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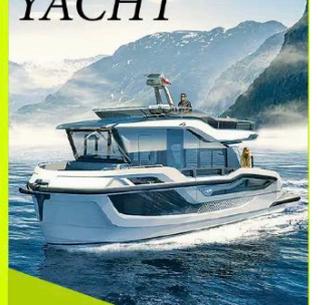
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This new cruise-optimised day boat will make its debut in Cannes



VAN DUTCH 75

LOA: 72ft 10in (22.18m) BEAM: 19ft 0in (5.80m) ENGINES: Triple IPS-1050s / IPS-1350s TOP SPEED: 40 knots PRICE: On application CONTACT: www.vandutch.com



No windows, no rails, no fuss: the perfect Van Dutch recipe

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ven as a 73ft boat with triple IPS engines, seating for 16, sleeping for six, an ensuite crew cabin and a lower lounge and galley, the new flagship of the Van Dutch fleet looks almost

exactly the same as a scaled up entry-level 32. You get a long swept hull completely free of aesthetic fuss. No hull windows, no grabrails, no guard rails, no evident anchor and no superstructure, save for an optional T-top. But given how much traction Van Dutch has gained for its no-holds-barred approach to high-end day boating, that's by no means a bad thing.

It's good to see that the open air facilities look equally Van Dutch. Like every other boat in the fleet, the main deck is split between sunbathing and watersports at the aft end, partying in the central cockpit and meditative reflection on the exquisitely flat Infinity Foredeck. But interestingly, this monument to purist open boating is also aimed at the world of cruising.

Ahead of the high-low aft platform is a proper tender garage with an integrated launch and recovery system. There's also 4,000 litres of fuel as standard and while you get the impression on most Van Dutch boats that sleep is actively discouraged, the lower deck is also beautifully

arranged. The central atrium features a large dinette with open-plan galley and a bar with space for six. Ahead of this, the VIP cabin comes with an en-suite bathroom that also serves as an easy-access day heads. And further aft, the beam is split between an ensuite twin and an owner's cabin with inward-facing double.

In the absence of hull windows, the skylights are supplemented with porthole-style LED wall lights, and the rest of the interior is a superb blend of briarwood, mahogany, matt black metal and satin copper. In short, if you want a cool day boat with serious cruising ability, this "progenitor" model is one you need to see.



How's that for a lower lounge on a day boat?



The 75 has faux windows Van Dutch call "luminous portholes"