



Press Release from Cygnus Marine Boats Ltd.

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CYGNUS Marine Boats Ltd based near Lowestoft will confirm a third order for its 'new GM26' potter/netter at the Irish Skipper Expo in Galway.

Designed by the iconic marine architect, Gary Mitchell, a specialist in inshore boats, the new GM26 is the longer version of a new range of inshore fishing boats that have lower running costs – the new GM 26 being able to develop its potential on as little as 50hp, claims Gary Mitchell.

Cygnus Marine Boats can supply craft ranging from 22.7ft in overall length to 26ft in overall length from a purposely built mould, a move after the firm's owners spotted an ever-growing call for 'big' under-10m boats with low overheads.

“Skippers are not only calling for low power in terms of running costs, they want the added gain by having a lower tonnage/horsepower ratio to obtain a cheaper fishing license,” said Cygnus Marine Boats’ financial director Dave Simpson.

Together with shipwright Gary Brown and vessel surveyor Henry Millington, the team of three owners plan to “fit” their new GM22/26 between well-known designs already on the market, believing that their single/two handed craft may appeal to a growing number of fuel-wise inshore skippers.

Not to be confused with the original iconic Cornish firm, Cygnus Marine Ltd, one that closed down a couple of years ago, Cygnus Marine Boats has purchased the moulds of the GM 15 (15ft OAL), GM 16 (16ft OAL) and GM19 (19ft OAL) and saw the introduction of the new GM22/26 as a “wise move,” said Gary Brown.

“We received so many enquiries from beach boat fishermen and those who work from tidal harbours too – they wanted a ‘big’ little boat suitable for working from such ports. I have spoken to many such skippers who want a big small boat, who want to use as little power as possible to save on the running costs, and to get a cheaper license too. As the overall length of the new GM26 is below eight metres it may fall within any forthcoming licence regulations.

“Because of his knowledge, experience and track record we approached Gary Mitchell, and because those fishermen want a boat to cut through the water with as least cost as possible, believed he was the man to produce such a design, one keeping the bluff on the bow to have as much deck space as possible. And he did.

“Other boats now available are, under the waterline, more fuller at the bow and simply cost more to travel through the water and we

saw a niche in the market. Yes there are other 26ft boats out there, we know that, but there is a call for a boat suitable as a single hander or two-man operation without all the heaving and hard work necessary if it is a beach boat or tidal harbour boat. We are not in competition to the other makes but are giving people an option and to us that's the right way to go."

Designer Gary Mitchell said: "The most important thing with the new GM22/26 is its adaptability on the hull lengths – the firm can supply a boat of overall sizes between 22.7ft to 26ft in overall length and either a shallow draft or conventional draft version – its mould was purposely designed for such craft to be made, and will hit the market not as an afterthought of tacking-on three and a bit extra feet onto a 22ft mould to make the 26ft version. And the skeg is set in proportion in either size and is not the result of guesswork."

Vessel Specification

Length Moulded	22'7 1/2" - 6.90m to 26' 00" – 7.95m
Beam	9'10" 3.00m
Draught	2'5 1/2"- 0.75m or 3'0" – 0.95m
Displacement	2.80 Tonne (approximate)
Power required	50hp 37kw
Propeller (standard)	19 1/2" 50cm
Construction	GRP hand layup in mould.

Further details can be obtained from the firm's website:

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A short DVD of the latest build will be available by the end of February.