



The Netherlands' Newest Beauty

# Zeelander

Takes to the Sea





*Zeelander is a visual treat; from all angles recognisable, from no two angles the same. She is a smooth-flowing vessel, highlighted with rich wood finishes, gold-sprinkled paint, stainless steel and sensuous leathers. Her conception is about lifestyle, performance and design. Unsurprisingly, it has been difficult to keep Zeelander a secret, and after four-and-a-half years and more than 250,000 hours of intensive product development, manufacture and testing, Zeelander has now moved into production.*



**Z**eelander is the result of an exhaustive creative process to produce the most refined small superyacht. From design and naval architecture to sound engineering and custom interiors, Zeelander is just this. She is beautifully proportioned, with styling by award-winning and highly-in-demand superyacht designer Cor D Rover. But Zeelander is no ordinary yacht – simplified in concept, she is probably the most driver-orientated vehicle on the water; easy to manoeuvre and easy to understand, with familiar controls that allow those with a driver's knowhow to grasp the joystick and dock the boat with ease. She is capable of covering long distances with her range of over 500nm, while her specially designed and proven hull allows her to handle seas no other boat in her class can consider. For 2009 models the Zeelander will boast an additional standard feature, the Gyro Stabilising System. This system, with no underwater appendages, is equally efficient at speed as it is at anchor.

The boat's blistering performance and speed capability is achieved through the hull design of acknowledged Master Naval Architect Frank Mulder, coupled with advanced technology Volvo IPS engines. The hull, which uses longitudinal stringers and carbon and Kevlar reinforcements, is constructed by hand in a special Zeelander-owned high-tech lamination factory. Each hull receives several individual layers of paint and lacquer, with hand-finishing

using long-boards between each layer. The process involves a clever blend of the automotive and aeronautic products to resist abrasion and ultra-violet damage. The result is then polished; the shimmering finish of the paintwork the result of thousands of hours of personal attention by Zeelander craftsmen.

From the bow, with sculpted anchor arrangement and mirror-finish headlights, following her perfect sheer-line, capped with hand-crafted mahogany and finally sweeping aft, Zeelander has not a single, hard line. Even her windows are curved. This boat's whole form envelops the passengers on the inside while providing no angle to the wind.

The interior of the Zeelander demonstrates a skilful use of space and lightweight cored construction, inspired by the designers' resolution to work with only the finest natural materials, wood veneers and leather, silks, wools, and precious metals. Every teak plank is individually selected and hand-laid on the decks before being vacuum-bedded in the deliberate single-length Zeelander style, emphasising the almost perfect curves of her hull and superstructure. Interior veneers are selected for the grain and colour and opened out into large sheets to ensure

continuity throughout. Each piece of furniture is independently crafted before being fitted into the yacht. It is then removed and veneered, before going to environmental paint shops for the final layers of lacquer to bring out the natural beauty of the wood.

While this boat is both masculine and powerful, it is her elegance and refinement that attract collectors. There is no mistaking that Zeelander is a mini superyacht set to become the watchword for luxury and refinement in the yachting world. ❄️

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