

LONG-TERM CRUISER SELECTION



Outremer 51 Racer or cruiser?

→ **Price: 625,000 euros exc. taxes**

Builder: Outremer Yachting
 Architects: Barreau/Neuman
 Designer: Franck Darnet Design
 Material: polyester and PVC sandwich
 Overall length: 14.98 m
 Waterline length: 14.90 m
 Beam: 7.45 m
 Draft: 0.90/2.35 m
 Displacement: 9.5 t
 Mainsail area: 92.50 m²
 Genoa area: 40 m²
 Gennaker area: 110 m²
 Spinnaker area: 160 m²
 Cabins: 3 or 4
 Engines: 2 x 40 hp diesels
 Launch: 2013

A direct development from the very successful Outremer 49 – 24 examples of which have been sold – the 51 adopts a number of the characteristics of its big sister, the 5X. The result of being in a range...but not just that. The builder has succeeded in reconciling performance and the pleasure of living aboard, by offering long-term cruisers more comfort and an increased load-carrying capacity. The challenge has undeniably been met with this new version, which is clearly even more attractive than the previous one. The changes? There are many... The coachroof has been completely redesigned, and adopts a design close to that of the 5X, but remains shorter than those on cats of the same size. The aim: less windage and less weight. The ‘water drop’ cut-outs of the 49 have been replaced with more traditional rectangular portlights. The mixed cockpit protection – polyester and stainless steel/canvas – of the 49 has been replaced by a 100% composite structure. And the cockpit table is bigger. The two aft platforms, lengthened by sixty centimeters, provide an ideal place for donning mask and fins, as well as getting in and out of the dinghy. On the 51, a hydro-generator can also be incorporated. Inside, the design has been completely revised by Franck Darnet, sticking perfectly to current trends. More curves and rounded corners... As for the lighting, there are LEDs everywhere...consuming five to ten times less energy. Finally, the L-shaped galley adopts a U-shape, even more practical when under way. As for the rest, the machine is still capable of top speeds of over 20 knots. What more could you ask for?

1 : The slim hulls, weight centering and the high bridgedeck guarantee good seakeeping qualities even in rough seas.

2 : The shallow depth of the nacelle does not spoil the comfort in the living area. The same-level passage from the nacelle to the cockpit was appreciated.

Price: US\$ 1,200,000 exc. tax, equipped for blue water cruising

Builder: Xquisite Yachts
 Material: foam/glass/epoxy sandwich
 Hull length: 15.44 m
 Beam: 8.00 m
 Displacement: 18 t
 Draft: 1.35 m
 Windward sail area: 133 m²
 Mainsail area: 100 m²
 Self-tacking jib area: 33 m²
 Reacher area: 83 m²
 Spinnaker area (Parasailor): 214 m²
 Engines: 2 x 80 hp
 Launch: 2016



X5 Sail A gantry and lots of clever features

Does it look a little familiar to you? Quite normal, as Xquisite Yachts, founded in 2014, is a bit like the phoenix reborn from the ashes of Dean... Still based in South Africa, the new structure has revised the 5000...from A to Z. Although from a design point of view we recognize the imposing gantry/bimini and the four inclined hull portlights, the coachroof with its generous portlights and the cut-out for the mast, the marked steps in the hull and the marked forefoot at the waterline, the whole boat is completely new and redesigned. The hulls are brand-new, allowing the nacelle, situated a good meter above the surface of the water, to sail with no impacts from the waves... The X5 offers very up-market services. The aim? To offer a very luxurious ocean cruising catamaran, built for sailors by sailors who know what living aboard means. The X5 is therefore full of equipment, such as the generator, the air-conditioning and the electric winches with foot controls, as standard. This is what sets the tone. The X5 is full of clever features, such as the integrated anchor, the large windscreen and sprayhood for the raised steering position, the central island facing the galley (and its huge amount of stowage space), the emergency hatch fitted into the bridgedeck floor – it’s great to watch the water flowing past, or the fish when at anchor! – the extra little table in the cockpit, or the cockpit shower integrated into the structure. From a safety point of view, the all-stainless rail surrounding the deck (72cm) is very reassuring. Finally, it’s no surprise to learn that the couple who own the yard have the experience gained from ten years spent living afloat...

1 : The X5 is a clever boat: the coachroof is equipped with a rain collecting system...as well as robust handrails.

2 : The galley, provided with lots of stowage space, adopts a very attractive central island.

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