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WAUQUIEZ 55

Wauquiez is a marque that has been much revered in cruising circles since it first started building elegant cruisers back in the 1960s. Its new 55 is definitely intriguing and one of the striking features is the centre cockpit with the helm offset to port under a well protected solid plexiglass sprayhood. Another interesting feature is the option of a swing keel which gives you an almighty 4.2m of draft when lowered and 1.6m when raised. Aside from that, the boat dares to be different by supplying two Volvo D2 engines as standard. The interior looks extremely spacious and full forward sections plus plenty of beam to ensure that there is a huge interior space. In addition, the centre cockpit allows for a huge aft owner's cabin.

● wauquiez.com



MOODY DS48

Moody has been under German ownership as part of the Hanse group for many years now and offers a different sort of cruiser in quality deck saloon cruisers which are designed by Bill Dixon. The new 48 is the first new launch it has made since its 41 in 2020 and fits between the Moody 45 and 54 in the range. As you'd expect, this is a boat that is big on space and comfort, featuring a large, beamy hull. Performance has not been neglected, however, because she sports a generous rig to push her 21,000kg displacement through the water. *Turn to p44 for a full test.*

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JEANNEAU SUN ODYSSEY 350

The Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 350 is the successor to the 349 which was actually launched way back in 2013. At 34'11" excluding the bowsprit she is the starter boat in the range and viewed by the French manufacturer as offering a gateway into sailing for young families. The boat is designed by Marc Lombard and Piaton Yacht design and, as you'd expect, the lines are bang up to date, offering plenty of internal volume via fuller forward sections. Like its predecessor the 349, the new boat is available with a swing keel – a real boon in UK waters. The interior is really quite large and there is the option of twin doubles aft plus a double forward.

● jeanneau.com



HANSE 590

Hanse Yachts broke with go to designer of many years Judel/Vrolijk a couple of years back and this was the catalyst behind the launch of a new generation of Hanses designed by the French team of Berret/Racoupeau. In addition to a marked change in styling, with inverted 'dreadnought bow and hard chines aft giving the boats a more angular look, the main drive seemed to be to up the quality of the boats down below – which was certainly achieved. The new 590 is their biggest boat yet of this new generation and offers easy sailing on a big scale. The new boat features an optional hard top bimini, a tender garage and acres of space down below. The boat will be officially unveiled at Cannes Boat show and promises to be a head turner.

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