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Cote d'Azur Cat





Style and sophistication are the hallmarks of the modern main saloon.



The owner's cabin is forward on the main deck.

In its relatively short existence, Sunreef Yachts has carved out a solid reputation for producing quality sailing catamarans, with over 40 now delivered and sailing in a variety of locations around the globe. Since receiving a commission by world-renowned Swiss sailor, Laurent Bourgnon, the yard has also moved into producing luxury power catamarans. Bourgnon's requirement was for a vessel suitable to take his young family on an around-the-world odyssey, so the specification was for a practical and economical boat specifically modified to handle long distance, transoceanic crossings. Sunreef worked closely with Bourgnon to develop *JAMBO*, a yacht capable of an incredible 20,000-nautical-mile range at a steady cruising speed of eight knots. Now the company has taken what it has learnt to produce the Sunreef 70 Power.

Founded by Frenchman Francis Lapp in 2002, Sunreef Yachts specialises in building customised luxury cats at the larger end of the market. Since its inception, the shipyard has launched a wide range of sail and power yacht models, including several superyachts. Lapp's passion for sailing led him to Poland in 1992 – a country perhaps better known for vodka, icy winters and World War II history than yachting – and while there he discovered an opportunity to expand his electronics business in a vibrant new economy. Lapp owned several catamarans, but plagued by frustration at his inability to find what he and his family demanded, the only solution was to build his own from scratch.

Since then the company has since grown exponentially and the new 70-footer is a testament to how far the boatyard has come in a short time. The Sunreef 70 Power caused quite a stir at the Cannes International Boat Show, and if that attention is anything to go by, this sophisticated and stylish

catamaran is certain to make her presence felt in the South Pacific.

With the stunning Cote d'Azur landscape providing a glamorous backdrop for this cool cat, it was our hostess *Sea Bass* that stole the spotlight, clearly ready for her close up. Not an easy task in a town renowned for rolling out the red carpet for beauties like Cate Blanchett, Angelina Jolie and Cameron Diaz during the annual Film Festival.

This boat is all about sleek, clean lines and contemporary finishes, perfectly suited to those with refined tastes who understand and appreciate clever design. The combination of gentle, neutral finishes captures an understated, modern feel in harmony with the ocean, uniting chic with unsurpassed luxury and comfort.

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Throughout the interior, the contemporary decor creates the feel of a spacious apartment. Sunreef offers a number of custom interior layouts and will tailor the space to the owner's needs.

The accommodation layout includes two master cabins in the bow with queen-size beds, large ensembles with dual vanities and generous storage spaces. The aft section has two guest cabins with double beds and ensuite.

The galley is well equipped with full-size kitchen appliances and has been designed with the epicurean in mind, offering a spacious and functional area for whipping up culinary delights worthy of a home dining table.

The large saloon is ideal for entertaining and a fully integrated, state-of-the-art stereo system pipes music throughout the boat to create an ambiance to match any occasion or mood. There's also a video system with multiple plasma/LCD monitors for a relaxing night in front of a movie. Opening the wide glass doors aft of the saloon creates a seamless, open-plan space perfect for alfresco dining and comfortably seating eight guests.



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Modern décor continues in the helmstation.

The full-beam flybridge is equally well appointed and spacious, boasting a jacuzzi, diving platform, water bike, wet bar, barbecue and sunbathing lounges. But the skipper is well catered for and not to be excluded from spending time with friends where the full array of equipment is cleanly laid out.

The Sunreef design gets it right for luxury and convenience, but how does she perform when put through her paces?

Powered by twin Caterpillar 873 horsepower engines capable of reaching a top speed of 26 knots within seconds, maximum pleasure with minimum effort is the underlying philosophy with this new model. What defines the ride is just how smooth it is. Combine that with the boat's excellent stability and abundant horsepower and this is certainly a wolf wrapped in sheep's clothing, equally comfortable in the open ocean as inshore. Even powering along at 26 knots in 40 knots of breeze the most you can expect is a few drops of water on the fly deck's windshield, and not a drop of champagne would ever be spilt.

The boat's cruising speed is between 12 to 14 knots (1300-1500rpm) using 80 litres per hour from one engine or 160 litres per hour using both. The dual tanks hold a total capacity of 16,000 litres and during our sea trials the big cat comfortably climbed to a steady speed of 16.5 knots at 2250 rpm, slightly higher than the manufacturer's official technical specifications.

If your adventurous spirit seeks the indulgence of an Atlantic crossing, the Sunreef 70 has more than enough fuel in the tank, providing boat speed remains at a steady 10 knots. The visibility is excellent from the flybridge even when reversing, providing the skylight hatch on the upper deck is open, allowing for ease and full control and visibility. If there is a slight downside it would be that the flybridge helm is somewhat basic and aesthetically it could be more streamlined. When the hatch to the main helmstation is open during maximum speed, there is an unpleasant rattle.



So much space for a 70-footer on the broad aft deck – only on a catamaran.



Just a few steps to the water.



A convertible soft top lets the sun pour in.

These are only minor nuisances that can be easily remedied given *Sea Bass* is only the third hull of this model type to be produced. Visibility from the inside main helmstation could be improved with slightly larger front windows on both sides.

The onboard video camera system gives the skipper full control of everything on-screen making for easy navigation. All the electronic devices are ergonomically positioned together and the helm is integrated into the open plan main saloon where a seating area of plush sofas, coffee table and a desk comfortably seats up to five guests for easy mingling.

All of the main systems are duplicated in both stations. As a safety measure both steering devices run independently so rudder control is constant if an emergency occurs. Turning the boat around is a cinch and requires engaging one forward motion and the other in reverse, making a bow thruster unnecessary.

As for the on-board lighting system, *Sea Bass* is equipped with the highly innovative NavyBus electrical distribution system by Navylec enabling control of both the interior and exterior lighting via remote control even at a distance of 300 metres. The captain can delight guests by turning the lights on or off, activating an impressive lighting sequence from a beach and creating a spectacular display of light and colour for special occasions like New Year's Eve. NavyBus technology allows the suppression of cables onboard whenever possible by combining wired lighting and completely wireless switchboards, sensors and touch screens. In addition there's also a system of underwater halogens and in the cockpit and saloon areas, discrete LED lighting creates an intimate ambiance during late evenings and an ideal setting for romantic moments.

The handrails are kept discreetly to a minimum without compromising passenger balance and safety. The preferred cruising position for many would have to be on one of the bows, so you can delight in how the boat



The spacious spa is the focal point of the sun deck.

ploughs through the water so swiftly, elegantly slicing the crests of the waves as you power on to your destination.

Sunreef catamarans are exclusively imported and distributed in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands by Queensland-based Multihull Solutions. Sunreef's sales director, Maciej Stompór has high expectations for the boat in the Australian market.

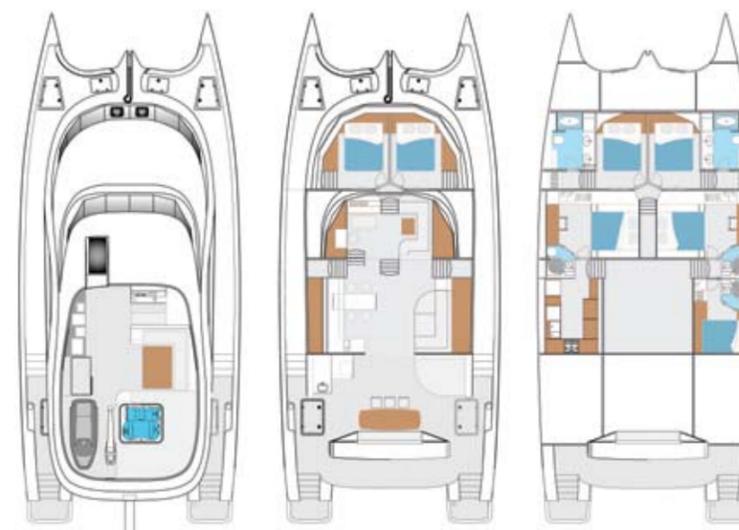
"Multihull Solutions in Australia is a consequent step in Sunreef Yachts' development all over the world. Australia is one of the countries where catamarans already have a strong position among buyers and charterers. Multihull Solutions understands perfectly all assets and qualities of a

multihull and is a trustworthy reference for these kinds of yachts in the local market," Stompór said.

This stunning boat ticks all the boxes and during our time onboard proved to be not only strong and resilient but comfortable; designed for maximum fun and utmost pleasure. For many who have not considered a catamaran, this is the one that will change minds and turn heads. ○

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS



Sunreef Shipyard	BUILDER
Poland	COUNTRY OF BUILD
Sunreef Yachts	DESIGNER
Sunreef Yachts	NAVAL ARCHITECT
2009	YEAR OF BUILD
21.46 metres (70.4')	LOA
9.3 metres (30.5')	BEAM
1.52 metres (5.0')	DRAFT
Composite	HULL CONSTRUCTION
47 tonnes	DISPLACEMENT
Caterpillar	ENGINES
2 x 873 horsepower	OUTPUT
26 knots	SPEED (MAX)
12-14 knots	SPEED (CRUISE)
16,000 litres	FUEL CAPACITY
Trans-Atlantic capable @ 10 knots	RANGE
4 x 390 litres	FRESHWATER CAPACITY
10	OWNER AND GUESTS (BERTHS)
\$4.6 millions	PRICE