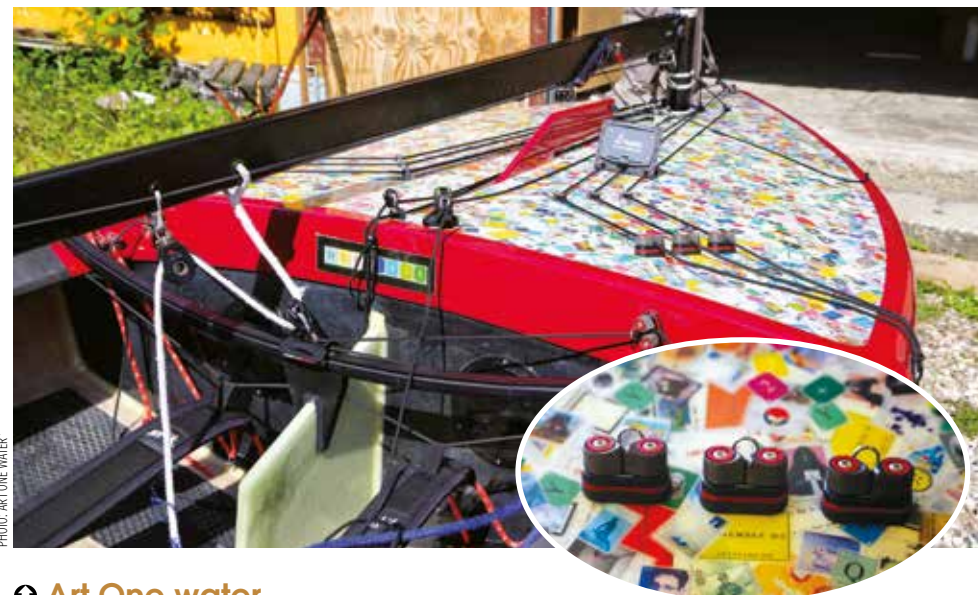




# New boats

A practical foiling cat, stylish cruisers and a distinctive OK dinghy...



## Art One water

Danish artist and sailor Sam Jedig, who specialises in producing art stamps, is responsible for this distinctive OK dinghy, which is intended to function as a 'living' piece of art. The boat was built by Jesper Strandberg of Strandberg Marine and will compete at the 2014 Danish and German championships.

The project is a combination of two networking symbols: water and art and was driven by an ambition to explore how humans and countries create links and network around the world.

There's a video about the process and the result here: <http://bit.ly/1zJDEBW>

## Solent Whisper

The search for practical, affordable, safe foiling came a step closer with the unveiling at Southampton Boat Show of the 5.2m carbon-foam sandwich multihull, Solent Whisper.

Begun as a research project by Ron Price, a senior lecturer at Southampton Solent University, Solent Whisper has eschewed the curved foils seen in the America's Cup, instead using all four adjustable, retractable T-foils – two dagger boards and two rudders – to maintain lateral and longitudinal stability. Trapezing is optional as the windward foil creates downward lift to turn more of the sail power into forward speed.

A pair of wands off the trailing edges of the main foils controls the foiling height and the angle of attack for all four foils is also adjustable in-flight. The current designed top speed is 35 knots!

Price hopes to use smart design to shave weight off the boat and keep construction time down to two days or less per hull while keeping the cost pegged around that of a new Dart 18 (circa £12k).

<b>LWL</b>	5.2m
<b>LOA (incl bowsprit)</b>	6.2m
<b>Beam</b>	2.3m
<b>Foil length</b>	1.0m
<b>Max ride height</b>	800mm
<b>Displacement</b>	80kg
<b>Crew weight</b>	150kg
<b>Mainsail</b>	12.9sq m
<b>Jib</b>	3.2sq m
<b>Spi</b>	13.5sq m

## Bavaria Easy 9.7

This 32-footer aims to bring simple sailing fun to a new generation. While the emphasis is on easy handling, there's a generous sail area and close-sheeting headsail that promises reasonable performance by the standards of out-and-out cruising yachts.

Below decks there's a semi-open plan layout, with a minimum of bulkheads, giving a spacious feel. There are also large double bunks in the stern and bow, a galley area and a spacious heads compartment. The boat is offered in a sail away package, including electronics, delivery, commissioning and VAT for £69,933.

<b>Hull length</b>	9.75m
<b>LWL</b>	8.85m
<b>Beam</b>	3.42m
<b>Draught (standard keel)</b>	1.95m
<b>Draught (shallow keel)</b>	1.50m
<b>Displacement</b>	5,200kg
<b>Ballast</b>	1,300kg
<b>Sail area</b>	51sq m



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## Saffier 33

The proliferation of stylish high-end daysailers continues with a new model from this Dutch boat builder. The boat has a powerful rig and modern keel profile, plus a 40cm fixed carbon bowsprit from which asymmetric kites can be flown.

The deck layout includes an integrated sprayhood that offers extra comfort on colder days – ideal for boats based in northern Europe. It's configured to be easily handled, even if sailing single handed, with all sail controls run under the deck to winch consoles within easy reach of both wheels.

With a huge cockpit that has space for

10 people, the boat is intended primarily as a daysailer, yet the low-profile foredeck conceals useful accommodation. There are up to four berths, a compact galley with running water and a fridge, plus room for a toilet.

<b>Hull length</b>	9.60m
<b>LWL</b>	8.50m
<b>Beam</b>	2.72m
<b>Draught</b>	1.40 or 1.70m
<b>Displacement</b>	2,800kg
<b>Ballast</b>	1,100kg
<b>Mainsail</b>	27sq m
<b>Jib</b>	18sq m
<b>Gennaker</b>	70sq m

## Oyster 675 'Coupe'

Along with the Oyster 745 launched last autumn, Oyster's latest model is intended to add a third tier to the range, offering greater performance than previous designs in the range, while retaining the brand's key characteristics.

The 675 and 745 are designed around a master cabin, two double cabins and a fourth en-suite cabin that could accommodate two professional crew if desired. Both have spacious interiors and powerful hulls, with twin rudders and a capability to carry more powerful rigs and bigger sail plans. Visually,

the 675 has lower profile, stretched deck saloon windows, hinting at its bias towards performance.

The standard rig is fitted with a 105 per cent jib, plus a fully battened mainsail and removable storm staysail. Options include a traditional cutter rig and a double-headed Solent rig.

<b>LOA (inc pulpit)</b>	19.90m
<b>LWL</b>	18.20m
<b>Beam</b>	5.70m
<b>Draught (standard)</b>	2.80m
<b>Displacement</b>	35,000kg



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