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NEW BOATS

Toby Heppell takes a look at some of the new yachts being unveiled at Boot Düsseldorf in January 2020



DUFOUR'S NEW 530

Making her world debut at Boot Düsseldorf, the new 530 is a merger of Dufour's Grand Large and Performance ranges.

The 530 comes in three versions. The 530 Easy has a stripped-back cabin roof layout, and control of all the lines which are led back to the helm — essentially it's a base model.

The 530 Ocean offers a more traditional deck layout. The halyards are led to the aft cockpit/helm position, along with two additional winches for genoa and mainsheet control. A full-width mainsheet traveler is on the coach roof. The 530 Performance model is an evolution of the Performance

range. Aimed at owners wishing to race competitively, as well as maximise their cruising experience. The 530 Performance features an upgraded mast and boom, increased sail area, additional winches, a 2.80m lead keel, plus a fully upgraded hydraulic package.

GRAND SOLEIL 42LC

The Grand Soleil 42 LC is targeting the bluewater market and is available in two versions, Standard or Sport. The former is equipped with aft benches, and a carbon arch over the cockpit, designed to keep this area free of the mainsheet traveller.

The GS 42 LC's hull, designed by Marco Losuzzi, has plenty of beam, running well aft. As with previous Long Cruise models, it is designed to provide comfort on board. Interior layout is available with either two or three cabins and both versions include two heads with a shower. In the saloon is a three-seater sofa with a central seat which converts into a chart table.



BENETEAU FIRST 53

The First Yacht 53 features the mix of classic and modern lines we've come to expect in recent years from the French marque. She features a slender plumb bow and a 5m maximum beam further aft.

The cockpit has twin helm stations with easy access to the side decks, and a decent amount of space has been provided near the companionway. She has a flush deck,

low coachroof and a modern, particularly performance oriented look.

The company says their on-deck focus was for easy movement between the helm stations, and on winch layout for manoeuvres and easy access to the deck. She has a lifting transom, which converts to a swim platform and can stow away a 2.40m tender in the tender garage.

NAUTITECH 46 FLY AND OPEN

The Nautitech 46 now comes in Open and Fly versions. The Open has been improved and now features a bicolor roof, a longer mast, a lowered boom and an increased sail area, which should improve performance significantly. She now boasts one of the best weight/displacement ratios in her field.

The Fly offers less performance but is designed to deliver maximum comfort when sailing. In the saloon, warmer woodwork, a variety of materials, and a multitude of storage spaces, are all new features.

Across both types, the cabins are light thanks to double hull windows and multiple openings on the outside. Each cabin also comes with its own private bathroom.



LIFTING KEEL SUN ODYSSEY 410

The Sun Odyssey 410 by Jeanneau has been upgraded and now offers a lifting keel option. The Odyssey 410 is already pretty well known in the cruising market, with a powerful hull, sidedecks without obstacles and comfortable coaming.

This new version differs little from the original fixed keel version, and like all current SO models, now has a lower boom, which

facilitates access to the sail and increases the sail area and centralised winches, which can be controlled from the cockpit.

The lifting keel should provide better access to shallow waters, which will be a boon for anyone wanting to go coastal cruising, river sailing or island hopping in a 40 footer. Interior layouts include options for two or three cabins or even a workshop.



CONTEST 55CS

Dutch manufacturer Contest will be unveiling their new semi-custom Contest 55CS which is a performance cruiser aimed at the bluewater market.

Designed by Judel/Vrolijk & Co she features a modern hull-form with plumb bow and tapered forward sections flaring aft into a widened stern. Carbon fibre reinforcement in key structural areas reduces weight and the size of some structural components, allowing for more accommodation space. This means there is room for deeper seating than before, a pull-out lounge and even wider floors.

Below, offshore crew will be pleased to see a number of handholds, making passage through the boat secure. She also features a panoramic rear window set in the master suite's aft bulkhead. With the reveal-panel slid open and transom garage door lowered, this gives a wide-angle seascape view.



DEHLER 30 OD

Following on from the successful Sprinta Sport and DB1, Dehler is introducing a new 30ft one design class focusing on two-hand long distance sailing, principally with racing in mind. An optimised hull design, equipment and sails developed by the world-renowned Judel/Vrolijk & Co designers she is designed to sail at speed in a range of conditions from 4 to 40 knots.

With shorthanded sailing in mind, the deck layout has been optimised for efficient

two-handed crews. The manufacturer claims that their layout is the result of various studies which they have undertaken to try and get the best ergonomics for two people working on deck.

The Dehler team developed the boat alongside offshore professionals to take into account the latest developments in offshore racing. However, should you be looking for a fun and fast ride from A to B she could make a very sporty cruiser... at a push.