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XQUISITE X5 CATAMARAN

**BEST INNOVATIVE
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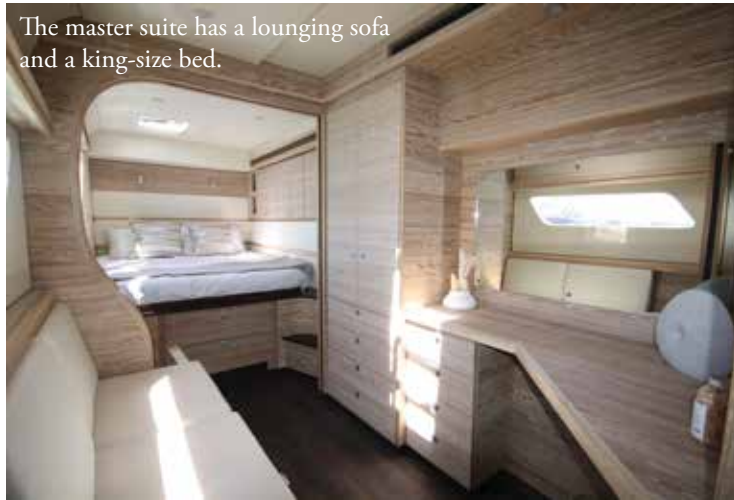
BY ROBERT HAYWOOD

While guests work on their tan, the X5 soaks up the sun with solar panels on its saloon coachroof.

Gutters on the coachroof lead into rain-catching water fills. Foot switches for the electric winches at the helm station leave hands free for handling lines. An overhead showerhead built into the targa arch permits bathing on deck, convenient if sailing single handed for long periods of time.



The master suite has a lounging sofa and a king-size bed.



The interior includes a washer/dryer mounted in a dedicated cupboard with shelves.



Ready to single-hand this beautiful boat? Monitor your gas and water tanks and wiring systems under sail? Both are possible with Xquisite X5 Catamaran. The X5 won *Cruising World's* Most Innovative Sailboat 2017 Award. It also won Sail's Best Multi-Hull over 50 Feet Award for its construction and beautifully engineered digital switching system.

The South African-made Xquisite, which costs about \$1.2 million, has a streamlined digital switching, or "distributed power" system. Early systems, based on automobile technology, were over-complicated and confusing to owners. Judges say that today's system is refined and much easier to use. One has the ability to pull up the control system and all

battery and tank information with an iPad. One may connect to the factory en-route for remote troubleshooting.

Other thoughtful touches are universal wall outlets (which will accept European and American-style plugs), USB ports in every cabin and a universal input isolation transformer, which enables the boat to be plugged into shore power anywhere in the world. Today it is easier than ever to just sail away. **AH**

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