



**Introducing Catalina’s New 425 –  
A 5 Series Design that Deservedly Succeeds the Legendary Catalina 42**

(LARGO, FL) – November 2, 2015 – Internationally-recognized Catalina Yachts of Largo, Florida just announced the debut of its all-new Catalina 425, scheduled for a March 2016 launch. This new design is the result of popular demand for this size yacht – big enough for extended cruising, yet small enough to be easily handled by two people. True to the *5 Series* philosophy, the new 425 is contemporary in style, and traditional in function and practicality.

“Our popular 42 that was launched in 1989 enjoyed a long production run of well over 1,000 hulls,” reported Frank Butler, founder of Catalina Yachts. “In response to the continued high demand for a 42-foot cruising yacht, I’m proud of our team effort in designing the new 425,” he said.

The 425 incorporates all of Catalina’s hallmark features: a functional, spacious cockpit, a comfortable, carefully detailed interior, and all the *5 Series* features that have redefined the Catalina brand. The deck includes twin helms on performance pedestals with pre-stretched cables. The hull features six large fixed ports recessed into the hull for lots of light and visibility. A self-tacking jib and jib traveler are standard, and main and jib sheets are lead to the helm for efficient short-handed sailing. The forward owner’s cabin features a large centerline berth with an elevating adjustable mattress. There are starboard and port aft cabins; the latter is easily convertible to a storage cabin with a “gull wing cockpit hatch”. A central accessible mechanical space provides excellent access to primary engine, generator, water heater and air conditioners, which simplifies maintenance and inspections necessary for systems reliability.

The 425 is the 6<sup>th</sup> model in the *5 Series*, where there is a bold emphasis on strength; a five-part construction with a dedicated structural grid insures ruggedly-built boats that stand up to the test of time. Unique design features include a watertight StrikeZone™ collision bulkhead forward; DeepDefense™ rudder system for failsafe steering and a T-Beam MastStep™ structure, with all the benefits of a deck-stepped mast and the strength of a keel-stepped mast. The SecureSocket™ mast support/chainplate system facilitates perfect load resolution and watertight integrity. Knitted fabrics create a stronger laminate without additional weight. Catalina's trademark lead keels absorb impact for safety and require less maintenance than other materials.

All systems are designed following the recommendations and standards of the ABYC and IMCI to earn the highest rating of Category A - Unlimited Offshore. The suggested base price of a Catalina 425 is \$262,900 with electronics and sails.

Catalina's philosophy is straightforward: Design boats that stand up to real world conditions and sail well. They must be comfortable above and below, easy to maintain and hold their value. A commitment to owner satisfaction has enhanced customer confidence and loyalty that has made Catalina the preeminent builder of sailboats in the United States with an extensive national and international dealer network.

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