

FRERS 88

Fever for black *Tulip*?

Another take on the cruiser-racer type, Tulip is, we suggest, a more practical solution for cruising

This classic-looking 88-footer is designed for cruising either side of the Atlantic, but with racing capability. If you like the neo-classic style there is no better exponent than German Frers, who has designed *Tulip* with a straight stem and an elegant counter, but with none of the complexities of a bowsprit or gaff rig.

This yacht will be built in aluminium by the increasingly influential K&M yard in Makkum in northern Holland. She will have a fully fitted-out interior designed by Sinot Yacht Design – ‘natural colours such as brown, beige, cream and grey will alternate with the intense dark orange recurring in the detailing,’ is how they describe it.

Unlike *Singularity*, this yacht has a lift keel with a minimum draught of just 10ft 6in, much more practical for cruising, but unlike the *Lutra* boat, her displacement is almost double at 43 tons (lightship).

On deck she has some interesting cockpit features, including fold-down helmsman's seat backs to increase deck space and glass panels which rise out of the coamings to provide a wind and weather shield when at rest. www.kmy.nl

