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The latest and greatest yachts under 24 metres

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From dazzling interiors to dashing hulls, raw power to total elegance, there is a top performer for every purpose in the 12- to 24-metre sector. BOAT unpacks the latest and greatest yachts in the sub-24-metre market, bursting with exciting new offerings...

Bluegame BGM75



With a beam just over 8m, the BGM75 is slimmer than a typical catamaran

Much hyped – and with justification – Bluegame's flagship is billed as a luxury multihull, but the BGM75's middling beam means it is something of a hybrid, with the volume of a 27-metre monohull. Philippe Briand's efficient hulls effectively halve fuel consumption, while including a fully automated tender garage between the hulls and a huge beach club aft – only broadened by the fold-down wings. Lissoni and Zuccon International Project have designed a stunning modernist interior with three to four guest cabins, including a full-beam master.

Van der Valk Edge 65





A broad bow makes room for a master forward and two more cabins aft

Built for a repeat client, the Edge 65 project has proven so successful that the Dutch family-owned shipyard behind it has turned it into a semi-custom line dubbed the "ultimate weekender". Styling by the inimitable Cor D. Rover and a Petestep hull combine to create a fast, very well-behaved boat with the sporty looks of a rugged explorer. Its draught of 92 centimetres and manoeuvrability fulfil the owner's brief for Bahamas cruising. Larger models and different powertrains are in development.

Predator 55



With the max power option, the Predator 55 can exceed 35 knots. Credit: Sunseeker

Sunseeker's Predator range was launched to great acclaim in the 1980s, and the latest incarnation of the sub-brand sports the same blend of speed and interior comfort. A new tapering silhouette and a huge 2.5- by three-metre sunroof make this model a new departure, albeit using the same hull moulds as the Superhawk 55. Sophisticated design language marks out the aesthetic, as do the many thoughtful details, such as fairleads and LED lighting. The cockpit is wrapped in stylish curved glass, and the master cabin below has dedicated access for privacy.

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Nordhavn 80





Though launched in 2021, the Nordhavn 80 has just had a design boost courtesy of Vripack. The Dutch studio penned a "Scandi-comfy-chic" interior for boat number three and it has proven so popular that it will appear in three more hulls. It blends white-brushed American oak furniture with coffee and cream paintwork and upholstery. The boat itself has been a big success for designer and owner PAE, which subcontracts manufacturing to Taiwan.

Windy SR38



Toys can be stored under the sunpad and on roof racks

Positioned between Windy's yacht tenders and its classic sportscruisers, the new Sports Line offers multifunctional family boats. And the exterior of the new SR38 builds on a burgeoning relationship with design titan Espen Øino. Practicality is the order of the day here: comfort, safety and handling, but there are glam features too, like fold-down aft wings and a huge aft sunpad. The interior can be arranged as a lounge or large double cabin, with an aft cabin or more storage.

Azimut Magellano 60





The Magellano 60's drivetrain is conceived for low-carbon HVO fuel - Credit: Azimul

With her rounded bow and an abundance of outside space, this boat has been given proud explorer looks by Ken Freivokh.

But a lot of attention was paid to the hull below the waterline, too. So-called "dual mode" design makes the boat efficient at both semi-planing pace and displacement speeds. Azimut says this equates to 20 per cent lower CO2 emissions, while the steep deadrise at the bow gives stable handling. Floor-to-ceiling glazing surrounds the galley and social areas on the open main deck, while the full-beam owner's cabin below is also very bright. Two more big guest cabins plus a captain's cabin aft make this a flexible owner- or skipper-operated vessel.

Pearl 82



Exterior highlights include fold-down bulwarks, a foredeck lounge and flybridge spa pool

Squeaking in under 24 metres at the waterline, the Pearl 82 will naturally offer good volumes when she hits the water this spring. But her raised pilothouse design, walkaround decks, five en suite guest cabins and room for up to three crew give her big-boat kudos. Bill Dixon's powerful exterior and Kelly Hoppen's contemporary interior combine with Pearl's flair for a flexible layout.

Princess Y80





The Y80 was designed for timeless appeal. Credit: Princes

Slotting into the middle of the Y range, Princess' Y80 offers the line's characteristic elegance, with unbroken glazing around the main deck and the signature "S" shaped hardtop. There is the option of the cunning "infinity cockpit", whereby the touch of a button transforms it from sofa arrangement to dining mode. The flybridge, meanwhile, can be fitted with a wet bar or used for storing toys – a crane is hidden under the aft sunpad. Four guest cabins include a full-beam master amidships.

Pardo 75 T-Top



The first Pardo 75 T-Top will be delivered in 2025

A year after launching a 23-metre flagship, Pardo has produced a new iteration of its original walkaround design. Fold-down wings and up to three 1,000-horsepower IPS drives are again options, but now guests can enjoy the shade of a dashing carbon composite T-top. The power package gives speeds up to 36 knots.

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VanDutch 75



An optional soft-top can shade up to 10 diners on deck

Ravenna studio Burdisso Capponi Yachts&Design injected a contemporary Mediterranean aesthetic into the design of this flagship model from VanDutch (a Cantiere del Pardo brand). The 22.3-metre is due to splash at the end of 2024. The standard layout comprises an open-plan kitchen with an owner's cabin and twin cabin aft and a VIP cabin forward, while a second configuration sacrifices the twin to make way for a larger owner's suite with a desk, sofa and dressing room. There's an up-down swim platform and tender garage, while three IPS engines push the 75 to 40 knots.

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Horizon V74



The V74 is voluminous for her 22.7m length

Built on Horizon's proven hull of the V68, the first V74 out of the Taiwanese yard last spring was destined for Australia. It was customised to suit conditions in the region with an enclosed upper deck and four guest cabins. The yacht offers plenty of volume, with a marble-clad "country kitchen" style galley and a hi/lo dinette that serves for watching TV. The hydraulic swim platform can take a 450-kilogram tender, while the beach club is fitted with lounge seating and a wet bar.

wallyrocket51

Sailing





New sailing models are constantly emerging, but we've curated a selection that runs the gamut from ultra-sporty to solid blue-water cruising

Wally likes to say it is 20 years ahead, and the brand is hoping its new wallyrocket51 will prove it once again. Though the yard has built plenty of fast yachts for racing, this is the first time it has built an all-out one design racer. Wally is not mincing its words: it calls the wallyrocket51 the fastest sailing boat ever built. Though shorter than a TP52, the wallyrocket51 should be capable of outpacing the larger boat thanks to her ultralight carbon lay-up and an exhaustively refined hull. Botin Partners really had to do their homework here to give the boat a ratings edge. It has "spent" the ratings bonus earned from the hull shape and length on a trim tab that will help the boat point higher and make less leeway, while reducing drag as well.

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