





Next-level Lagoons

The first images of the all-new Lagoon 40 and 50 have just been released, with their unveiling planned for next spring.

John Cowpe, Managing Director of The Multihull Group, said: "The new 40 and 50 are exciting additions to the Lagoon range. [The builder's team] takes the new generation Lagoon to the next level, as ever, listening to their passionate owners around the world and acting to bring world-class, leading design thinking and technology.

"We expect the finish to be superb and to take the Lagoon range to the next level in terms of delivering a luxurious on-water lifestyle.

"Master designers VPLP continue the trend for higher performance in cruising catamarans. The mast, which is taller again, and with the wingshaped, square-top sail make for a highly efficient sail plan.

"There is no doubt these new models are set to deliver similar, impressive speed results to the ground-breaking Lagoon 42.

"Looking at the renderings of the Lagoon 40, it's clear that a huge amount of design thinking has gone into the ergonomics of the open cockpit. This boat will be a pleasure to sail and spend time on."

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FISH N' FUN

Australian yacht designer Misha Merzliakov has revealed details of an exciting new sport fisher concept named Battlewagon. Developed with the idea of freshening up the already successful sport fisher platform, this concept is a bold attempt in modernising these yachts without losing their unmistakable silhouette.

Merzliakov's design was conceived for an owner seeking a unique monohull that is perfect for fishing, operating at high speeds and sunset cruising in calm water.

"The typical sport fisher platform is a powerful, capable platform so I wanted the exterior to 'say what it does'. I wanted to modernise and explore adventurous expanses of glass while retaining an aggressive exterior. Why should all the European-designed Med boats have all the fun," said Mr Merzliakov.

The 21.3-metre (70-foot) yacht is capable of providing a more enriching cruising experience with a fully enclosed flybridge and a foredeck lounge available when cruising in fair weather

"I wanted to demonstrate improved cruise capability and still go blue water fishing; within a 70-foot envelope, this is achievable," Merzliakov added. "A bit of volume in the right areas makes for a more dramatic exterior and interior design."

From a technical standpoint, the hull has been adapted to be more efficient at slow cruising speeds without taking too much off the top-end speed. The owners have a choice of propulsion being shaft driven or from pods.

Merzliakov commented that he is excited to bring this revolutionary concept to the sport fisher market.

"The sport fisher platform is ideal for the yacht owners looking for a vessel that combines speed, comfort and, more importantly, sport fishing. What more could you want?"

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