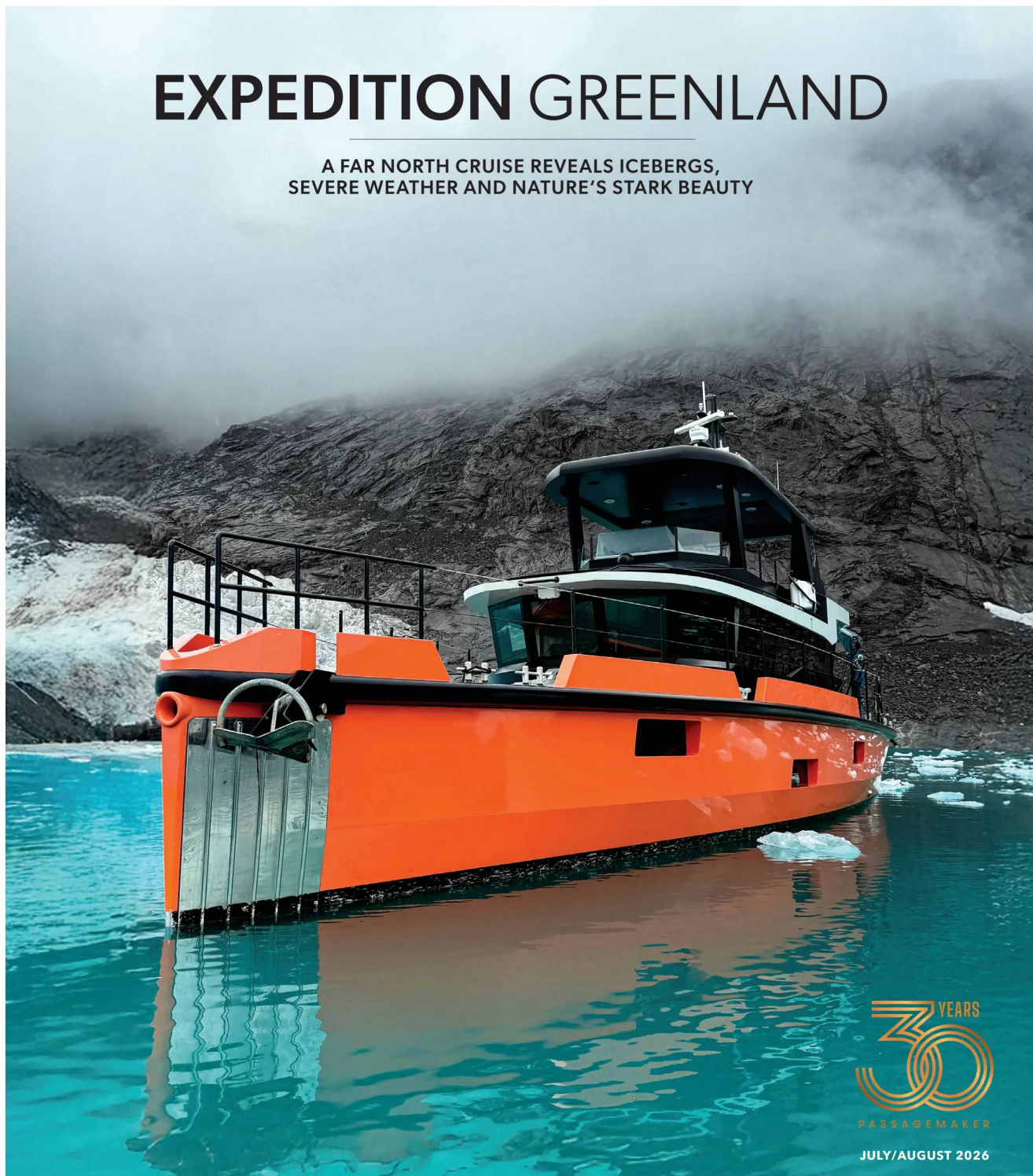


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NEW BOAT: GRANOCEAN W-72

The pedigree behind the GranOcean W-72 is impressive:

Noted naval architect Howard Apollonio drew her hull, and the interiors are designed by the Netherlands-based house of Vripack.

The first W-72 to hit American shores—Hull No. 3 in the builder’s 72-foot series—debuted this spring at the Palm Beach International Boat Show. A fully custom boat, she is a three-stateroom model with a open flybridge. The lower helm, to port, is flanked by a breakfast bar as well as a galley down in the after section, accessed via a companionway that leads to her crew quarters. Buyers can choose from three to five staterooms, galley up or galley down and either an open or closed flybridge, the latter obviating the need for a lower helm.

A single level, main-deck layout flows from the cockpit into the airy salon—she carries nearly 33 feet of beam—and onto the foredeck via a centerline door, where a hot tub flanks a pair of L-shape settees that can convert to sunpads. Like nearly all the spaces on the W-72, the foredeck is available with a number of seating configurations.



Hull No. 3 is finished in Vripack’s Scandinavian palette, one of four offered for the W-72. Cork decks throughout her exterior spaces are a fine alternative to teak, which is also available.

Her standard power package, a pair of 550-hp Cummins, returns impressive range numbers: more than 2,960 nautical miles at 7.5 knots and 1,758 nm at 9 knots. GranOcean offers 715-hp Cummins and 1,150-hp Cat 18s as power options. granocean.com



FUME FIGHTER

I associate a number of pleasant aromas with boating: the briny sea, a sizzling steak on the barbie, sunblock, varnished teak. In contrast, there is a witches’ brew of noxious odors, from diesel fumes to fetid bilge water, that I like to forget. Holding-tank fumes are at the top of that list. A solution could be had with Perko’s Odor Eater waste tank vent filter. Utilizing a quick connect design, the Odor Eater is compatible with all waste systems or holding tank installations. Perko says it’s easily installed. The starter kit comes with a filter, a mounting bracket, a set of quick disconnects and adapters to accommodate a range of configurations. Replacing the filter is a tool-free affair: Just squeeze the quick disconnects to release the old cartridge, and snap the new one in its place. Perko has been manufacturing hardware for the commercial and recreational marine industries for more than 100 years, with its large range of products all sourced and made in the United States. perko.com