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FAIRLIE 55 


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First Fairlie 55 launched on schedule ahead of sea trials

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For immediate release

The new Fairlie 55 was successfully lifted into the water on Thursday becoming the first of the Spirit of Tradition class of quality sailing yachts to be launched by Fairlie.

The finely crafted yacht was transferred from Fairlie's premises at Hamble Yacht Services to be lifted into the River Hamble under glorious sunshine. She is now moored alongside for the last stages of the production process, with her rig due to be stepped in the next couple of days and final finishing being undertaken ahead of sea trials over the coming weeks.

Fairlie's Duncan Walker said: "It's phenomenal what the team has achieved in the last seven months. I've been immensely proud of the work everyone has put in to ensure the whole process has been carried out to the very highest standard and on schedule. Now the most important thing is to go for a sail and we're confident that her performance will live up to her looks."

Following the successful turning of the hull in March, the build has progressed to plan and within weeks the yacht will be turning heads in the Solent as sea trials get underway.

Designer Paul Spooner said he was pleased to see the launch go so smoothly after such an intense period of preparation. "As a designer it is always a big day when the boat finally gets wet, but everything went to



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plan and we're now looking forward to putting her through her paces under sail," he said.

Following sea trials and visits from potential buyers, the Fairlie 55 will be transported to the South of France for an official launch at the Cannes International Boat and Yacht Show, which runs from 6-11 September. The Fairlie 55 will be on display in the Vieux Port giving visitors the chance to preview the yacht in a world-class setting.

Alastair Shove of Ancasta Yachts, the exclusive international sales agents for the Fairlie 55, said: "We're delighted to see the first Fairlie 55 successfully lifted into the water on schedule today and look forward to showing our clients her superb performance to match her stylish looks over the coming weeks both in the Solent and at Cannes."

As the first boat was lowered into the water, plans were already underway to commence the build of the next Fairlie 55. "Within the next two weeks we'll start to laminate the frames for the next boat, so there'll be little let up on the workload," Duncan Walker said.

To follow the final stages of the Fairlie 55 build visit <http://www.ancasta.com/Fairlie> for updates, images and footage. Or visit the new Fairlie Yachts website at <http://www.fairlieyachts.com/>

The Spirit of Tradition yachts will comprise the Fairlie 55, the Fairlie 66, the Fairlie 78 and the Fairlie 110.

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Specification

Length overall 16.8m

Length waterline: 11.64m

Beam: 3.50m

Draft: 2.3/2.6m

Sail area: 117m²

Designer: Paul Spooner

Notes to editors

Marine titles interested in viewing or sailing on the Fairlie 55 in either Hamble or Cannes are invited to make contact with Mike Shepherd to submit a bid.

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- Fairlie Restorations is situated on the Hamble River, Southampton, UK.
- Fairlie Restorations 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, UK.
- Ancasta Yachts specialises in yachts over 50ft. A team of specialised brokers manage 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.
- For more information about the Cannes International Boat & Yacht Show visit: www.salonnautiquecannes.com

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