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## Fitzroy Yachts launch 50m flybridge sloop Ohana

Fitzroy Yachts has launched their latest project: the spectacular 50m flybridge sloop *Ohana*.

*Ohana* entered the water on 28 October, a beautiful spring day in New Plymouth, New Zealand, and was christened in the presence of yard management and her proud build team. Built for a European client, *Ohana* is now undergoing sea trials before her delivery in December.



Fitzroy Yachts pride themselves on constructing world class and award winning fully custom yachts, and *Ohana* is the latest in a line of remarkable projects built by the yard. Work began on the yacht in 2010 after her owner approached the yard exclusively to build his yacht.

"It is a huge complement to Fitzroy Yachts and our team that *Ohana*'s owner approached us directly," said Rodney Martin, Managing Director of Fitzroy Yachts. "This kind of endorsement from owners cements our reputation as one of the worlds top sailing yacht builders."

Designed by Dubois Naval Architects, *Ohana* is the eighth Dubois design to be built at the yard. Complementing her modern lines and timeless design is an equally beautiful interior. Her interior design and styling is the work of the owner who drew on a fresh and clean palette, with joinery work in whitewashed oak, to create a modern interior with natural colours.

Her owner will enjoy a well-appointed master cabin located aft with additional accommodation for 10 guests in five cabins. The main deck, filled with natural light, is home to a generous salon and dining space for guests to enjoy.

Built in aluminium, with a fixed bulb keel, *Ohana* has a grey exterior paint job with distinctive touches of yellow. She features a 63.1m Southern Spars rig and will fly sails by Doyle Sails and Stratis, with a total sail area of 4,085m2 including her main sail of 636m2 and a gennaker of 1,600m2. Under sail she will achieve a maximum speed of 18knots, and average at 12knots.



With Fitzroy built yachts being proven competitors in superyacht sailing regattas *Ohana* will make her much-anticipated debut as a fierce challenger on the race circuit at the 2013 NZ Millennium Cup (Auckland, 14-17 February).

*Ohana* is now undergoing sea trials and she will soon travel from New Plymouth to Auckland to have her mast stepped and to undergo further trials before her delivery in December. "The entire Fitzroy team are hugely proud of *Ohana* and are delighted to have in her such a beautiful and unique addition to the Fitzroy fleet," said Martin.

Still in build at Fitzroy Yachts is the 37m fast cruising sloop, FY17. Designed by Dubois Naval Architects and with an interior by Design Unlimited, she is being built for a European owner for delivery in 2014.

## **Ohana** - Specifications



Hull Number – FY16 Type – Flybridge sloop LOA – 49.7m (163ft) LWL – 44.6m (146ft) Beam – 9.96m (32.6ft) Draught – 5.5m (18ft) Displacement – 370 tonnes Rig – Southern Spars Engine – Caterpillar C32 ACERT (1400 BHP) Accommodation – Owners Cabin, 4 x Guest Cabin Aft, 1 x Guest Cabin Forward, 4 x Crew Cabins Builder – Fitzroy Yachts Naval Architecture – Dubois Naval Architects Exterior Design – Dubois Naval Architects Interior Design – Owner and Fitzroy Yachts

#### Notes for the Editor:

Based in New Plymouth, New Zealand, Fitzroy Yachts has been building superyachts since 1997 and is one of the worlds leading sailing yacht builders. Their high specification superyachts have received worldwide recognition, winning numerous awards including 'Sailing Yacht of the Year' for 49.7m *Zefira* at the 2011 World Superyacht Awards.

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