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Grand Banks 44 Eastbay SX

What makes this new Eastbay an ideal near-coastal explorer? Start with her performance and ride. Owners can cruise far out in the Bahamas or up the Inside Passage at 20-plus knots. Speed allows you to run from poor weather, and to go beyond the beaten path in less time. This adventure yacht hits 42.7 knots wide open, and at a cruising speed of 22 knots, the Eastbay has a range of 433 nautical miles with a 10 percent reserve. Bump her down to 17.5 knots, and your range jumps to about 475 nautical miles. No worries if you run into some challenging seas. The 44 Eastbay SX rides a deep-vee C. Raymond Hunt-designed hull.

She's built with high-end materials — the latest E-glass, vinylester and epoxy resins, stitched multiaxial fabrics and lightweight linear foam. The light yet strong construction gives her longer legs and solid fuel efficiency.

Along with her performance and construction, the Eastbay shares the Grand Banks DNA. The 14-foot-7-inch beam carried forward allows for a utility room, extra optional freezer, optional washer/dryer and three staterooms, all in a manageable 44-foot Down East express cruiser.

Grand Banks embraces the latest technology while ensuring its vessels remain simple and reliable. The easier things are to understand



LOA: 48 feet, 9 inches
BEAM: 14 feet, 7 inches
DRAFT: 3 feet, 3 inches
DISPLACEMENT: 39,600 pounds (half load)
FUEL: 488 gallons
POWER: twin 435-hp Volvo Penta IPS 600
SPEED: 42.7 knots top, 22 knots cruise
PRICE: \$1.175 million
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and use, the more time you're out on the water. Case in point: The IPS 600s and accompanying joystick steering on the Eastbay make docking and low-speed maneuvering a breeze.

For accommodations, in the main salon you have a roomy space to relax and dine. Electric drop-down windows open the boat up on all sides. The salon includes a straight galley (with an induction cooktop, refrigerator, sink and picture-window view) to starboard and a dinette to port with a U-shaped settee.

A starboard door leads to the cockpit, with its teak sole, L-shaped settee and mezzanine-style seat — a great place to sit while cruising or watching someone fight a fish. A starboard transom door leads to an oversized swim/boarding platform. You can carry paddleboards, kayaks and other water toys on the hardtop.

You'll feel safe moving about the boat, with its wide side decks, high bow rail and multiple handholds. The IPS 600s — as well as the battery boxes, water heater and freshwater system — can be accessed under a cockpit sole hatch. The Eastbay has her innards in order, but don't forget her eye-pleasing exterior: a prominently raised trunk cabin, three-pane windshield, navy blue hull and teak trim. She's a true adventurer, and a good-looking one at that.



A deep-vee hull and spacious salon make the 44 Eastbay SX a comfortable cruiser.