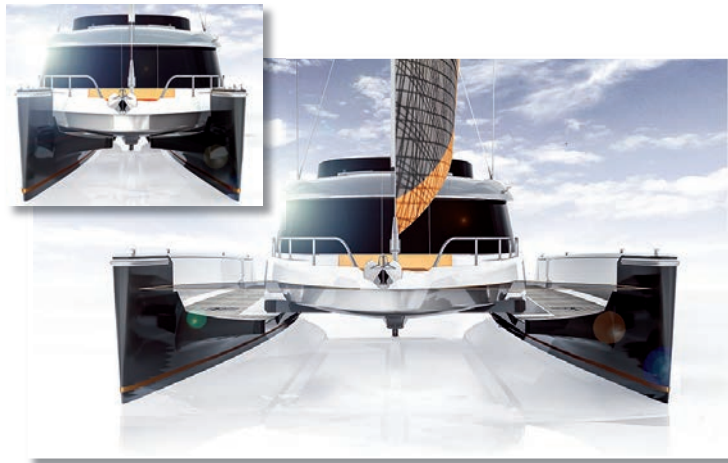


FUTURA: a variable beam catamaran



Regular readers of the magazine will certainly remember the Futura concept, a catamaran with a variable beam, allowing it to go from 7.98m when sailing to 4.93m in the port! After two years spent perfecting the prototype, the time has come to move on to production. The Futura 49 will be built in Estonia, at Polar Yacht Manufactory. The n°1 in the series should be presented at the next Düsseldorf Boat Show, in January 2017, before going to La Grande Motte to be exhibited afloat at the International Multihull Boat Show...

For more information: www.futura-yachtsystems.de



NORTH WIND LAUNCHES INTO CATAMARANS



North Wind Yacht has been building boats for 40 years, but to date the company hasn't had a catamaran in its range. An omission which will now be made good, with the North Wind 55, a resolutely high-tech catamaran, intended for lovers of fast long-term cruising. The concept is to offer a cat which is easy to sail shorthanded – thanks to a particularly well-designed deck plan – and comfortable, but also capable of swallowing up the miles at high speeds. To do this, the builder is offering a modern hull, and above all a choice of cur-

ved daggerboards or real foils, depending on whether the owner wants a cruising or racing boat. The daggerboards are even planned to be interchangeable, if the boat's program changes...

As for the accommodation, the quality of the North Wind boats has already been proved. For the catamaran, there are of course numerous solutions, ranging from 3 to 6 double cabins.

Information: www.northwindyachts.com

NAUTITECH 46 OPEN, A SUCCESSFUL FIRST

We were looking forward to it, and the least we can say is that we weren't disappointed... The Nautitech Open 46 made its debut at the International Multihull Boat Show. The n°1 in the series is in fact very successful: the living areas are particularly pleasant and it's easy to imagine setting off for the other side of the world on this generous, well-finished boat. The first outings reveal a boat which is agile and reactive. A full test is now planned, which you will be able to read in a coming edition of the magazine!

For more information: www.nautitech.fr



STARBOARD

Aquila

The builder Aquila, which is already offering two motor catamarans in its range (the 44, over 30 examples of which have already been built, and the 48) will soon be announcing a brand new Open 36-footer, resembling a genuine sport boat. Equipped with two cabins and two heads, it is above all designed for having fun, with a big cockpit and 2 x 250 to 2 x 350hp outboard motors.

See it on: www.aquilaboats.com

Tag

Tag is currently putting the finishing touches to its brand-new 50-footer.

The first Tag 50 GT should be in the water before this summer, and the company already has three other boats to build... Moreover, the Tag team is working on a new 60-footer and the construction of the brand new Tag 72 Day Charter.

Follow them on: www.tagyachts.com

Stiletto X-Series

The Stiletto is a mythical boat which is currently being revived under the name Stiletto X-Series. An open boat, like its glorious predecessor, offering excitement and pleasure at the helm. The first five examples have been sold off-plan, and the n°1 in the series should be in the water very soon...

Follow it on: www.sailstiletto.com



XQUISITE X5

Although the silhouette doesn't go unnoticed, and reminds us of the Dean 5000, the Xquisite really is a brand new boat. The n°1 in the series was discovered at the Multihull Boat Show, and the least we can say is that it caused a sensation. It was clearly designed by sailors for sailors. All those of you who have already sailed for more than a few hours know how important storage and stowage are aboard an ocean cruiser.

And on the X5, everything has been planned to allow you to carry and stow everything you will need. An excellent point. Another nice surprise is the boat's 'connected' nature: you can keep an eye on your cat and control it from your iPad, and even communicate with the builder, who can also follow the boat. Finally, the X5 showed itself to be particularly attractive under sail during our test, which you will be able to read in a coming edition of Multihulls World!

See it on: www.xquisiteyachts.com