

A Luxurious Weekender

Yacht DNA Found In Galeon's New 32-Footer



Established in 1982, Galeon Yachts is a privately-owned company which specializes in constructing luxurious yachts and motorboats.

You've most likely seen the majority of its impressive lineup on the Great Lakes consisting of high-end yachts ranging from 41 to 72 feet in length. These stunning yachts are all beautiful, but it's their largest models such as its 650 SKY and 680 FLY that the manufacturer is best known for. However, what you haven't seen before, at least not until recently, is a 32-foot version from Galeon that is being released for the 2021 model year.

Galeon Yacht's history and high-end reputation are based primarily on its larger yachts, but after intense market research and seeing a void in the industry—combined with the fact the outboard segment continues to grow—the manufacturer knew it could attract a wider audience by offering a new model, and thus the 325 GTO was born.

"It was three years in the making as it's been on paper for years and so much went into it," said Galeon U.S. Brand Manager Bob Burke. "We interviewed our customers and found what the market was looking for. We gave Galeon a list of pillars they needed to

hit with this boat that the market was demanding."

Powered by twin Mercury Verado 350hp outboards, the Galeon 325 GTO measures 32 feet, 9 inches (9.99 M) in length overall with a beam of 10 feet, 11 inches (3.28 M). From the full hardtop to the in-hull ports, everything you see is molded in—not cut out and inserted, making the intricate design well worth the effort for the impressive result.

Attainable Quality

In keeping with Galeon's philosophy of leading rather than following, the engineering and design teams were limited only by their imaginations

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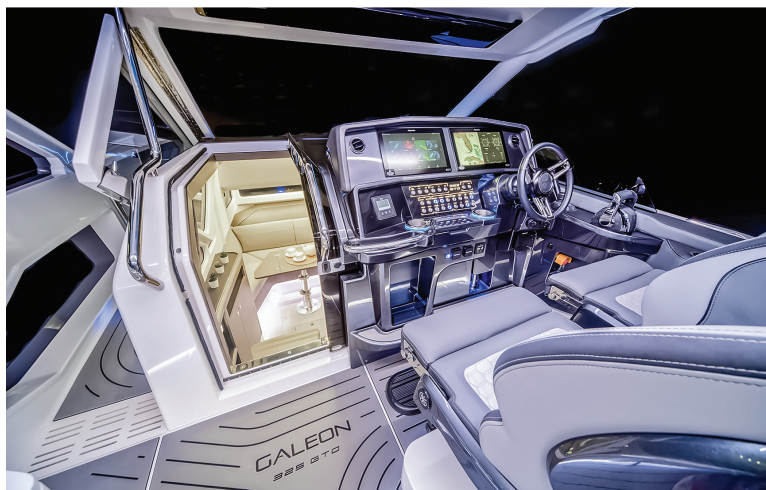


when creating the brand-new GTO line. Design, quality and features are abundant with a stunning multi-color lighting package, single-level deck throughout, power adjustable helm seats and steering wheel, and interior appointments consistent with their larger yachts.

“Galeon Yachts is an aspirational brand for many and we are extremely honored to bring hallmark quality, design, and innovation to the brand-new 325 GTO,” said Jacek Kobylko, the president of Galeon Yachts, who commented from the factory in Poland. “This outboard-powered, feature-rich, 32-foot craft ensures Galeon is attainable for a larger audience of boating and yachting enthusiasts.”

With the outboard power the manufacturer feels it makes their brand available to more poten-







tial buyers and hints that this is only the beginning. The evolution of the Grand Touring Outboard (GTO) collection is something Galeon engineers will continue to work on with rumors of other models in this series predicted to follow.

U.S. Bound

While you could see this new 325 GTO in the European market, Galeon has made it clear that it's going after the U.S. with this new release.

"As a dealership, MarineMax prides itself on building deep relationships with our customers. Galeon listens to what we want as a dealer and transforms those wants into world-class boats," explained Chuck Cashman, MarineMax chief revenue officer. "Those customers share with us their wants and desires for their current and next boats. Galeon seems to have no boundaries for design and innovation and compressing the normal design timeline and always seems to be just ahead of the pack."

MarineMax is the nation's largest recreational boat and yacht retailer and it will offer the new 325 GTO throughout all of its locations including through its SkipperBud's dealerships. In October last year, MarineMax acquired SkipperBud's to gain 20 locations including those in the Great Lakes region in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Ohio. The timing of the acquisition is perfect for our area since the versatility of the new 32-footer will be a great fit for Great Lakers looking for a day boat or weekender with Galeon quality.

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"What's even more remarkable is the 325 GTOs are so nimble and innovative without ever compromising on quality," added Cashman. "It's a wonderful blend of leading-edge innovation and design married to old-world quality."

Galeon's mission is to lead through innovation and design and the Galeon 325 GTO is a perfect reflection of that dedication with a stylish family cruiser that is revolutionary for its size class.

"It's not a huge boat at 32 feet, but it feels like a huge boat," said Burke. "With entrances on both sides you gain a greater flow onboard and from the full windshield to the side that folds down, the 325 GTO has sleek lines with the DNA of Galeon."

Beach Mode

The new model features Galeon's Beach Mode where the portside of the boat folds down, increasing the beam of the boat and providing easier access to the water. The unique fold-down platform is an innovative design that allows the aft area to open up, creating an entirely new feel to the boat.

Designer Tony Castro, renowned for his ultra-luxurious superyacht projects as well as all Galeon models, created the extra expanse for enjoying watersports or sunning. In combination with the plush transom seating, which can face fore or aft, the platform offers unrivaled versatility.



Added Touches

While the stern gets plenty of much-deserved attention, the intricate and brilliantly designed helm console with a full-width, single-piece windshield and fully-loaded dash remains the boat's main focal point.

"The helm is really laid out nicely and the seat adjusts up and down, not just the tilt wheel, so you can stand or sit and be extremely comfortable while driving," added Burke.

A walk-through section to port lets you access the plentiful bow seating without stooping, climbing, or squeezing through a small opening. In a feat of ingenious engineering, this section slides up into the hardtop, preserving full standing headroom and all-around space for you to pass. The bow area is the perfect social spot and comfortably accommodates a crowd, since the 325 GTO carries the full beam forward.

Light It Up

From the state-of-the-art speakers in the bow to the well-equipped helm—where the twin seats look like they came straight from a sports car—and to the bold nameboard aft, LEDs illuminate everything in a sophisticated yet night-vision-friendly blue hue. For additional practical needs, the toe kick lighting turns to white at the press of a button. And, speaking of light, sunlight streams into the comfortable cabin through a side port. Brightness like this is unheard of in this size, and a proud hallmark of Galeon Yachts.

Vertical Integration

Galeon's successful designs are the direct result of relying on as few of outside vendors as possible when constructing its boats. Being a vertical integration manufacturer to them means not only building its boats in-house, but taking care of the upholstery, paint, stainless-steel work, engineering and woodworking as well. The manufacturer even makes its own hinges.

"If you need something, you're not at the mercy of a vendor to get it to you," added Burke. "We're governed only by our own imagination."

The new 325 GTO with the power and reliability of twin outboards combined with Galeon quality is sure to be a hit on the Great Lakes as this new series of high-end boats are released. If we've learned anything from this manufacturer it is we should come to expect the unexpected as anything is truly possible from this builder. •



325 GTO Specifications

LOA:	32' 9"
Beam:	14' 5"
Draft:	3' 8"
Fuel Capacity:	225 gals.
Water Capacity:	32 gals.
Max Capacity:	15,800 lbs.
Max HP:	700hp

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