

## Executive 60 plus club

### Futuna 50/70

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If you haven't yet heard of Futuna, prepare yourself for they look set to turn heads this autumn with new 50ft and 70ft models. Different build materials are blended to produce a versatile fast cruising package.

Built by Normandy Yachts, who own the Alucomposites Yachting brand, at their own facility in Ukraine to keep cost down, they follow a Futuna 57, with coachroof and cockpit built in composite sandwich for weight-saving and insulation. Interiors use wood sandwich panels constructed from solid timber on a closed cell polymer foam core for stiffness and durability, allowing for luxury, but with significant weight savings.

The 70 has a powerful, beamy Marc Lombard-drawn hull inspired by the Vendée Globe Open 60 designs, with a lead fin keel, carbon mast and bowsprit for powerful passagemaking potential.

But her defining feature is the large aft deck, which hinges up and over hydraulically to form a huge swim platform, revealing a Wally-like relaxation den below or space for a small tender. She's designed to be sailed short-handed or with a professional crew and the interior, which should be light with good views from the large coachroof windows, is entirely customisable. €2,176,000 (£1,810,000) ex VAT.

The Futuna 50 has the same powerful, fast look, but uses twin rudders in combination with wide stern sections. We like the angles on the cockpit and coachroof, the latter at a good height to provide a raised saloon without looking ungainly, while her open transom adds another dimension to the cockpit.

Five layouts are offered with three or four cabins, all with two heads and owner's cabin forward. A lifting keel that reduces draught from 3m to 1.6m is also a consideration, as is a carbon rig. A lot of boat for €396,000 (£330,000) ex VAT. [www.normandy-yachts.com](http://www.normandy-yachts.com)

