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BAVARIA YACHTS ADDS TANDEM KEEL ON SHOAL-DRAFT SAILBOAT MODELS

ANNAPOLIS, Md. – October 16, 2006 – Bavaria Yachts is now offering an optional tandem keel that provides shallower draft with improved sailing performance.

The tandem keel is available on the shoal-draft models of the Bavaria 30, 33 and 37 Cruisers.

“The tandem keel design offers the same range of stability as a deep keel, in that the center of gravity is kept low by putting weight from the center of the keel into the bulb,” said Bruce Mundle, managing director of Bavaria Yachts USA. “The result is less drag and more lift, with better tracking to windward and easier tacking.”

“Test results have revealed improved performance over traditional shoal keel designs, with performance comparable to a deeper draft keel. It also provides better damping of pitch and roll and enhanced directional stability and resistance to broaching,” Mundle added. “Tandem keels have been actively campaigned in the grand prix racing circuit for many years and many people with intimate knowledge of the program speculate that tandem keels will be in evidence in the next America’s Cup.”

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