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GRAND SOLEIL 65

he new Grand Soleil 65 is the second model in Cantiere del Pardo's 60foot-plus GS range and combined style and efficiency. The new model is available in a Performance version for those seeking a sportier design, and a Long Cruise version for bluewater cruising lovers, with more cruising characteristics and a cool Italian design persona.

Developed and finessed under the expert lead of entrepreneur, longtime racer and established champion Franco Corazza, the new 65-footer is the result of a Made-in-Italy design collaboration involving designer and ORC champion Matteo Polli for the naval architecture, Marco Lostuzzi for the structural design and Nauta Design for the general layout as well as the deck and interior design.

Grand Soleil 65LC boasts a salon divided into a relaxation and dining area and raised above the level of the cabins to accommodate the engine room below. This solution allows to optimise the space of the two aft cabins, which are larger in size due to the absence of the technical/engine room between them. Other advantages of this layout include the salon being closer to the same level as the cockpit with a shorter staircase and a 270-degree panoramic view from inside, taking full advantage of the 59.5-metre beam. In addition, Grand Soleil 65LC allows for a galley located amidships in a large open space together with the living area.

In both 20.10-metre versions, the hull design is the same as the building technologies used, including polyesterbased vinylester and composites with carbon reinforcements to make the structure more rigid. The hull is designed to perform at its best in the entire range of displacement, from lightship in racing conditions up to full load in cruising mode.

In terms of sail plan, the mast is positioned far back to maximise the size of the fore triangle, while the distribution of the sail areas allows excellent aerodynamic

efficiency while maintaining a relatively low center of effort with a consequent reduction of the heel. The sail plan is designed to be reefed while maintaining the optimal balance with respect to the hull and appendages to handle any weather and sea conditions. As standard, the Grand Soleil 65 is equipped with a self-tacking jib which ensures safe and easy sailing, even with a reduced crew.

The Grand Soleil 65 has also been designed to respect the marine environment in which it sails, with construction materials and methods yielding low environmental impact and a high degree of recyclability. This includes teak derived from a sustainable supply chain, laminated glass for better insulation, a composite lamination using linen and eco resins; and water-based paints, while solar panels provide renewable green energy.

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