



HIGHLIGHTSSingle-level livingVery fuel efficientPlenty of space

We know what you're thinking, because we were thinking it too when we saw the renderings of this new Italian-built catamaran-cum-floating motorhome. But bear with us because if what you want from your boat is an unashamed party platform for bay hopping or an apartment on the water then the Overblue could make a lot of sense.

The bizarre design gives you two perfectly flat living spaces, the main deck that houses the galley, dinette, bathrooms and cabins, and the flybridge with its sunpads, alfresco dining area, hot tub and tender storage, not to mention the helm station. The fact that the only place to drive the boat from is on the flybridge tells you everything you need to know about the markets it's likely to appeal to.

There are two standard layout options below – 'family', which comprises two cabins and four berths, and 'charter', which has an extra cabin for a skipper. There is also a custom layout where you can do pretty much whatever you like

with the large interior space.

Again, the propulsion suggests that this is a boat for coastal cruising at most (would you fancy taking a rolling wave on that bluff bow?) as the 44 is fitted with a pair of either 55hp or 75hp Volvo Penta D2 diesels, good for a top speed of 16 knots with the largest pair. It should be efficient, too, thanks to the slender twin hulls and relatively small engines for a boat of this size.

It's certainly an extraordinary piece of kit and not one for the traditionalists,

but it will be launched at the Cannes Boat Show so you can see it for yourself and make up your own mind.

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AT A GLANCE

Length 44ft 3in (13.5m)
Beam 13ft 8in (4.2m) Engines Volvo
Penta D2 55/75hp Top speed 16
knots Price from £247,998 inc UK
VAT (Twin 75hp)



