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## Beneteau Oceanis 51.1

This striking new Oceanis 51.1 is an innovative, edgy-looking yacht worthy of a design award. The hull shape is full in the bows with a low spray rail chine in the forward sections.

Inspired by recent ocean race yacht hull design, the forward chines are principally used here to provide greater accommodation space. The resulting owner's cabin is larger than the forward cabin of any other 50-footer.

New owners will get to choose

from four different interior layouts, five rig plans, three different keel types, and 150 different options. The performance pack has 35 per cent more sail area, a lead bulb and a taller carbon mast.

Some of the luxury detailing of last year's Oceanis Yachts 62 has obviously rubbed off on this new Oceanis line too. There is a premium feel to the 51.1's fit-out and finish.

**Price ex VAT: €274,500.**  
[www.beneteau.com](http://www.beneteau.com)



**Customisable cruiser:** Beneteau is offering a choice of four interior layouts and hundreds of other options

## Amel 50

The Amel 50 was perhaps the most talked about yacht at the Cannes Yachting Festival. This contemporary cruiser is a very big high quality boat for the price, and it is a model designed to make the Amel brand seem more approachable, fresh and appealing.

Easy and safe sailing remains the motto for the La Rochelle yard, but the size and price of this new 50-footer makes it more accessible than its recent 55ft and 64ft models. The aim is to appeal to both Amel's traditional ocean sailing clientele and those seeking a luxurious, spacious yacht for more modest coastal cruising plans.

Many of Amel's trademark features remain, such as the doghouse over the centre cockpit, composite decks, solid handrails and a huge machinery area below the cockpit. But the 50 brings new features including twin rudders, sloop rig with twin headsail option and a delightfully inviting and voluminous interior. The amount of living space above



The new Amel 50 is a capable bluewater boat. It features twin rudders and has a voluminous interior

and below decks is astonishing and, love them or loathe them, the hull portlights are simply enormous. The boat shown at Cannes had a particularly striking Indian rosewood trim.

**Price ex VAT: €750,000 ex VAT**  
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