Mercury Racing Propeller Shop Expansion Draws Response From Boat Propellers Dealer Prop Depot

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Mercury Racing has broken ground on a manufacturing expansion at its facility in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, a project that includes an 8,000-square-foot addition to its propeller shop. The propeller shop portion of the work is scheduled for completion in October and forms part of a larger two-phase facility expansion tied to rising demand for the company's stainless steel propellers.

The expansion reflects sustained growth in the recreational marine sector, where stainless steel propellers have become increasingly common among performance and cruising boaters. Additional production capacity at the manufacturer level is expected to influence supply timelines across the dealer network that distributes and services Mercury products.

Among the businesses watching the development closely is Prop Depot, a division of Tennessee Propeller & Metalworks, LLC, and an authorized Mercury propeller dealer that both sells and repairs propellers for boaters across the country. As a distributor positioned between the manufacturer and the end customer, the dealer offers an on-the-ground perspective on what a production expansion of this scale can mean for inventory availability and lead times.

"When a manufacturer commits square footage to its propeller shop, it signals confidence in long-term demand for stainless steel props," said a spokesperson for Prop Depot. "For dealers, additional production capacity can help ease the supply constraints that occasionally affect popular pitch and diameter combinations. That translates into steadier availability for the boaters who depend on those parts during the season."

Stainless steel propellers are valued for their durability and performance relative to aluminum alternatives, and demand has historically tightened during peak boating months. Industry observers note that expansions at the manufacturing level are one of the primary factors that determine how quickly finished propellers reach regional dealers and repair shops.

"Boaters do not always see what happens upstream, but production capacity is one of the biggest factors in how fast a replacement prop can get into their hands," the spokesperson added. "A shop expansion like this one is a meaningful development for anyone in the propeller supply chain."

Prop Depot repairs and sells propellers from a range of manufacturers and maintains repair services for stainless, aluminum, and specialty propellers. The company has fielded questions from customers about how manufacturer-level developments affect the broader market, and it continues to monitor production news that shapes availability. Boaters interested in the company's track record can read Prop Depot customer reviews through its published feedback.

The second phase of the Mercury Racing project is expected to follow the completion of the propeller shop addition, though a full timeline for the remaining construction has not been detailed publicly. The company has connected the investment to demand growth for its stainless steel product lines.

Prop Depot in Knoxville, TN, operates as a division of Tennessee Propeller & Metalworks, LLC, specializing in the sale of new propellers and the repair of existing ones. The company handles outboard, sterndrive, cruiser, and POD drive propellers, along with marine accessories and repair services for a variety of blade configurations, and serves as an authorized Mercury propeller dealer within the recreational marine market.

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