

LEAD BOAT BREEDENDAM MTB FOURZERO WHEELHOUSE

## A Contemporary in Classic Clothing

DUTCH BUILDER BREEDENDAM CONCOCTS A THOROUGHLY MODERN ALUMINUM YACHT THAT LOOKS LIKE IT'S FROM ANOTHER ERA.

THE FIRST LOOK at the new Breedendam MTB *fourzero* Wheelhouse gives the impression of a classic wooden gentleman's cruiser. It has a long bow, a low cabin roof, a gently sloped shearline from the bow to the transom and a fairly plumb bow. The big difference that most observers won't notice until they're closer to the boat is that it isn't a wooden boat. It's all aluminum, and it's pod-driven.



**D**esigned by Guido de Groot and built with lots of input from its owner, the new MTB *fourzero* uses teak to contrast with white surfaces, favors synthetic leather and outdoor fabrics for durability and comfort, and uses a neutral color palette that's very popular currently. Its dark blue hull (white is available) is eye-catching, and the wood-colored swath toward the top is an elegant touch. Owner requests include lots of diving equipment and a hydraulic bathing ladder and gangway.

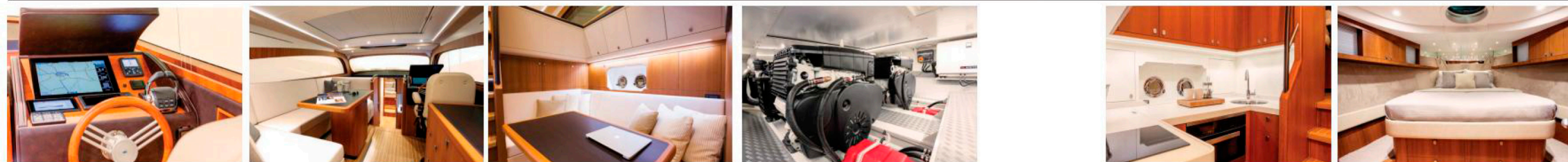
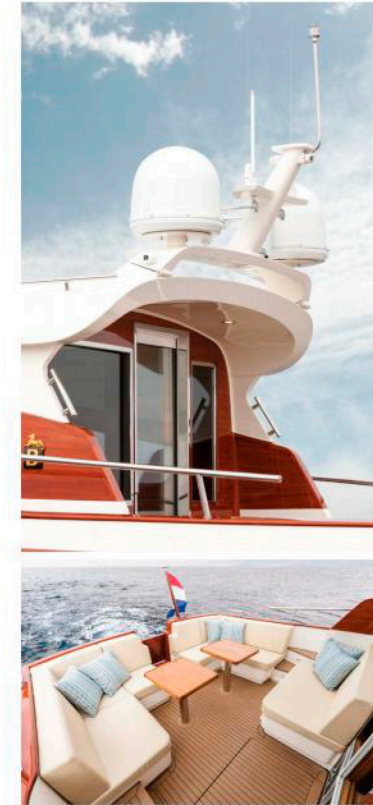
With two staterooms, or one stateroom and a lower dinette that can convert to a berth, it can sleep four people comfortably. The galley, which is belowdecks, includes an oven, a microwave, a refrigerator, a two-burner induction stove and a dishwasher.

While the MTB *fourzero* Wheelhouse appears to be from another era, its technology and propulsion are definitely of today.

Outdoor seating is abundant on three cockpit settees (and a bow sunpad), and an opening sunroof brings a bit of outdoors inside.

The 43-foot, 10-inch-long yacht has a beam of 13 feet, 2 inches and a draft of about 3 feet, 5 inches, for getting to shallow-water destinations. Its twin Volvo Penta IPS 600 diesels crank out a combined 870 hp and push the classic-looking yacht to 35 knots. So the yacht is classic looking, but it's definitely of its time when it comes to power and performance.

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### Strangers in the Sea

IN JUNE, hundreds of thousands of strange creatures resembling pickles showed up in the ocean waters off and around the coast of Newport, Ore. The creatures, called pyrosomes, look like translucent pickles, about the size of cucumber pickles and were first spotted in the area two years ago but showed up in astounding numbers in June. Pyrosomes, which might be new to many boaters on the West Coast, are usually found just offshore in tropical climates.

Photos courtesy U.S. Coast Guard

### Brighter Light

BOATERS OFF THE COAST OF Oregon who pass by the Cape Blanco Lighthouse may notice the beam is a tad brighter these days. That's because Coast Guard members gave the lens a good scrubbing in July. Cape Blanco Lighthouse serves as both a navigational aid and a danger warning for ships operating around the southern Oregon coast.