

NEW YACHTS



AXONITE 57

Triumph of teamwork

New Yachts this month has a Dutch theme, starting with this good-looking cruiser from a trio of top specialists

When she was launched in 2010, the first Axonite, a 69-footer, was a triumph of teamwork between three Dutch specialists: K&M for the premium quality aluminium build, Kees Van de Stadt (Satellite Yacht Design) for the naval architecture and superyacht specialists Guido de Groot Design for the interior. The same team has now produced a smaller sister, the Axonite 57, which promises similar styling, total comfort and a good sailing performance.

The latter will be given a boost by optional extras such as a retractable T-keel, reducing draught from 2.9m to 1.4m, 1,750lt of water ballast tanks and deep twin rudders to provide control. That well-protected cockpit, the full bulwarks and the positioning of the mainsheet on a rollbar to keep the cockpit clear should add

to the comfort factor. The cockpit is further protected by the deck saloon, where a U-shaped sofa and a chart table make it the ideal place to stand watches in inclement weather.

A hydraulic transom door provides a large swim platform and access to a dinghy garage. The plans show a galley under the decksaloon and a master cabin forward with two guest doubles, but as always with K&M everything is customisable, including LOA, bulkhead positions, aluminium thickness and rigging. A 90ft Axonite is on the drawing board.

Basic price includes fixed keel, single rudder, aluminium hull, deck, superstructure and rig. **Price ex VAT €1,580,000 (£1,353,000).** www.kmy.nl; www.yacht-design.nl/satellite; www.guidodegroot.com



DIMENSIONS

LOA 17.5m/57ft 5in
Beam 5.00m/16ft 5in
Draught 2.9-1.4m/
 9ft 6in-4ft 7in
Displ 21,500kg/47,400lb



A tall cutter rig and optional lifting T-keel promises versatile performance

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A 77ft liveaboard cruise
 spec designed for high

Pictures from the launch and powerful-looking sloop were as we went to press in late the Netherlands, and she was built by Jachtbouw Vels in Medemblik.

The yacht seems a robust design performance and style from a long and reverse transom, together with deckhouse, protected cockpit, forward

She carries a Hall Spars carbon retractable keel, twin rudders and shoal draught attributes (1.6m). Deck accessed through a hydraulic trans

Some unique features point to liveaboard requirements, including rubbing strakes for berthing at the plans for cold waters cruising, so formidable, including under-floor hatches and windows and hatches.

Jachtbouw Vels have also just built keel boat, a 72ft Berret Racoupeau Claasen, and are planning more in this 77 looks very good considering expect this to represent the start of line – there is already a 53-footer in **Price ex VAT €3m (£2.6).** www.jac