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FAIRLIE 55 


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First Fairlie 55 hull turned - a modern classic takes shape

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An exciting moment was witnessed at Fairlie Yachts this week. The hull of the first Fairlie 55 was turned as the build of this 'modern classic' continues on schedule towards completion in early August.

The first yacht in this family of modern classics was manually turned by a carefully briefed team at Fairlie's premises on the Hamble River in Hampshire, UK.



Using the finest quality materials, exceptional craftsmen and unrivalled knowledge, Fairlie has forged an enviable reputation for building and restoring high quality yachts for private clients worldwide.

Fairlie's Duncan Walker said: "This is a huge psychological boost for the build team as they can now get 'into' the new yacht rather than just 'on' her to complete the build. It's an exciting phase for all involved as we watch this modern classic take shape – she's going to be truly beautiful."

The process of rotating the 55 foot hull took just under three hours and was filmed by three cameras. A video clip of the hull being turned can be seen in Part 4 of the Fairlie Build Diary at -

<http://www.youtube.com/user/fairlieyachts#p/u/0/0cO6tVxzF6I>

The Fairlie 55 is being built using a combination of modern and traditional techniques. The handcrafted wooden hull is constructed upside down to allow the skilled workers easier access. The hull can be pre-finished this way up before it is turned to complete the meticulous build

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Commenting on the weight of the hull, designer Paul Spooner said: “We took the opportunity to weigh the hull when it was turned and were delighted to find that it weighed in just below our estimate. She will be a fast hull and confirms that elegant good looks will be matched by outstanding performance.”

After the hull was turned, the yacht’s Volvo Penta D2-55 engine was lowered into place. Over the last four weeks an actual mock-up of the hull has been built alongside the new yacht. Already the interior joinery has been meticulously crafted by Fairlie’s joiners and is ready for assembly.

Alastair Shove from Ancasta, said: “As the sole sales agents for the new Fairlie 55, we’re delighted to see the build process progressing to plan with the successful turning of the hull last week.”

Following a successful preview event in December, Shove said Ancasta has received “considerable expressions of interest” from potential buyers who continue to watch the elegant new yacht take shape with keen interest. “We unveil the new Fairlie 55 at the International Cannes Yacht Show in September, although I suspect she might well be snapped up before then,” Shove added.

Interested clients are very welcome to come and tour Fairlie’s facility and witness the new Fairlie 55 in build. During this key stage there is still the opportunity to finish her to bespoke individual specifications.

Fairlie’s range of modern classics will comprise of the Fairlie 55, the Fairlie 66, the Fairlie 78 and the Fairlie 110. The Fairlie 55 currently under construction is the first Spirit of Tradition yacht to be built and Ancasta has been appointed as the exclusive international sales agent.

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Specification
Length overall 16.8m
Length waterline: 11.64m
Beam: 3.50m
Draft: 2.6m
Sail area: 117m²
Designer: Paul Spooner

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Notes to editors:

- Fairlie is situated on the Hamble River, Southampton.
- Fairlie uses the best highly skilled craftsmen who retain the traditional boat building skills lost in the modern generation.
- As well as carrying out complete restorations, Fairlie has also earned an enviable reputation for building new wooden yachts for private clients worldwide.
- Ancasta Yachts is a department within Ancasta International Boat Sales with its Head Office at Port Hamble Marina, Hamble, Southampton.
- Ancasta Yachts specialises in yachts over 50ft. A team of specialised brokers manages this area, possessing specific experience in larger yachts. These brokers have the skills necessary to deal with the commercial aspects of buying and selling multi-million euro yachts.
- Ancasta International Boat Sales is part of the Ancasta Group; Ancasta International Boat Sales, Hamble Yacht Services and Sealine South Coast.
- Ancasta is Europe's largest boat sales network with over 25 years' experience. The company is the dealer for Bénéteau Yachts, Lagoon Catamarans, Marten Yachts and Sealine Motor Boats.
- The company has a network of 18 offices in the UK and Europe, which are open seven days a week, staffed by fully qualified ABYA (Association of Brokers and Yacht Agents) trained personnel offering expert advice on all brokerage issues. The company offers a seamless new boat and brokerage service throughout the UK and the Mediterranean.

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