The New
WHEELER 55
LEGACY SEDAN
Of all the Legends spawned by the sea and swallowed in the mists of time a few return too strong, and too proud, to simply stay a memory.

And so, now the Wheeler.
We are a new company, but founded on an unparalleled history. We are the same family who designed and built over 3,500 hulls in a span of 50 years. The same company which served our great country during two world wars and the same family who built a quality brand that has stood the test of time.

The Wheeler family is building yachts again.

Although there is a literal sea of boat builders today, few are interested in American craftsmanship. The Wheelers used only the finest materials and the best equipment available at the time: Philippine mahogany interiors, Burmese teak cockpits, Chrysler marine engines, monel tanks, oak frames and keels. Our yachts were considered the best of the best and we were copied by many.

We still hold the principles which forged the original Wheeler Yacht Company. Our family would have it no other way.

The Wheeler has returned.

We have re-emerged with a single yacht design, the 55’ Wheeler Legacy Sedan. From the outside, it is a near replica of the 1952 Wheeler Sportfisherman crafted from the latest fiberglass technology. On the inside it is a completely new yacht, from the engine room to the galley to the owner’s stateroom. This magnificent yacht will cruise faster than any boat of its kind without compromising a single thing. With a peak tested speed of 42 knots, it will allow the avid fisherman to beat the competition when speed is needed. Inside, it will be a home away from home. It will be an American masterpiece.

Become part of our legacy. Only a few will own a new Wheeler.

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The new Wheeler Legacy Sedan will be a dream to own. It will look like a classic but run like a thoroughbred. Its distinctive styling will set it apart from anything in your marina.

The profile of the Legacy Sedan is a near replica of the 1952 Sportfisherman, which was originally designed by Wesley L. Wheeler. The new version is designed by Tom Fexas Yacht Design, an internationally recognized high performance yacht designer. Tom Fexas’ well respected design pedigree, when added to Wheeler’s distinctive styling and technical management, combine to produce excellence. It will be a yacht completely designed, managed and built in the United States. This yacht, like the earlier Wheelers, will be built with the best American equipment and the finest finishes available. It will conform to American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) standards and the hull design will conform to American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) requirements.

The Wheeler 55 Legacy Sedan has been extensively tested for performance. The model test predicted a top speed of 42 knots with the output of the twin C-32 Caterpillar engines at half load, calm water. The boat starts planing at 15 knots and will maintain a 4 degree trim at its economical 30 knot cruising speed prior to deployment of trim tabs. Its unique hull design, with carefully engineered chines, provides excellent sea going stability and spray control even in rough conditions.

The boat will be equipped with ZF™ driveline controls, rear-facing command station and bow thruster for maximum docking control. Excellent on-board generator capacity, air conditioning, advanced electronics, and satellite communications are some of the many features of this boat. A fully equipped galley, dishwasher, washer/dryer and flat screen television units also add to the comforts demanded by today’s yachtsmen.

We have selected Bennett Brothers Yachts to build our new Wheeler. This was the result of an extensive search for best practice. Paul Bennett is a veteran in boat building and former President at Stevens Yachts. He is an accomplished sailor and a past president of the Yacht Brokers Association of America. Paul’s shipyard is conveniently located in Wilmington, North Carolina.

The 55 Legacy Sedan is not only part of our legacy; it is a new reality for Wheeler.
The Wheeler Yacht Company was founded nearly 100 years ago by Howard E. Wheeler, a New York entrepreneur. Howard had five sons who learned the family business and ran the company for over 50 years. During this period, the family built over 3,500 boats of the finest quality of their time.

Most of the boats were crafted of wood. The hull frames and keels were oak; the cabin sides and hull planking were solid mahogany, and the decks were teak. Fittings, tanks, and shafts were made of the highest grade of stainless and monel.

Craftsmanship was of utmost concern, and the Wheelers did everything possible to retain their carpenters, joiners, fitters and built a truly great company to work for.

The family demonstrated their patriotism during both world wars by shutting down pleasure yacht construction and instead building ships for the US Navy, Army, and Coast Guard. Wheeler built all 300 of the 83’ Coast Guard cutters, US Navy rescue tugs, US Army cargo ships and 106’ Navy minesweepers. For this effort, the Wheelers earned eight Navy ‘E’ pennants for distinguished service to the US military.

Wheeler returned to pleasure yacht building after the war, and it was during the next ten years that they demonstrated their true passion. The re-introduction of the Playmate series of custom yachts proved to be their most popular and enduring design. Ernest Hemingway’s beloved ‘Pilar’, although built before the war, was the inspiration for the new generation of sportfisherman boats. The Wheeler Playmates were featured at the New York Boat Show for many years, and still proudly attract attention at marinas across the United States.

Join the family... be part of the legacy.

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