

PRESS RELEASE

Crossing oceans and drying out on the flats with one and the same boat

Introducing the Centreboard 40

It's the ideal combination: with the Centreboard 40 you can just as easily sail over an ocean as dry out on the shallows. The brand name of this extraordinary sailing yacht gives away the secret, namely the *centreboard*. Jan van der Weide, a boatbuilder since 1973, is now bringing the Centreboard 40 onto the market.

Mention a centreboard and most yachtsmen will think of an open boat or a small yacht, not of a sturdy 40-footer. Nonetheless, the Centreboard 40 has been designed from that age-old idea of a retractable keel whereby a sailing yacht can reach any harbour or beach. In the deepest position, the NACA profile centreboard is lowered 2.55 metres below the hull, so that the Centreboard 40 handles well, even when sailing close to the wind. When sailing large the keel can be raised, which means less drag and, therefore, a higher speed. The fixed inner ballast ensures a stable and fluid-moving yacht at all times, even in rough seas. With the keel retracted, the yacht can dry out upright, in which the screw and rudder are well protected by the heavy keelson.

Koopmans' design

Initially, Jan van der Weide – who'd previously built the centreboard yacht *Skoit* – was only looking, for himself, for the ideal sailing yacht that could take him round the world, but also one that would allow him to roam, carefree, over the mud flats. Van der Weide called upon the renowned naval architect Dick Koopmans to design his dream yacht. Koopmans, who has vast experience in the design of centreboard yachts, drew the plans for the Centreboard 40: a centreboard yacht with a centreboard trunk that easily met the requirements for the CE compliance certificate A (ocean). In this way the stability curve of the Centreboard 40 exceeded the minimum requirements with ease. At the same time, the boat 'turns heads' in every harbour where it moors, as people stare in admiration. 'A distinctive boat!', asserted ocean sailor Olav Cox.

Single-handed

The Centreboard 40 is a sailing yacht for the adventurer who makes heavy demands on his boat. That's why we opted for a steel boat which is safe and easy to maintain, including a robust scuff rib and a durable two-part epoxy coating system. The mast and standing rigging are oversized elements. Chain plates cannot break loose from the steel hull. Stanchions are securely fastened. The high quality is guaranteed by a winning combination of state-of-the-art mass production technologies and artisanal craftsmanship.

The hydraulic centreboard is operated by the single press of a button. The Centreboard 40 is designed to be sailed single-handed. It also has all mod cons for a full crew or for a family and friends. With the Centreboard 40 you will sail to oceans, beaches and harbours where few have gone before. Jan van der Weide invites you to come and discover the unique features of this ideal yacht during a trial cruise.

For more information: www.centreboard.eu

Key figures – Centreboard 40

Length overall	11.98 m	Mainsail	38.3 m ²
Width overall	3.92 m	Fore mainsail	17.3 m ²
Depth	1.20 m	Jib	40.0 m ²
Depth (incl. keel)	2.55 m	Gennaker	103.0 m ²
Height	17.80 m		
Displacement	13,500 kg		

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