

# DUFOUR CATAMARANS 48

## Launch of a tenor



### **It is true then?**

The rumor was spread over the last few months...

Well, yes! Dufour is proud to announce its entry in the multihull market with the launch of the Dufour Catamarans brand, as well as the first model of the range, unveiled in world premiere at the Nautic Paris 2017, the Dufour Catamarans 48.

The scale model, the 3D video and the virtual tour specially made for this event attracted a large audience both surprised and enthusiastic by this new project.

Detailed presentation of the Dufour Catamarans 48.



**Umberto Felci,  
key architect**

As essential partners since 2002, the shipyard could not go further without the talented Umberto Felci and Lorenzo Giovannozzi to draw the lines of the first Dufour Catamarans.

Popular for their technical and visionary skills, they have been able to design a modern, elegant and innovative project, in line with the distinctive symbols of the Dufour Touch.

*“We have developed an innovative catamaran in line with the Dufour Yachts philosophy on which we have been working over the last few years.*

*The Dufour Catamarans 48 keeps the codes of the Dufour identity, specifically with the hull lines and their inserts, the porthole shapes and the clean deck plan.”*

**The choice of rig with self-tacking jib**

In order to ensure maximum safety and easy handling, the mast was pulled back on the center line of the boat in order to balance the weights and limit tensions on the mainsail.

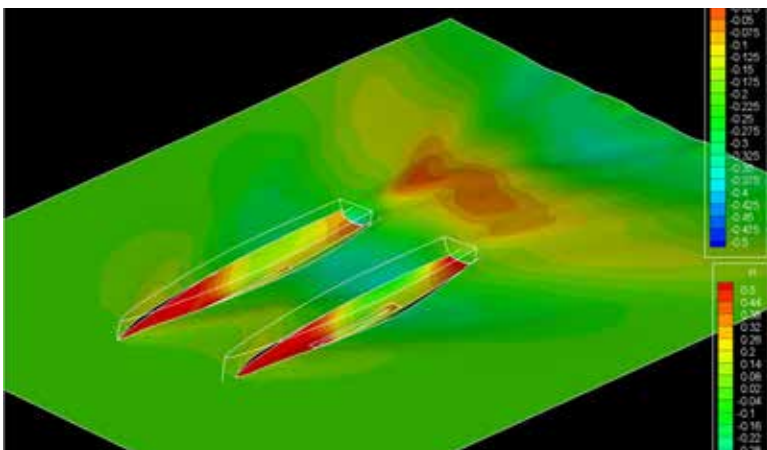
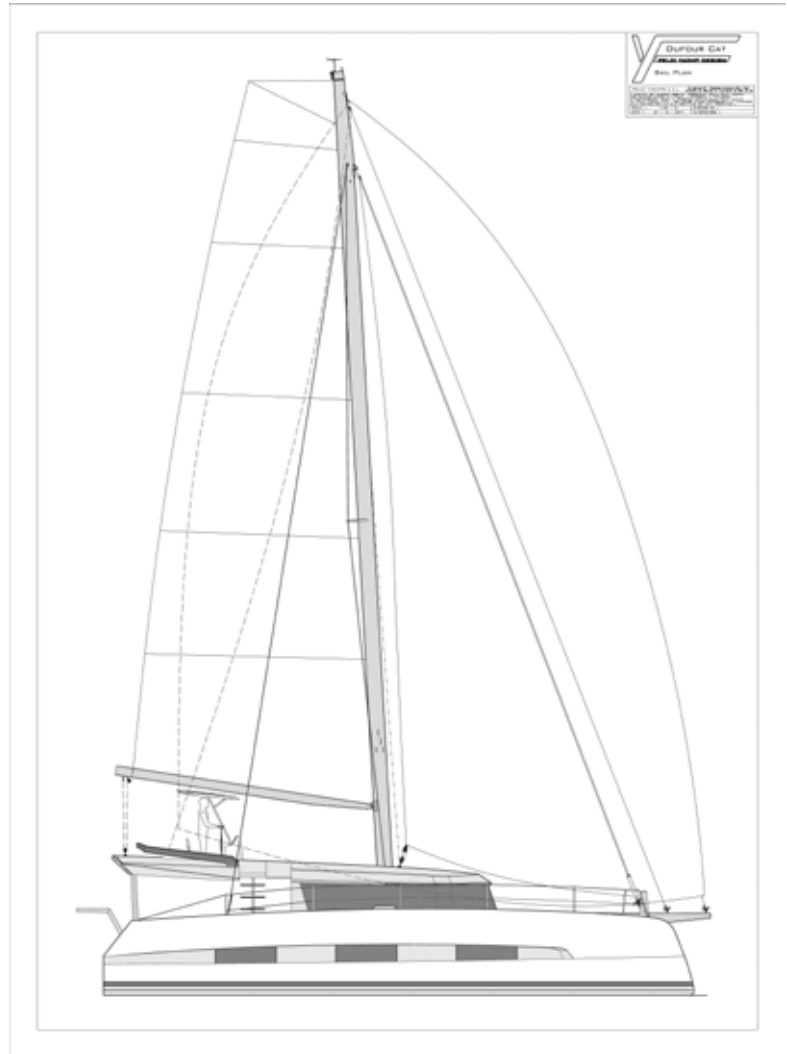
The front sails are larger and offer new possibilities, especially the use of a self-tacking jib, with a sail area comparable to a genoa.

The Dufour Catamaran 48 totalize 124 m<sup>2</sup> of sail area upwind, with 76 m<sup>2</sup> of mainsail and 48 m<sup>2</sup> of jib,

a combination that makes it easy to control in any situation, even while short handed.

In addition, the inclined boom, that is well appreciated on the Dufour monohulls, facilitates mainsail handling and secures the crew on the flybridge.

The fixed bowsprit, proposed as an option, will support a code 0 or a gennaker.



**Engineering research and construction**

The Dufour Catamarans 48 project has benefited from high-technology resources, notably the CFD analysis, which helped to produce outstanding hydrodynamic qualities.

The entire structure has been analysed and validated by the finite element method (FEM) in every close detail.



### Balance between inside and outside space

The Dufour Catamarans 48 presents a perfectly balanced deck plan, with the cockpit space, roof and foredeck divided into 1/3 of the total length.

The proportion of the roof differs from the models of the category and offers the concept of an exterior living area. The unique feature represents achievement of the intended balance between interior and exterior spaces, conceived to offer the greatest comfort in all seasons.

At the front, there are two outstanding sunbathing areas, separated by a large storage box and the anchorchest.

The sidedecks are spacious, and secured by hull bulwarks along the entire length.

At the cockpit level, there are two steps, one on the port side and one on the starboard side, offering the access to the flybridge.

1. Integrated sliding panel to prevent water from dripping into the cockpit in case of rain.

2. The jib furler passes over the top of the roof to be managed from the helm station.



### The flybridge by Dufour

The Dufour Catamarans 48 flybridge is a key element of this project. Envisioned as a second cockpit, it expands considerably the living space outside.

Traffic flow is optimized with access from provided stairs on both sides - through the cockpit from starboard, and the side-decks from port.

The space is equipped with a low table and surrounded by large seats and a wide sunbathing area.

It also features a fully equipped helm station...

### A "Super Yachts" helm station

Located on the flybridge, the helm station offers an absolute advantage in terms of visibility.

The large console inspired by superyachts, integrates all the equipments in a very ergonomic layout.

Winches for the mainsail, jib and the gennaker are all within easy reach.

The helmsman also benefits from an adjustable seat and a bimini, available in traditional canvas or sturdy hardtop.



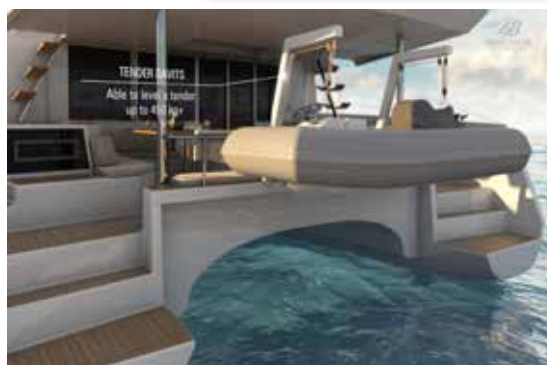
**A functional cockpit as an extension of the living room**

The cockpit of the Dufour Catamarans 48 offers the space of much larger boat. Indeed, the 8 meter width provides excellent space distribution and ideal traffic flow on board.

The dining table is large enough to accommodate up to 8 and is complimented by multiple seating and relaxation areas. The famous Dufour Plancha, a trademark feature of the brand is well integrated.

The various portholes provide an incredible natural light in the aft cabins.

The large window door opens completely for full communication with the lounge area.



**Standard davits or hydraulic platform ?**

Both two options are available for dinghy lifting. Fully integrated into the hull and deck structure, both systems are capable to support weights up to 450kg\*.





### 360° inspiration

The Dufour Catamarans 48 has been designed to satisfy the requirements of both owners and charterers wishing to live on board throughout the year. The presence of a large living room was essential to the design and the result is perfectly achieved.

The galley connected to the cockpit, is fully equipped and ergonomically organized with abundant storage spaces.

The forward office space is equipped to function as an inside control center. A plotter screen and autopilot joystick command allow the boat to be easily maneuvered from the comfort of the interior.

The sofa - dining space, can be adjusted in 3 positions - low table, dining table - double bed, with the seats smartly stored in the central furniture to keep the space clear when needed.

The wide 360° window facing the sea provides plenty of natural light.

The storage modules are various and well designed, including a large console with drawers, ready to fit everything you need.



1. Two large opening panels ensure ventilation of both saloon and cockpit.

2. The kitchen is also ventilated by an additional opening hatch.





### **The Owner's suite**

Occupying the entire port hull, the owner's suite will seduce at first sight.

The cabin is equipped with a 200cm x 1.70cm bed, which is particularly bright and ventilated thanks to its numerous opening portholes.

It also includes a large office area with sea view and convenient high closets and drawers.

Ladies will be delighted by the huge dressing room and the large sofa.

The head is appointed to the highest standards. A Corian counter is topped with a stylish washbasin, beautiful furniture and a large, separated shower.





### Guest cabins with independent access

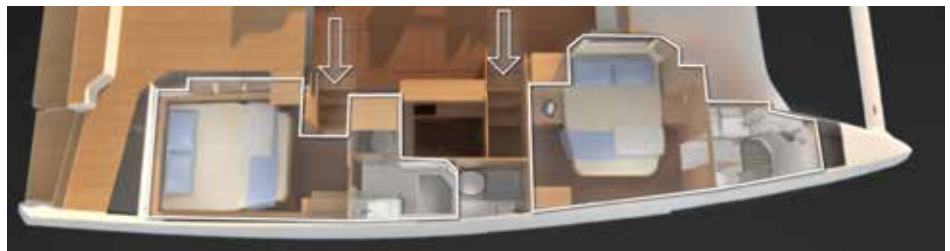
The Dufour Catamarans 48 presents an extraordinary configuration to access the guest cabins.


To guarantee the maximum privacy of each space, the main choice was to bring a multiple access solution to reach the floats - double stairs to starboard, and a third stair to port.

Thus, all the cabins have a totally separate access and remain accessible from the lounge.

Each cabin includes its own bathroom with separate shower, as well as many closets and storage furnitures.

Ventilation and brightness are also ideally suited.



 1. Two sliding panels isolate the access to the cabins for full privacy.



**Layout A**  
**3 cabins - 4 heads + skipper**

**Port side hull**

- > 1 owner suite including a head and a separate shower
- > 1 skipper cabin

**Starboard hull**

- > 1 double aft cabin with independent access, including a head and a separate shower
- > 1 double front cabin with independent access, including a head and a separate shower
- > 1 service room
- > 1 day head





### **Service room**

In line with the functionalities of a large yacht, the service room of the Dufour Catamarans 48 brings a huge extra value.

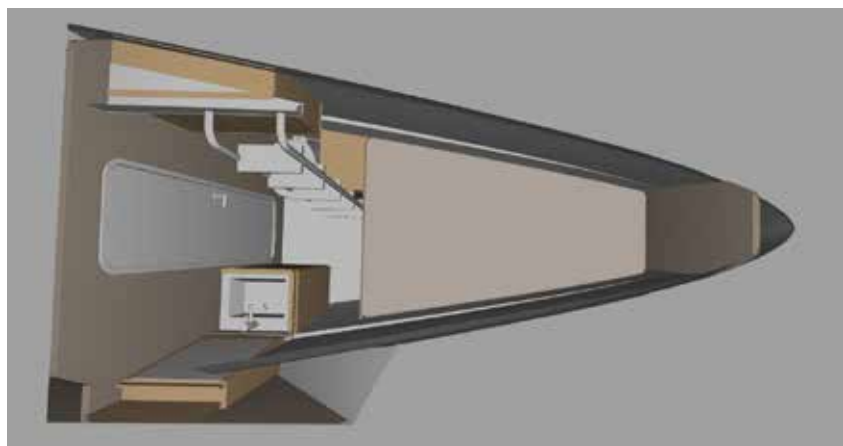
Available in 3 and 4 cabins layouts, it can be used as an extra kitchen, storage area, laundry room and many other possibilities according to your needs.

### **The skipper cabin**

Available in every available layout, it is both functional and comfortable.

The skipper has a 190cm x 115cm bed, and an integrated head with shower and toilets.

The main access is through a hatch on front deck, but an access door to the float remains available if necessary.





### **Layout B**

**4 cabins - 5 heads + skipper**

#### **Port side hull**

- > 1 double aft cabin, including a head and a separate shower
- > 1 double front cabin, including a head and a separate shower

#### **Starboard hull**

- > 1 double aft cabin with independent access, including a head and a separate shower
- > 1 double front cabin with independent access, including a head and a separate shower
- > 1 service room
- > 1 day head
- > 1 sail locker



### **Layout C**

**5 cabins - 5 heads + skipper**

#### **Port side hull**

- > 1 double aft cabin, including a head and a separate shower
- > 1 double front cabin, including a head and a separate shower

#### **Starboard hull**

- > 1 double aft cabin with independent access, including a head and a separate shower
- > 1 double front cabin with independent access, including a head and a separate shower
- > 1 double pullman cabin
- > 1 day head
- > 1 sail locker



# Technical specifications

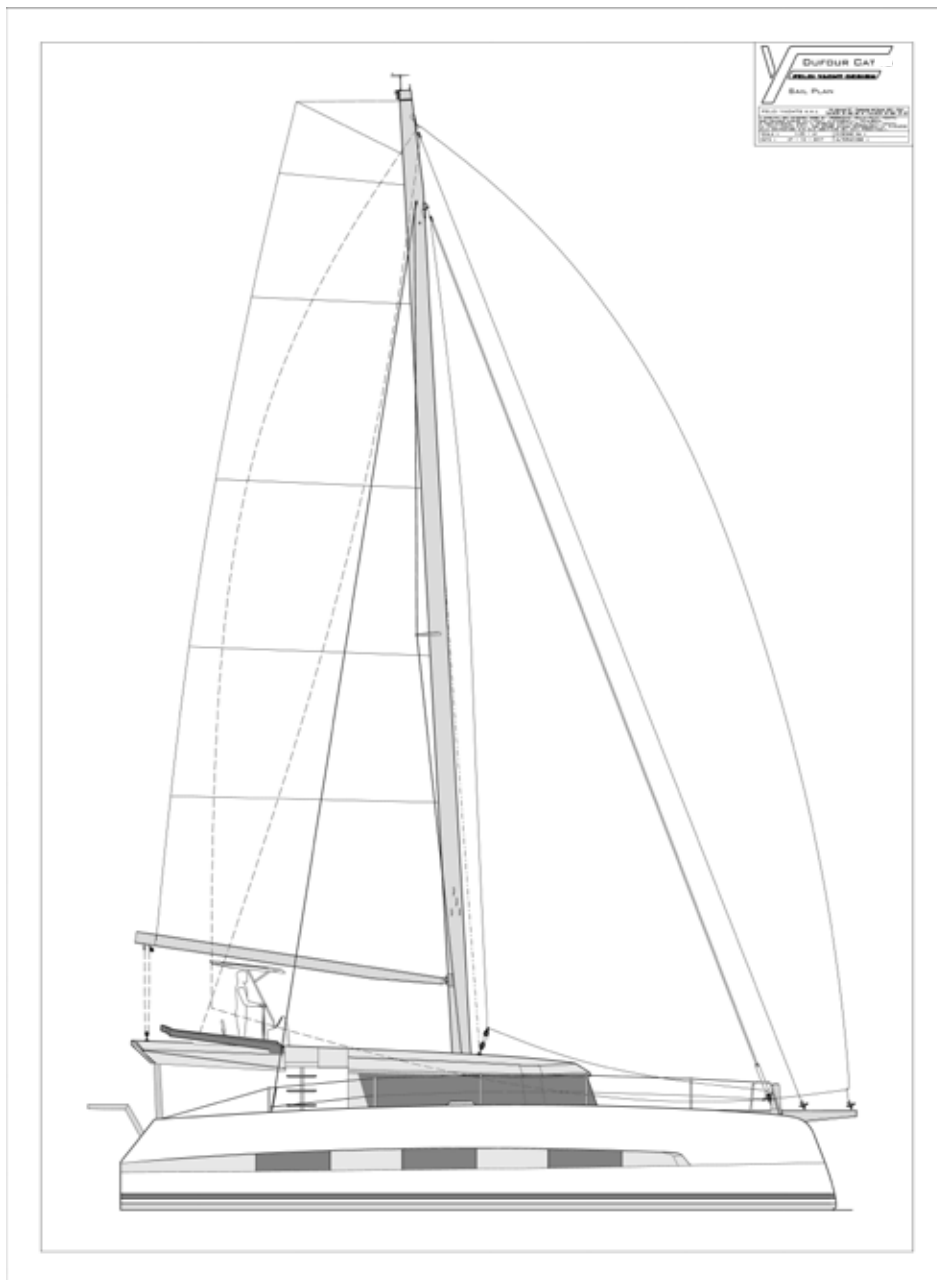
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<b>Architect</b>	U. Felci
<b>LOA (incl. bowsprit)</b>	14.70 m / 48.00 ft
<b>Hull length</b>	14.20 m / 46.59 ft
<b>Feet length</b>	46.58 ft
<b>Beam max</b>	8.00 m / 26.25 ft
<b>Draft</b>	1.30 m / 4.26 ft
<b>Displacement</b>	14.955 kg / 32 970 lbs
<b>Water capacity</b>	700 l / 153.97 gallons
<b>Fuel capacity</b>	900 l / 197.97 gallons
<b>Engine (std.)</b>	2 x 50 cv / hp
<b>Engine (opt.)</b>	2 x 60 cv / hp



# Sail plan dimensions

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<b>Sail area</b>	124 m <sup>2</sup> / 1 334 ft <sup>2</sup>
<b>Mainsail</b>	76 m <sup>2</sup> / 818 ft <sup>2</sup>
<b>Self tacking jib</b>	48 m <sup>2</sup> / 516.67 ft <sup>2</sup>
<b>Code 0</b>	90 m <sup>2</sup> / 968.75 ft <sup>2</sup>
<b>Gennaker</b>	110 m <sup>2</sup> / 1 184 ft <sup>2</sup>



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