

NEW FAIRLINE 48 TARGA OPEN

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Another fabulous Fairline has just been launched on the global market, this one bursting with luxurious fittings, awesome power and every inch oozes Mediterranean-style living. Boaters are sitting up and paying attention to the new Targa 48 Open model and some have already seen her on tour. *Leisure Boating* gets the scoop on this craft from the South African importers, Boating World.



Exremely favourable sea trials on the new Fairline Targa 48 Open recently proved that the London-based manufacturing giant's careful development and attention to detail has paid off, and those fortunate enough to catch more than a glimpse of her are lavish in their praise.

Not only does she look fantastic but the ride is very solid and sure footed, and she is highly responsive. The turns are exceptional and she cuts through the water very cleanly, keeping the spray and wake very low in the water.

The new motor yacht is the first of three 48 foot models being launched in the next couple of months and is the first IPS boat Fairline has developed in several years. The team has worked very hard to incorporate the latest technology and a dynamic new resin-infused hull to keep her as light as possible. The significant weight savings of around 30% having clearly set the Targa 48 apart from the competition.

The new hull design also comfortably accommodates her powerful twin Volvo Penta IPS 600 Diesel engines – each

capable of 435 HP and a combined top speed of 32 knots – giving the exceptional performance one has come to expect from a Fairline boat. Of course the IPS pod drives mean easy, relaxed driving and add to this joystick control and you have at your command one of the most easily manoeuvrable sports cruisers on the water. Outstanding visibility with good horizon views combined with fast planing make for a really safe driving experience.

It's quite clear that Fairline has invested a considerable amount of time listening to their customers, doing everything possible to include exciting new design and manufacture innovation in this new model, without compromising their extremely high standards.

The new Targa 48 is as sexy as she is stylish, demanding more than a passing glance, while a closer look reveals a boat full of surprises.

This twin cabin, double en-suite model is the perfect choice for those who favour free-flowing sociable areas, both inside and out. In addition, the large electrically retractable canvas



roof exposes her to the best of the elements at the press of a button – for a true sense of freedom that’s hard to beat.

A quick tour of this beauty and

you’ll need no more convincing. Once you’ve got past admiring her sleek, modern exterior and climbed on board – the thing that strikes you most is her ongoing sense of spaciousness.



Each area flows comfortably into the next and of course large panoramic windows add to the sense of light and space – making this Targa seem even bigger.

The well appointed saloon is a work of art – stunning in simplicity – but the unquestionable heart of this craft is the perfect social area of which the most discerning owner can rightfully be proud.

Take a stroll into the adjoining galley with its full height fridge/freezer and you’ll find everything you need for sumptuous snacks come mealtimes.

There is also the option of turning the spacious dinette area found here into a third cabin if you need more sleeping accommodation.

Talking about overnighting – while layout options below deck are variable you’ll appreciate the fabulous mid master cabin with an optional sofa that converts into an additional bed. The forward double cabin can convert to a V-berth and both have en-suite bathrooms.

Moving back into the cockpit you’ll find masses of seating and floor space, again making this Targa 48 feel so much bigger than she actually is. Facing the sophisticated helm with its eye-catching array of top quality instruments is the really interesting pilot seat. Specifically designed for maximum comfort, this plush but supportive seat can slide backwards (making standing up easy when necessary) and forwards and the backrest tilts back which means the pilot can adjust according to need. Both the pilot and co-pilot seats have substantial headrests as well.

Passengers can relax on the substantial seating or stretch out on the large sunpad for a snooze – with the added luxury of controlling how much sunlight you get by activating the powered, retractable, cockpit cover.



As expected there's loads of storage space everywhere – under seating and other spots and the integral garage is home for the optional jet tender. Other options include a hydraulic passerelle and a submersible powered bathing platform.

The grand première of the Targa 48 OPEN took place at the Goodwood Festival of Speed to huge acclaim a month ago and this was followed by the most exciting Fairline South Coast

Tour exploring the beautiful English coastline. Leaving the Fairline Test Centre at Ipswich, the new launch cruised down the East Coast for the start of the Tour which began at Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne.

Cruising down the Thames Estuary and around the South East headland she made her way past Brighton down the Solent to Poole visiting a huge variety of popular marinas and anchorages along the way.

Visitors were invited on board to experience the boat and prospective owners used this unique opportunity to discover the best from this new model. Many existing Fairline owners who keep their boats along the South Coast also met up with her to spend time on board – excitedly examining every inch of her. This amazing tour which ended at Southampton in Swanwick afforded many admirers hours of pleasure and firmly established the Targa 48 as another Fairline favourite.

All agreed the Targa 48 Open epitomises British engineering and manufacturing at its best – everything and more than you would expect from the British manufacturer. Closely following on this Targa's heels will be just as exciting new Fairline launches – the Squadron 48 at the Southampton Boat Show and the Targa 48 GRAN TURISMO will debut at the Tullett Prebon London Boat Show in 2014.

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