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# **Dufour 63**

The trend for larger production cruising vachts seems set to continue with Dufour unveiling preliminary plans for its new leviathan, the Dufour 63. Scheduled to be launched in January 2017, hull number one is already in build. She's not the first giant we have seen launched by a French manufacturer, with Jeanneau already enjoying success with its 64, launched last year, and Beneteau also lining up the Oceanis 62. The likelihood is that the Dufour will fit into a similar template with an emphasis on both comfort and ease

of handling. First impressions are of a slightly racier set up than the 64, with greater owner customisation available.

Dufour remains evasive about the precise details behind this new project, but we do know that she is designed by Umberto Felci, who has worked extensively with Dufour in the past. The 63 is to be the first model in a new Exclusive range. She's an angular looking yacht, featuring a chined hull and aggressive plumb bow.

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### Allures 45.9

French builder Allures has comfortably established itself as one of the big hitters in the aluminium 'go anywhere' bluewater cruising category, so the addition of a 45-footer to its range is most welcome.

The 45.9 has an aluminium hull combined with a glassfibre deck



and cabin. What really sets the new yacht apart from her competitors is that she will be available with the option of either a centreboard or a lifting keel. The lifting keel version will be significantly lighter, therefore hinting at improved performance.

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As you would expect, the 45 will be equipped with all the bells and whistles required for long distance cruising, including a collision bulkhead, large capacity fuel and water tanks, and excellent storage space. Allures plans to have the first boat on the market by early 2017.

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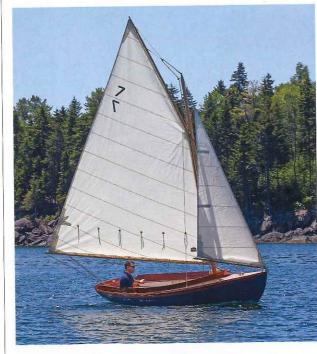
#### c£77,500 (\$103,000) Herreshoff 12 1/2

Here's a bit of a change of pace for you. Traditional yard Artisan Boatworks in Maine, USA, builds the celebrated Herreshoff 121/2 and recently launched Mariah.

Based closely on the design drawn by the legendary Nathanael Herreshoff back in 1914, Artisan's 121/2 stays true to the original concept, while offering the choice of traditional construction or epoxy composite. If you were expecting her to be 12ft 6in long, you'd be wrong - she's actually 15ft 10in. And with her heavy lead keel, she draws 2ft 6in.

Artisan is not the only yard turning out these lovely daysailers; about 500 have been built over more than a century of production.

#### artisanboatworks.com







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## Rapido 60

Despite the inexorable rise of the cruising catamaran, trimarans remain something of a rarity in the cruising world, particularly when you move into the bluewater bracket. So the launch of the Rapido 60 is good news.

She's designed by Morelli and Melvin, who worked on the Gunboat range, and is built in

Vietnam. The design brief for the Rapido was for a very fast, safe, well-appointed cruising yacht. The conclusion was that the best solution was to be found in three hulls. To this end, the Rapido 60 is a stable boat, can go to windward better than most monohulls, and is also comfortable and roomy, featuring

forward and aft doubles with ensuites pl additional berths in the saloon area.

Made of e-Glass and carbon, sea trials number showed blistering performance. main hull boasts five watertight bulkhead

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