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Hinckley Talaria 55 MK II

Venerable boatbuilder Hinckley has been turning out elegant

cruisers for the white-shoe, blue-hull set since 1928. Known for designing boats with classic lines and exceptional seakindliness, Hinckley has always embodied the pinnacle of old-school American yachting. Now with the launch of its Talaria 55 MK II, Hinckley looks to garner even more praise for its handiwork.

The 55 debuted in the suitably genteel setting of the 2011 Newport International Boat Show and immediately made a favorable impression. At 55 feet, she is the flagship of the Talaria line. But her size does not effect her close-to-shore maneuverability since she



has “Palmstick” technology. The Palmstick is a remote-control version of Hinckley’s JetStick technology, which integrates the boat’s jet-propulsion system with its bow thruster to make docking easier than a Caribbean breeze.

The 55 has a new layout down below including two en suite cabins that are well suited to overnights or extended cruises. The pilothouse has also been redesigned to include power hatches and a larger windshield that lends a breezy feel.

We’d be remiss if we didn’t mention that *talaria* was the name given to the famous winged sandals of the Greek god Hermes, as this boat is nearly as swift as that legendarily fleet deity. Her optional twin 1,150-hp Caterpillar C18 ACERTs will have her flying across the water at 46 mph at WOT. PMY

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