



NEEL 47



The Multihull Boat Show is obviously the place where the builders like to announce their forthcoming models. During their press conference, the builder Neel didn't depart from this rule, by announcing a brand-new trimaran, whose launch is planned for the very beginning of 2019. Designed by Marc Lombard, the Neel 47 will – once again – revolutionize the way of life for long-term cruisers, as the Neel 45 and 51 already have!

We of course find once again on the 47 the famous 'cocklooon', the generous area which opens up completely to offer the choice (depending on the weather) of a large open area between the saloon and the cockpit, or separate, well-protected areas. But it's the brand-new owner's cabin that will delight long-term cruisers. Situated on the same level as the platform, it offers (as on the Neel 45) an incredible view of the anchorage. But with a clever set of sliding bulkheads, it opens easily onto the saloon... Magic, with a 270° view over the surroundings!

Finally, the floats are also fitted out, and offer totally independent suites. The 47 fits into the range between the Neel 45 Evolution (which remains in the catalogue) and the 51 and 65 Evolution.

Information: www.neel-trimarans.com

FUTURA 49

We have been talking about it for a long time now, and we finally saw it at the Multihull Boat Show last April. 'It' is the Futura 49, a variable beam catamaran, now in production, which was at La Grande Motte for its premiere. At first sight, although the concept can raise a few questions, nevertheless having a multihull which can go from 4.93 m beam in the marina to almost 8 m under sail has obvious advantages. Another of the Futura's new features: the accommodation is just on the platform, the floats can't be fitted out. But the interesting side is the total modular nature of the living area. All that remains is to test the boat at sea...

For more information:
www.futura-yachtsystems.de



A NEW GIANT

Concentration in the nautical industry is accelerating as recently proved by the takeover of Nautitech by Bavaria, or Privilège by Hanse Yachts. This time it's Fountaine Pajot – already a new shareholder in the charter company Dream Yacht Charter – which is announcing its engagement to Dufour Yachts. The majority shareholding taken over by Fountaine Pajot in Dufour Yachts thus gives birth to the European n°2, with a turnover of 142 million euros and 1,100 employees. The catamaran announced by Dufour at the last Paris Boat Show will be produced and delivered as planned...

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BAVARIA YACHTBAU GMBH in difficulty

The news came in the middle of the Multihull Boat Show, casting a chill over the atmosphere of the event, which until then had been torrid. Bavaria Yachtbau Gmbh has declared itself to have suspended all payments! News which is hard to understand at a moment when the nautical industry as a whole is in rather good health – especially the multihull sector, which really has the wind in its sails!

However, two very distinct structures exist, on the one hand Bavaria Yachtbau Gmbh in Germany, and on the other, Bavaria Catamarans SAS in France (which designs and builds Nautitech catamarans). The suspension of payments by the first shouldn't – for the moment – have consequences for the second, as the catamaran branch is showing excellent results (+24.1% turnover over the first 8 months of the 2017 – 2018 tax year).

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