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Outremer 51

Outremer's new 51 performance catamaran has just been launched, as the first Australian-delivered Outremer 49 is due to sail into Sydney.

THE Outremer shipyard in La Grande Motte in the South of France has launched the successor to its award-winning Outremer 49, with the exciting new Outremer 51 just debuted at the Cannes Boat Show in mid-September.

The Outremer 49 was a groundbreaking catamaran design when launched in 2009, subsequently going on to win the 2010 European Yacht of the Year in its category. The innovative concept of the 49 remains, however the new 51 brings a raised level of refinement with new interior and exterior design, and further performance upgrades.

Interior design is by Franck Darnet, responsible for the interior of the Outremer 5X that won European Yacht of the Year in 2013. The interior features a new array of luxury finishes, fittings and layouts that Franck Darnet has become renowned for, yet maintains the focus on a lightweight fit-out that Outremer insist upon to maintain the cat's high performance.

Other features of the new 51 include an extended hull with a larger boarding platform on the transom steps, new styling of the hull and coachroof as well as a new fibreglass hardtop over the cockpit.

The carbon tillers and helm seats that Outremer are well known for

remain, as does the superior sailing performance, which continues to outrun many of their competitors due to a strict weight-monitoring regime throughout the manufacturing process that has the Outremer 51 weighing in at only 10 tonnes.

Distributor Multihull Central's Brent Vaughan is excited by the new launch, saying, "After sailing the Outremer 49 at the Outremer Cup and feeling first hand the acceleration and boat speed of close to 20 knots that such a comfortable cruising boat can offer, the Outremer 51 promises to be a nice refinement of this concept and one that experienced sailors will appreciate.

"We are pleased to have sold the original Outremer 49 to an Australian customer recently and are looking forward to having this iconic boat on display soon at our Sydney headquarters in Rozelle Bay alongside a fleet of other multihulls on display every day."

The new Outremer 51 is priced from AUD\$895,000 ex-factory in France (excluding taxes). Multihull Central offers packages for local pick up and delivery in France for a once-in-a-lifetime cruise back to Australia, or alternatively shipping to Australia. A special demo boat package is also currently available. ⚓

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Oyster 745

Set to launch in late 2015, an all-new Oyster 745 will replace the UK yard's successful run of Oyster 72/725 models, with an impressive 16 built.

BASED on a new hull format and with the Oyster signature deck saloon extended in clean symmetry with a clean sheerline, the new 745 will introduce a sense of coupé sailing (as Oyster call it), pointing to power and adventure.

With a choice of rigs, the sail plan can be optimised for speed to perform in regattas or for short-handed sailing, with Oyster's new twin-rudder hull configuration from naval architect Rob Humphreys the key behind this versatility. The Oyster 885 and 825 are already proving the efficacy of this arrangement with reduced weather helm and higher pointing ability, increased form stability from the beamier stern sections, and an accompanying boost in off-wind, white sail performance from a bigger main and smaller headsail.

A sweeping, perfectly planked teak deck plan is uncluttered in contemporary style yet totally practical. Line handling is all kept aft of the twin steering positions. The mainsheet can be either single point or captive winched, depending on the owner's wishes. Then there is, of course, the 'Oyster-DNA' standing-room lazarette and sail locker. For leisurely sailing, a spacious forward guest cockpit provides a magnificent dining arrangement with integral drinks fridge at hand. For lazing and bathing there are vast expanses of flat deck space both fore and aft, as well as a hydraulic platform for bathing and tender berthing.

The new 745 is offered with a range of four or five ensuite cabin plans, all finely fashioned and crafted, well-vented and benefiting from extensive glazing, including Oyster's class-leading, signature 'Seascape' hull windows.

The yacht comes in centreboard, shoal draft and standard keel versions to encourage thinking about adventures to come – crossing oceans, island hopping and exploring remote lands. Oyster intends to build three 745s for handover in 2016. ⚓

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Below: Thanks to a choice of rigs, the Oyster 745 can be optimised for speed to perform in regattas, or short-handed sailing.

