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Bathyscaphe welcomes a new addition to the family

The vintage-inspired Fifty Fathoms Bathyscaphe, first presented in 2013, is extending its range by introducing a 38 mm timepiece attired in abyss blue.

The new three-hand 38 mm Fifty Fathoms Bathyscaphe model appears in a blue shade particularly cherished by Blancpain in that it recalls the depths of the ocean. Various key characteristics of this timepiece are nods to the historical Fifty Fathoms editions. Setting the perfect finishing touch, the steel bezel features a blue ceramic insert and hour-markers in Liquidmetal®, an alloy known for its deformation resistance and its long-term stability.

Blancpain's Bathyscaphe diving watches were created in the late 1950s, with models first for men and later for women. In 2013, to mark the 60th anniversary of the Fifty Fathoms, the Bathyscaphe appeared with a new aesthetic reminiscent of the first editions. The contours were as sharply defined as their predecessors and the hands featured a traditional vintage look. Like any self-respecting diving watch, each model is equipped with a unidirectional bezel rotating counter-clockwise by small notches. Loyal to the original Bathyscaphe version, the luminescent dot on the bezel serves as an index for divers, enabling accurate alignment with the minutes hand and thereby defining the start of a given dive time. During the immersion, the second hand acts as an operating indicator. Water-resistant to 30 bar (approximately 300 meters), the Fifty Fathoms Bathyscaphe is powered by Caliber 1150. This movement distinguished by its robustness and its chronometric performance is equipped with two series-coupled barrels ensuring a 100-hour power reserve while guaranteeing constant energy, a significant technological feat. The caliber is visible through a sapphire crystal case back enabling one to admire its solid gold oscillating weight coated in NAC (a platinum alloy) and sculpted to form the raised Blancpain logo appearing in relief. It is equipped with a balance spring in silicon. This material recently introduced within the watch industry offers several important advantages. Firstly, its low density makes it lighter and thus more shock-resistant. In addition, it is impervious to magnetic fields. The resulting balance spring is ideally shaped, thereby ensuring improved isochronism performance of the movement, which in turn leads to enhanced timekeeping precision.