

IN BUILD: THE OYSTER 675

With just a few months to its August completion date, the Oyster 675 has started to emerge from its cocoon at the Wroxham yard, and has created the sort of reaction to indicate she'll become a favourite within the luxury, mid-sized, sporty sector.

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Based on the success of the 625, which in turn had lifted performance from the Oyster 66 with cleaner hull lines, the 675 continues to uphold Oyster's heritage of innovation and design excellence, using the finest materials and outstanding workmanship.

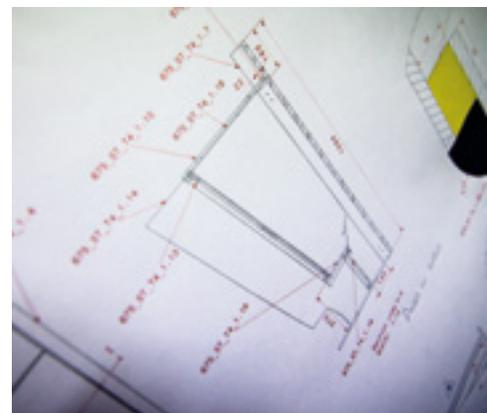
Humphreys Yacht Design team has once again fulfilled Oyster's brief to create a yacht that fits exactly in the intended slot of the market – for the executive connoisseur who requires plenty of style, and space for entertaining, yet who doesn't want to compromise on sailing performance.

Her sleek, low aspect profile, and the company's signature wraparound window design gives the 675 the unmistakable Oyster stamp. She's spacious and reliable, yet, with the option of carbon fibre mast and rigging, and fully-battened mainsail, powerful and dynamic enough to offer comfortable speeds and that all-important 'licence to thrill'. For those who require a crew, there is the option to turn the fourth cabin/workshop, strategically positioned off the main saloon, into a functional crew cabin.

Now in the final fit-out stage, 675-01 is progressing well and her owner, who is looking forward to her official handover in Palma March 2017, has been working closely with the design team to create his ultimate, sociable family/entertaining yacht.

Commenting on the appeal of the 675, the owner of the first yacht in production said the decision couldn't have been easier: *"For me the 675 fitted my requirements exactly. I wanted a quality, statement, high performance yacht that I could rely on, with enough space for my young family and friends to enjoy in comfort.*

"Although she is only an extra five feet over the 625, which is the model I first considered, the extra volume has given us a lot more interior to 'play' with. Given her size, I was also keen to have the option of a crew cabin incorporated off the main saloon, which cleverly separates it from the owner/guest areas.



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“Also, as someone from a racing background, I was keen to have a yacht that performed well, so that I could spice things up when required for fast passages and a spot of racing in Oyster regattas. Given her powerful hull and rig design, I believe the 675 will deliver on all counts.”

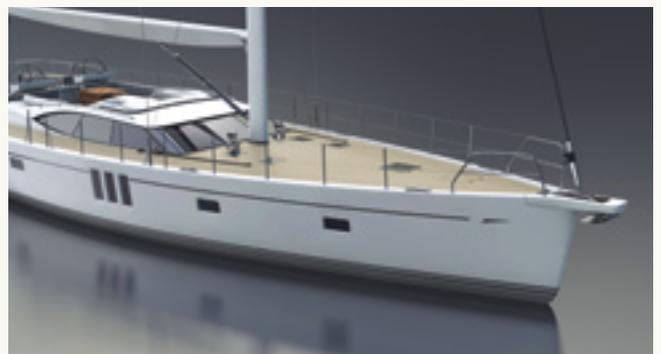
When stepping aboard the 675 the proportional difference between her and the 625 – the more recent design on which she was based – is quite noticeable and gives the impression of a far larger yacht. The overall increase in volume has allowed the designers to utilise the space and create a sumptuous living and entertaining platform.

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Like the slightly larger 745, the 675's foam-core, glass fibre hull is constructed using Oyster's engineered laminate layup, consisting of high-tech, fibre-reinforced materials for increased strength and reduced weight.

As is standard with all the beamier Oyster designs, the 675 has twin rudders and carbon fibre wheels, and a standard semi-bulb deep keel. There is also the option of a swinging centreboard.

In an effort to keep things simple, for short-handed sailing in particular, it is possible to opt for powered main and headsail furling for push-button control. >>



The emphasis on this particular boat's interior layout was to position the VIP guest cabin forward and ensure it matched the space and lavish style of the Master Cabin aft. Both are self-contained en-suites for maximum privacy, and offer plenty of space to relax in comfort. The optional Oyster 'Seascape' vertical windows in the slightly beamier Owners' Cabin aft, allows maximum natural light to flood in and offer spectacular panoramic views. Guests in the third spacious double cabin, also positioned forward, have use of the day head and shower room across the corridor.

The open plan main saloon has been carefully thought out for optimum entertaining purposes. Taking in the full 5.65m beam of the yacht, the owner has chosen to position the spacious galley to port, with plenty of luxurious seating around the oak table centrepiece. The sophisticated limed oak wood interior finish, combined with the cream toned furnishings and panoramic 'Seascape' windows, gives an exceptionally light and bright feel. The recessed ceiling lighting and low-level lighting offer just enough ambiance to the entertainment area when the sun goes down.

The crew cabin has been sensibly positioned on the through corridor, just aft of the nav station on the starboard side, to give separation from the guest quarters and to allow independent access to the saloon, galley and the engine room.

On deck the standard layout has been crafted and configured to exclusive specifications to meet the owners' requirements. Carbon fibre finish in strategic areas including on the main stairs, antenna pole, nav panels, and the carbon-effect mast cover below, adds to the modernity.

With entertainment in mind, and adding to the already huge expanse of pushpit and cockpit seating, the owner has opted for an uninterrupted, cushioned sunbathing area just forward of the mast.

There is no doubt this flawlessly crafted new addition to the Oyster range will appeal to those looking for a spacious, eye-catching, pedigree yacht that is likely to make an impression on the Oyster regatta circuit.

David Tydeman, Oyster CEO commented: *"In conceiving the Oyster 675 and her larger sister the 745, we set out to design and build two yachts that could be handled by the more experienced owner without crew or with just one crew and who still wanted to be hands on. Finding the balance for other owners who needed more space and bunks for two or even three crew, we are very excited that these two designs have worked out well. Extending the signature deck saloon windows a little on these two yachts has given them that slightly edgier styling and what became nicknamed the 'coupés' in the range – these are great yachts and I think they are our most exciting designs to date."*

See the Oyster 675 at the Southampton Boat Show, 16th-25th September 2016. For further information, please call +44 23 8083 1010, email info@oysteryachts.com or visit www.oysteryachts.com

