITION

The Hinckley Company is committed to exceptional customer service. While most builders have dealer organizations, Hinckley maintains its own sales force and runs eight service yards along the eastern seaboard from Maine to Florida and in Harbor Springs, Michigan.

As a Hinckley owner, you are assured of 24/7 personal service for the life of your boat; however, you do not have to actually own a Hinckley to enjoy the benefits of Hinckley service. Boaters across the country can have their boats serviced at any one of Hinckley's eight service yards — even if they don't own a Hinckley themselves. To inquire about having your boat serviced at a Hinckley-owned facility, visit the company's website, hinckleyyachts.com.

This fun day boat achieves everything she was designed for and more. ♦

Hinckley T34



Standard Equipment

Varnished teak toe rail w/ custom tapered Hinckley profile; Hinckley designed fiberglass mast on pilothouse top; telescoping three-step stainless steel ladder, which stores under the swim platform; varnished teak trim for helm pod, port- and starboard-side shelves at forward end of pilothouse, companionway, window frames, outboard of pilothouse settees, and cockpit coaming caps; three-piece Stamoid/Eisenglass material enclosing pilothouse area; two Hinckley exclusive Hamilton 242 high efficiency jet drives; twin Yanmar 6BY2-260 hp common rail diesels; JetStick, Hinckley's patented integrated steering and control system w/ joystick control of steering, forward and aft motion, and bow thruster; Raymarine 9" multifunction color chartplotter/radar w/ 4kW digital Raydome painted to match deck; differential GPS antenna; one Navionics Platinum Plus chart chip; Standard Horizon VHF radio w/ RAM mic; Clarion FM/CD/satellite receiver ready stereo w/ iPod connection; four

Clarion speakers; 30-amp, 110V shore power cord; 110V microwave; choice of standard Awlgrip colors for hull paint; choice of Hinckley-recommended bottom paint colors; name and hail on transom in 22-kt gold vinyl backed lettering in choice of styles; completion of USCG vessel documentation; rigging, launching, recommissioning and instruction in operation and maintenance at Hinckley service/sales facility.

SPECIFICATIONS

LOA: 34'3"

Beam: 11'

Draft: 1'10"

Displacement: 14,000 lbs.

Fuel Capacity: 160 gals.

Water Capacity: 35 gals.

Power: T-Yanmar 6BY2-260

Base Price: \$535,000

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