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JEANNEAU SUN FAST 3300

Jeanneau's proud tradition of producing fast, medium sized racing yachts is proudly upheld by the launch of the Sun Fast 3300. Designed by the naval architectural duo Andrieu/Verdier, this is a fairly radical design constructed using an infusion moulding process. The Sun Fast 3300 benefits from exceptional rigidity, with a considerable weight reduction. She features a light, powerful hull, twin rudders and straight keel. To be fair, this is a yacht with zero pretensions of being a cruising yacht and Jeanneau claim that she is perfectly adapted to single-handed, double-handed or fully crewed racing. She is suitable for both inshore and offshore racing.

● jeanneau.com



MMW 33

The MMW 33 is built by Spanish firm Mestral Marine Works and, although this is definitely a yacht at the sportier end of the spectrum, this is a boat that offers a high level of customisation, meaning that the rather Spartan accommodation can be more lavishly furnished for those who favour a spot of fast cruising. Nevertheless, first and foremost this is a racing yacht that offers competition for Jeanneau's Sun Fast 3300 and Dehler's 30 OD. The set up lends itself to double-handed racing.

● mestralmarineworks.com

MELGES 15

Melges Performance Sailboats has launched a new addition to its line-up, the Melges 15. Designed by Reichel/Pugh and built by Melges, the new double-handed dinghy "prioritises stability, comfort, ease of use, and performance", says the Wisconsin manufacturer. Intended to tick these boxes in a variety of conditions, the boat features a narrow overall beam and a flat cross-section shape for stability, righting moment, and ease of planing. For a more forgiving feel upwind and to navigate larger sea states, the Melges 15 has "just the right amount of fore and aft rocker". The Melges 15 has an adaptable sail plan for both club use and one-design racing; the club set up features a main and jib, while the one-design rig adds the asymmetrical spinnaker for advanced learning and club racing. An ergonomic cockpit designed to accommodate both junior and adult sailors ensures this is a versatile dinghy with plenty of flexibility in use.

● melges.com



DEHLER 30 OD

German manufacturer Dehler has stepped away from its excellent range of cruiser/racers to supply this fairly radical pure-blooded racing machine. Designed with double-handed racing in mind this Judel/Vroljik design definitely means business, and features a number of clever touches including a fully retractable 'stealth drive' motor. The interior is understandably basic but is surprisingly stylish.

● inspirationmarine.co.uk