



A seamanlike design above and below decks for this latest Truly Classic

TRULY CLASSIC 51 ALEXA

Truly another classic

Another Dutch success story, the dreamboat of many a sailor – including a certain Sir Ben Ainslie – is the elegant Truly Classic range. Based on a classic shape with seductive sheerline from the board of retro-supremo André Hoek, but with modern appendages, this 51-footer is the 35th build in a series spanning 17 years.

Called *Alexa*, this is the seventh of the smallest 51ft semi-custom Truly Classics –

DIMENSIONS

LOA 15.30m/50ft 3in
LWL 11.10m/36ft 5in
Beam 4.20m/13ft 9in
Draught 2.40m/7ft 10in
Displ 18,900kg/41,666lb

the range now extends to the new flagship TC126 currently in build at Claasen Jachtbouw.

Alexa is a cold-moulded timber build by Metur Yacht in Bodrum, Turkey, which are also building a 66ft Hoek-designed Pilot Classic and a 75ft composite performance yacht. Hoek Design have completed ten projects with Turkish yards now, including four currently under construction, following a successful refit at Metur Yacht of André Hoek's own 57ft ketch.

Alexa is of medium displacement, with reasonable volume for a low-freeboard hull with overhangs, which houses an owner's en-suite cabin forward and two aft guest

cabins, plus tanks large enough for ocean independence. The styling is befittingly classic and seamanlike, featuring white panelling, classic skylights and plentiful brightwork including bulwark with capping rail. Her keyhole-shaped aft cockpit is a signature of the range.

Thanks to her modern fin keel, spade rudder and cutter rig set-up she should be much more manageable under sail than a true classic. Her fully battened main, furling staysail and yankee are balanced by a 2.4m lead keel with 6.6 tonne ballast.

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DYKSTRA/CLAASEN 60FT PILOT CUTTER

Pure Perseverance

Every now and then I see a design aboard which I could imagine myself sailing off to the remotest parts of the planet. This new 60-footer called *Perseverance* is one such. In my book her combination of timeless good looks and an aluminium structure is a winner.

Dykstra & Partners are the pre-eminent name in the industry for pilot cutter-inspired designs for ocean cruising. Gerry Dykstra drew the superb *Bestevaer* range (the first of which was for his own yacht) and the design group has also produced cutting edge superyachts such as *Hetairos* and *Kamaxitha*.

Perseverance's aluminium hull and deck were fabricated by specialists Bloemsma Aluminiumbouw and she was fitted out in Claasen's shipyard in Zaandam. Claasen Jachtbouw are another prestigious Dutch yard, specialising in the 60-120ft sector –



DIMENSIONS

LOA 18.25m/60ft
LWL 15.8m/51ft 10in
Beam 4.85m/15ft 11in
Draught 2.6m/8ft 6in
Displ 28,500kg/62,830lb

recent projects include the J Class *Lionheart* and Hoek-designed *Firefly*.

The yard described this latest build as having 'classic lines and masculine looks', the latter emphasised by her carbon rig and stunning BMW metallic bronze finish, which is broken only by three portholes each side. But the retro lines disguise a highly technical boat. The owner wanted to be able to sail with limited crew, and so control the cutter-rigged foresails and main from the cockpit. He also wanted to be able to maintain all the systems on board himself.

With a maximum draught of 2.6m to work to, Dykstra gave *Perseverance* a carbon mast to maximise stability without excessive ballast and a long bowsprit to aid the use of flying sails. Her wide-planked teak deck is kept largely clear, so there looks to be plenty of deck space.

Like the *Axonite*, *Perseverance* has a deckhouse with a generous sofa and chart table, ideal for on and off-watch crew. This also creates room for a modern and spacious interior below, which includes a second saloon and en-suite double cabins fore and aft. **Price on application.**
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