

## **Fifty Fathoms Bathyscaphe Quantième Complet Phase de Lune**

**The *Bathyscaphe* has been a mainstay of the *Fifty Fathoms* collection since its introduction in 1956. While maintaining the sporting heritage and aesthetic of this line, Blancpain has enriched it with a complete calendar and moon-phase complication.**

The new *Bathyscaphe Quantième Complet Phase de Lune* offers a marriage of two Blancpain pillars, the sport diving DNA of the *Fifty Fathoms* and the Manufacture's traditional complete calendar moon-phase display, which is notably found in the *Villeret* collection. Arranged in the same way as on Blancpain's classic watches, the day of the week and month are shown in windows, the date is displayed by a supplemental hand sweeping around the inner perimeter of the dial, and the moon phase appears in an extra-large window at 6 o'clock. Consistent with Blancpain's philosophy of securing its movements against possible misuse by the owner, the calendar mechanism of this *Bathyscaphe* incorporates a special safety feature. Thus, even if the owner were to adjust the calendar during its midnight change, the mechanism is protected against breakage such as would occur with conventional calendar constructions.

To ensure this new Bathyscaphe maintains optimal legibility, both underwater and on dry land, the calendar information is discreetly displayed so as to give pride of place to the indexes and the main hands featuring the traditional look of vintage diver's watches. These elements are also coated with luminescent material striking a pleasing contrast with the meteor gray dial.

The *Bathyscaphe Quantième Complet Phase de Lune* is offered in a 43mm satin-finished steel case. It is equipped with a unidirectional rotating bezel featuring a ceramic insert whose indexes are filled with Liquidmetal®, two materials renowned for their robustness. This watch is offered with a sail-canvas or NATO strap, as well as a metal bracelet. A nod to history, the NATO version appeared in the 1960s when the British Ministry of Defense (MOD) was looking for rugged strap to equip its military watches. This origin is reflected in its name, the acronym of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.