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NEW YACHTS

At Cannes and Genoa



Grand Soleil 65LC



The new Grand Soleil 65LC (see YW June 2023) will be unveiled at the Cannes Yachting Festival in September



Grand Soleil 72LC

- LOA 23.75m 77ft 11in • Hull length 22.0m 72ft 2in
  - Beam 6.2m 20ft 4in
  - Draught 2.6m or 3.7m 8ft 5in or 12ft 2in
  - Price POA (65LC from €2.3 million range ex VAT)
- grandsoleil.net

The new flagship for this Italian yard follows the performance version launched last year and differs in having a larger coachroof and raised saloon, with a 270° view even when seated. This in turn gives space for machinery below the saloon, freeing up more space towards the back of the boat for accommodation.

This is not superyacht territory, even though interior volumes are as large as those of a small superyacht of 10-15 years ago, but the yard sees the sector above 60ft as being a semi-custom sphere and will work closely with owners to achieve their dream yacht.

NEW YACHTS



At Southampton



Spirit Yachts 72DH

- LOA 22.2m 72ft 10in • LWL 15.6m 51ft 2in
  - Beam 4.8m 15ft 9in • Draught 3.1m 10ft 2in
  - Displacement 28,000kg 61,700lb
  - Price POA
- spirityachts.com

The second 72ft deckhouse model from Spirit Yachts will be a headline act at Southampton Boat Show. It's a stunning yacht that combines traditional aesthetics with up to date underwater profiles, equipment and materials.

The hull is strip-planked in yellow cedar, with double diagonal khaya outer layers covered with an E-glass/epoxy outer skin. Ring frames are laminated sipo with carbon fibre reinforcement at the mast, chainplates and keel. Carbon fibre is also used for the rig and the rudder, including the stock.

Where the first 72DH is used for charter and occasional regattas, this model is more typical of Spirit owner use. It has an extensive race sail wardrobe from One Sails and will race at British Classics Week, but will then do some lengthy cruising.

Sun Fast 30

- LOA 10.40m 34ft 1in
  - Hull length 8.99m 29ft 5in
  - Beam 2.99m 9ft 9in • Draught 2.0m 6ft 6in
  - Displacement 2,700kg 5,952lb
  - Base price €142,500 ex VAT
- jeanneau.com

This boat is the outcome of a design competition run by RORC, UNCL in France and the Storm Triesail Club in the USA to produce a more affordable option for short-handed offshore racing. The one design formula should help keep operating costs in check, as well as providing an extra level of competition; 43 have already sold.

It satisfies the stability requirements for racing transatlantic and is also Groupe Beneteau's first production model built using Arkema's recyclable Elium resin (see YW August 2023).

At La Rochelle and Southampton



At Cannes



Windelo 50

- LOA 15.24m 50ft 0in • Beam 7.92m 26ft 0in
  - Draught 1.03 to 2.32m 3ft 5in to 7ft 7in
  - Displacement 11,200kg 24,700lb
  - Base price from €995,000 ex VAT
- windelo-catamaran.com

Windelo has redesigned the deck and superstructure tooling for its 50 and 54ft models. The result is a lighter and airier boat, with a more curved and sportier look that includes flush glazing.

Eco-responsible materials, forward cockpit with twin helm stations, a modular loft-style living space, plus electric motors with green energy production have been retained. Battery banks are sufficiently large to motor for four hours without running the generator.