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Swedish boat building heritage dictates solid construction and a meticulous approach to craftsmanship

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located in the heart of Viking country on the Swedish island of Gotland, the Swedish boatbuilder J Craft and its master craftsmen and women are the cradle of knowledge of ancient local traditions that have defined the region's shipbuilding history. J Craft is rooted in Sweden's rich seafaring heritage and its people are descendants of the Vikings who settled in Gotland from the 12th century. The history of J Craft is a long and winding one. For more than two decades it has been driven by a shared passion to create one of the most exceptional, beautiful, and high-performance boats on the water. J Craft was born in 1999 with the first 38-foot Cabrio Cruiser. It took a whole year of work, but Hull #1, Polaris, was delivered to her new



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owner, His Majesty Carl XVI Gustav, King of Sweden, in August the same year. A striking 1950s and '60s retro vintage-style boat, the Cabrio Cruiser was distinguished by classic design, beautiful materials, exquisite engineering and state-of-the-art, thoroughly modern technology. Polaris was built around a modern fibreglass hull with mahogany veneer and powered by Yanmar engines with straight shaft propulsion. Based near St. Tropez, Polaris is still being used 20-plus years later and remains the King's favourite boat for Mediterranean cruises. In 2009, J Craft introduced the 42-foot Torpedo. Although retaining the Cabrio Cruiser's elegant and timeless design features, she was a brand new and upgraded interpretation of her older sister's vintage style. Since its introduction, J Craft has built 20 Torpedos, all of them handcrafted by local craftsmen and each requiring more than 8,000 man-hours (or almost 1 year) to produce. The 42-foot Torpedo series is the J Craft's signature model. J Craft designed the

Torpedo's hull in direct cooperation with Volvo Penta to accommodate the rudderless IPS system that offers effortlessly intuitive and precise handling. The entire construction process is unhurried and characterised by exacting craftsmanship, a key aspect that everyone in the yard takes great pride in maintaining. Quality, in its most traditional form, takes time and it is not surprising there is a lengthy waiting list. J Craft combines the excellence of classic style with contemporary power and practicality; a finely balanced blend of old and new, where form and function are equally important. All the completed boats are tested in the fierce Nordic waters surrounding Gotland to ensure maximum capability, performance and safety for owners around the world. The J Craft brand is an experience in Heritage, Craftmanship, Design and Luxury. J Craft mixes unique values in a product of unparalleled quality, beauty, strength and durability. For example, the Torpedo's mahogany decking, which is lacquered and varnished

18 times, the leather trim and stainless steel finishes, are all built to last thanks to ancient traditions and carefully selected manufacturing processes. J Craft stands for great woodworking skills. The Torpedo's polished woodwork is made from sustainably sourced, rainforest-free West African mahogany. The graceful, curved lines are made out of solid wood by using a steam-bending technique that has not changed since the Vikings built their original long ships. The Torpedo is a jewel of the sea, built around spaces designed down to the smallest detail to facilitate a deep connection between the owner and the water. It is a boat with a unique and elegant style, the perfect embodiment of "la dolce vita", that draws on the highest quality wood, fine Italian leathers and luxury fabrics from top designer brands. The result is a glamorous accessory for a new-life perspective on the water where excellence and innovation are in perfect balance. J Craft Torpedos are equipped with the latest generation Volvo Penta IPS

engines (Volvo Penta IPS 500, 600-R or 650-RS) for speeds of close to 50 knots and exceptional manoeuvrability. They have regularly undertaken long trips, in the South China Sea from Hong Kong to Hainan, in the Baltic Sea between Gotland and Stockholm, and in the Med where they frequently cruise from St. Tropez to Ibiza or to Sardinia and back. The open cockpit with two sundecks is designed to comfortably accommodate up to 10 adults plus a captain for day cruises. The spacious cabin, when needed, sleeps up to 4 guests in comfort. With her classic, figure-of-eight shape, the Torpedo is much more than a clever collection of lines and curves. The unique design is the result of a long heritage of knowledge of the sea and the most contemporary joie de vivre. The J Craft Torpedo is synonymous with good vibes and fun in the most glamorous places around the world. Its singular style charts its own course, attracting admiring glances along the way. ■ ■ ■