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g a dash with its highly contemporary lines and radical panoramic roof, the new Bente 39 attracted plenty of attention at the show. It's based on the French Open Class concept and designed for long blue water cruising, the smaller Bente models which are coastal designs. The 39's hull has a double-bend bow and double chines, by Judel/Vrolijk & co. and the wings of modern ocean-going regatta yachts, such as the wide stern with a rudder and two steering positions.

£6,000

teyachts.com



Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 410

The Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 410 adopts the award-winning walkaround concept of its big sister the Sun Odyssey 440. The entire deck layout of the Sun Odyssey 410 is functional and tidy and keeps the entire running decks, sails and sheets. All halyards and sheets are led via the deckhouse roof and running to the winches on the side of the companionway, and next to the control stands. The boom is designed low which facilitates access to the sail area. This is an elegant touring yacht, says Jeanneau, which is equipped with a fashionable double rudder system, and can be steered easily from the cockpit with a small crew.

£2,000

jeanneau.com



Bootiful!

boot Düsseldorf's boat show set new records this year, with almost 2,000 exhibitors from 73 countries showing off their wares to nearly a quarter of a million visitors.

'boot Düsseldorf' seems to cover every form of water-based sporting pursuit, but there was a lavish selection of new boats of all kinds to enjoy.

The display of new and exciting yachts easily justified the commitment of British boaters to the show, of whom there were many following the demise of our own season-opener at the London Boat Show.

"I have experienced numerous events here in Düsseldorf, but this boot was unique," reports Messe Düsseldorf CEO Werner Matthias Dornscheidt. "A tremendous atmosphere in the halls, people in holiday mood on the stands and highly satisfied exhibitors."

Bigger boats typically steal the limelight at shows, and the new Nauticos Swan 65 was no exception with a press of visitors wanting to get aboard. Other impressive large yacht introductions included the Hallberg-Rassy 57 and Solaris 65, but there was plenty of activity in the 40-50ft segment, with introductions from Alubat, Arcona, Hanse, Beneteau, Dufour, Elan, Jeanneau and X-Yachts to name a few, while lower down the range, exciting new boats like the Beneteau Oceanis 30.1, J/99 and Hallberg-Rassy 340 all had their fans.

Elan E4

Developed to satisfy diverse modes of sailing, from short-handed sailing to crewed racing or family cruising, this yacht does it all amazingly well, says Elan. It's main design feature, the twin rudders, broad stern and chined hull, all work hand-in-hand towards different goals — sparkling performance, improved stability, excellent control and a comfortable interior.

£133,061

elan-yachts.com



Hallberg-Rassy 340

The new Hallberg-Rassy 340 replaces the 342, which has been built 328 times over the last 13 years. The modern, upright stempost and the long waterline with rounded shapes in the underbody at the bow make for good sailing characteristics, says the builder, which is offering a twin helm position as an option for the first time at this level. Another innovation is the folding transom-cum-bathing platform.

£266,000

hallberg-rassy.com



Hanse 508

This 15.5-metre yacht features advanced design, excellent sailing performance and a degree of individualisation that is second to none, says Hanse. The distinctive lines of the hull, the high rig and the sail plan from the pen of Judel/Vrolijk guarantee stable, safe and fast sailing without having to forego luxurious comfort below deck.

€274,000

hanseyachts.co.uk

Beneteau Oceanis 30.1

This new Oceanis model features standing headroom everywhere you like to stay upright, says Beneteau of its airy 30-footer. The proportions of freeboard and coachroof give the Oceanis 30.1 the feel of a proper yacht. A slim stem, optimised weight, and decent sail area ensure responsive performance, while a self-tacking jib and single winch are suitable for a smaller crew.

TBC

beneteau.com

Coast 250

The Coast 250 from Swallow Yachts presents a trailerable combination of performance cruiser and motor sailer. The 250 is the first of a planned series of three from 21 to 29 feet, and we're told it reaches up to 15 knots when under power. So not only can you enjoy the benefits of a modern performance yacht, but you can also benefit from the flexibility of a boat with a powerful engine, whether you want to be independent of the tide or move quickly to other sailing areas.

£52,000

swallowyachts.com



OVNI 450

Designed by Mortain & Mavrikios, the new OVNI 450 distinguishes itself from the OVNI 395 by a very voluminous bow section, which allows for more living space below decks. The double steering system and cabin construction with glass ports are innovations for the brand too, but the swivel keel with its retracted draught of just 98cms is an enduring part of the OVNI brand's appeal.

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alubat.com

