

# STRETCH JOB

**A COCKPIT EXTENSION AND TOTAL REFIT TRANSFORMS A 63' HINES-FARLEY SPORTFISH INTO A 66'**

**WHAT HAPPENS** when yacht owners need more space but just can't bring themselves to part with their pride and joy? For some, an extension of their current boat is the answer.

*J&B* is a Hines-Farley sportfish yacht which the Jarrett Bay service department hauled out as a 63' but returned to the water as a completely updated 66'. An incredibly intricate project undertaken with Phillips Project Management of New Bern, NC, the boat's transom was removed with surgical-like precision and the bridge deck, engine room, bulkheads and cockpit rebuilt to provide more space for a mezzanine level, as well as make it the longest and fastest Hines-Farley on the water today.

*J&B* underwent a complete repower with twin C32 ACERT Caterpillar engines, along with new generators, fuel and freshwater systems, a bow thruster addition, and an exhaust package with improved ventilation. She also received custom interior upgrades, extensive rewiring and electronics upgrades, along with new paint from top to bottom and a new full-size tower.

The entire rebuild took place from start to finish at the Jarrett Bay Marine Park and received attention from a myriad of park affiliates including Bausch American Towers, IMS American Electronics and Gregory Poole Cat®. All in all, she is an impressive example of Jarrett Bay and Bluewater's comprehensive service and refit capabilities.



## NEW LIFE

Teams from over 10 marine service companies worked hand in hand to rebuild and upgrade almost every aspect of *J & B*

*Photos courtesy of Phillips Project Management & Jarrett Bay Boatworks*





J&B was run over 8,000 nautical miles round-trip to be cared for at Jarrett Bay



## DECISIONS, DECISIONS

The process of J&B's renewal actually started as long ago as the 2011 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, when the owner ultimately decided there were no new boats available that could break his devotion to his long-treasured rig. Enter seasoned project manager Marc Phillips, who worked for builder Hines-Farley from 1985-1999 and was involved in the initial construction of this fine custom boat. Now working independently, Phillips was tapped early on as a natural choice for leading this special refit project. Having worked for Hatteras Yachts after his tenure at Hines-Farley, Marc also had pre-

established working relationships in North Carolina with the Jarrett Bay and Gregory Poole CAT teams.

Slicing open a one-of-a-kind sportfish yacht is not for the faint of heart and working with an experienced yard and staff such as Jarrett Bay presents many benefits. Nothing would seem to encapsulate the owner's and captain's complete trust in Phillips and Jarrett Bay more than their eagerness to run the boat over 4,000 nautical miles – on her own bottom – from Puerto Vallarta through the Panama Canal and Caribbean, just to get to the Jarrett Bay yard in Beaufort, North Carolina. Ultimately the decision to bring the boat all that way was made due to the long-term availability of an enclosed service bay at exceptionally competitive prices, as well as Jarrett Bay's willingness to take on such a large project with Marc's close supervision during the dissection and rebuilding of her hand-built framework. Phillips explains, "A strong team was our concept from day one. The owner, his captain, Jarrett Bay, the design team and all the subcontractors fully embraced that concept."

Finding a willing service team however is just the start on a project as complex as this. Experience, adaptability and communication are equally important traits throughout the lifespan of an ambitious



## TRICKED OUT

**Project Manager**  
Marc Phillips and the Jarrett Bay team performed a multitude of upgrades over the course of the project. Here's what Marc had to say about some of the notable new features for J&B.

### Power

*"Jamie McDonald at Gregory Poole (Cat) was able to come up with the power, weight and pricing that was a perfect match for the boat. The Cat® Three60 controls and GPLink system were the crown on top of an already great engine, gear, and thruster package."*



ON THE WEB:

[gregorypoole.com/marine](http://gregorypoole.com/marine)

### Tower

*"After over 8 years of west coast marlin fishing with the original tower, the captain knew what he wanted and Bausch American Towers designed a piece of art that complemented the lines of the boat."*



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[bauschamericantowers.com](http://bauschamericantowers.com)

### Remote Monitoring

*"GPLink is a fantastic tool to keep track of the vessel. On the way up the captain felt at times he was all alone with no safety blanket, with GPLink he knew we were all looking out for him. I still monitor the boat for alarms and performance regularly and always will. It's an amazing feature that works flawlessly."*



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project. "Through constant communication we were able to hit our goals even though we were frequently adjusting the scope of work. In the end the owner was amazed at the quality and quantity of work we all accomplished in 14 months," adds Phillips.

### A DAY AT THE PARK

Home to Bluewater Yacht Sales' Beaufort, North Carolina headquarters, the Jarrett Bay facility is situated in the Intracoastal Waterway just north of Beaufort Inlet and is one of the most complete yacht service centers in the United States. Directly adjacent to Bluewater's office space, the haul-out basin is the beating heart of a 175-




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acre marine industrial park, with nearly two-dozen occupants providing every kind of marine service and product imaginable.

The service yard features three travel lifts with capacity up to 220-tons, nearly 1,500 feet of floating docks and throughout the course of a calendar year, the team hauls out over 600 boats for maintenance and projects of all types and sizes.

Owner Randy Ramsey explains, "Our idea was to bring together like-minded marine companies in a way that we can all work with each other and provide ultimate service to our customers. If you bring your boat to Jarrett Bay – whether its a large or a small job – you'll work with a single service manager who can coordinate every trade service. From rebuilding engines, installing a new tower, full paint jobs – anything you want to accomplish on your boat can be done right here."

Jarrett Bay is authorized to provide repair and warranty work for all of Bluewater's new boat brands and it's easy to see why major production builders such as Lazzara, Hatteras, Grand Banks, Nordhavn and Viking have fully entrusted them with the scope of those responsibilities. 



### AMAZING CAPACITY

- Servicing approximately 475 boats/year ranging in length from 16' to 135'
- Performing 600-700 haul-outs/year, with more than 9,000 haul-outs since 1998
- Nearly 300,000 items in inventory, valued at more than \$1,000,000
- Over 7,000 gallons of paint applied in 2 years
- 15,177 board feet of teak installed in 2.5 years – this would cover the cockpits of 120 Jarrett Bay boats
- Hauling 150 yachts in 4 days, Jarrett Bay sheltered a total of over 220 vessels during Hurricane Irene