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## A Brilliant Day for a Wilbur Yacht Launch

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SOUTHWEST HARBOR — Jerry and Dianne Lynch couldn't have asked for a more beautiful late-November day to launch their new Wilbur/Duffy 38 yacht, Lonrach. A sparkling sky and warm temperatures greeted the Falmouth, Mass. owners, the builders, John and Ingrid Kachmar, and their crew down at the Manset town dock this week, as the jade green-hulled boat, whose Gaelic name means "brilliant," slid gracefully into the water. "We named it that because we thought it was brilliant to go into debt at our age when we already had a perfectly wonderful Wilbur yacht," Mr. Lynch joked. Indeed, this was not just the first, nor the second, but the fifth time the couple has been associated with the Lee S. Wilbur Co. yard.

Over the years, the company has built for the couple two Wilbur 34s, a Wilbur/BHM 36, and a Wilbur/Duffy 38, named Innishglas, which means "calm island." The 36 was a workboat for the client's asphalt construction company on Cape Cod, for jobs out on the islands.

They stick with the same boatbuilding company, Mrs. Lynch said succinctly, because of "the Wilbur people." The new 38 is basically the same layout as the previous 38, but with an express cruiser configuration rather than a flybridge.

"We eliminated the flybridge because we'd like to take it south, and we wanted to facilitate the trip," Mr. Lynch said, mentioning low bridges in particular. Up to now, they've done most of their cruising between Maine and New York. Most of their Maine time revolves around the Wilbur yard.

The owners gave considerable thought to the interior details, with plenty of teak throughout, comfortable accommodations, and ample storage. They particularly asked for a centerline master berth, with separate stalls for the shower and head, to make it easier to get around. The boat is powered by a Caterpillar 3406E, 800-horsepower diesel engine coupled to a five-blade skewed propeller; and carries 500 gallons of fuel and 120 gallons of fresh water. Her accommodations include air conditioning and a complete galley with a three-burner stove, oven and refrigerator. Her systems include customized Heritage electrical panels; bow thruster, VHF, plotter/radar, GPS, sounder, depthsounder, autopilot; and noise suppression materials by Soundown. Metal fabrication of the mast, bow bit, ladder, hand rails, and bow rail is by Nautilus. Cushion and canvas work is by Fortune. Tidal Graphics designed the name and hail.

Production manager David Larson and operations manager Stanley Ward christened the boat for the Lynches.