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Morris Yachts' New U.S. Coast Guard *Leadership 44* Yachts Now Available To Sailors Around The World

BASS HARBOR, MAINE, (December 01, 2011) – The U.S. Coast Guard Academy's Leadership 44 sailing yacht, designed and built for performance, reliability and Cadet safety is now available to "civilian" sailors around the world to purchase. The Leadership 44 civilian models (Lp44 for racing and Lc44 for cruising), retain all of the exciting sailing characteristics of the USCG model with some small enhancements for easier sailing on deck and more comfort below.

Designed to the highest specification in the industry to comply with USCG rigorous standards, the Leadership 44 is one of a kind. "If you're looking for a world-class ocean going yacht to take you to Bermuda and beyond, this is the one" says Peter Smith, Chief Engineer at Morris Yachts, ME. "Our Morris Yachts renowned craftsmanship combines with David Pedrick's progressive design for a highly responsive and well-engineered vessel that is unmatched by anything else".

The boats have a carbon fiber rig, boom and rudder, a single helm with wide open transom (optional) and a reinforced resin infused hull to withstand a wide range of sea conditions. Every aspect of design is optimized to enhance the sailing experience. Its sturdy design inspires confidence; for the Cadet at the helm and for the recreational yachtsman alike.

The interior layouts are as optimized as the exterior. The Lp44's performance lightweight interior ensures increased speed under sail while the optimally configured internal layout comfortably accommodates a race crew of seven to nine. The Lc44 cruising version has three distinct cabins including a large vee berth with private head and a double guest quarter berth opposite the second head. The functional U-shaped galley in both boats allows serious cuisine preparation, and, with standing headroom down below of 6 foot 4 inches, even the tallest crew member can comfortably maneuver (or cook!) below whilst off watch.

About Morris Yachts

Founded in 1972, Morris Yachts is America's premier builder of semi-custom and custom sailing yachts from 29-85ft. Through their M-Series and Ocean Series lines and now their Leadership 44 yacht with the USCG Academy, Morris Yachts have a demonstrated reputation for luxury, performance and great value. The company operates a complete yacht service organization including brokerage, service and custom yacht construction.

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If you'd like more information on this subject or would like to schedule an interview with Morris Yachts' President Cuyler Morris, or jump onboard the Leadership 44 for a test sail at the USCG Academy in CT, please contact Sarah Fawle, Director of Marketing and PR, (207) 664-4944, sfawle@morrisyachts.com