



Homer's famous poem conjures the stirring deeds, determination and glory of warriors, heroes, kings and gods. And in 2018, an exciting new range of power catamarans evokes the epic's themes to deliver legendary long-range performance and affordable customisation.

The international power cruising catamaran market has boomed in the past decade, and advances in design and construction technology have produced vessels that tackle the world's oceans with impressive speed, comfort and economy.

However, few production and semi-production power cat manufacturers offer buyers the ability to customise their



Top: The interior is affordably designed to custom requirements.
Middle: The sleek cockpit is spacious and ergonomic.
Bottom: The cabins' design evokes the style of luxury apartments.

BOAT REVIEW

boat to suit their individual needs without radically increasing the base model price. Consequently, today's marinas are awash with homogenous power boats that don't inspire much sense of passion from their owners.

In 2018 and 2019, innovative new manufacturer ILIAD Catamarans will subvert this trend with the launch of a range of remarkable power catamarans that allows buyers to truly personalise their boat to a luxurious standard at a price that challenges the price of the world's production power cat base models.

The company has invested years of research and development with an internationally accredited team of designers and naval architects to create the ILIAD 50, 60, 70 and 85. This stunning fleet not only delivers outstanding offshore performance but also provides the option for buyers to customise their vessel and be actively involved in the build process so their boat truly reflects their needs and personal style.

The new range will be launched to the world market with the option for each buyer to affordably personalise an array of features, including boat layout, timber colours, electronics, fabric, engine options and more.

EXPERTS AT THE HELM

ILIAD Catamarans is the successful collaboration of Global Marine and ITAC Marine with both entities bringing a wealth of expertise to the project. ITAC Marine has been designing and managing international boatbuilding projects in China for almost 10 years for the international market, while Global Marine (led by experienced business and marine specialist Paul Jenkins) is currently developing a strategic international dealer network for the brand.

The range is produced at Zhanjiang at Xinlong shipyard, one of the few established shipyards in China that construct premium quality explorer-type boats for the world market and uses only the highest quality of internationally imported materials. Its impressive facility overlooks the famous Zhanjiang Bay Bridge with waterfront launching access and boasts an expansive team of internationally-trained staff who have already made waves in the industry with the construction of Bering's luxurious 65, 77 and 80-foot motor yachts.

The mastermind behind the design of the ILIAD range is renowned naval architect Riccardo Bulgarelli who worked in Italy for many years for some of the world's leading shipyards before establishing his own design office in China. Bulgarelli has designed and project-managed the build of many exclusive custom vessels as large as 112ft for successful export to the world market.

Right: Standard layout concepts for the ILIAD 50 (top) and 70 (below). A range of layouts is available across all models.

LEGENDARY FEATURES

While the ability to truly customise each model is a major feature of the ILIAD range, the 50, 60, 70 and 85 are also a remarkable achievements in power catamaran design. Global Marine CEO Paul Jenkins said the boats are true long-range power cats that make no compromises.

"Each cat has been designed with an emphasis on safety, strength, stability and economy," Paul said.

"While we wanted to first and foremost create a range that allowed buyers to design a power boat that suited their unique needs without the exorbitant cost, we also have employed the finest minds in naval architecture to ensure each boat delivers outstanding performance in the most rugged conditions," he said.

Over ten engine options are available, and ILIAD Catamarans all come with standard inclusions, including dual control electronics as well as systems for fuel transfer, blackwater and power management systems (minimum 5000W inverter).

Each model also features flybridge hard tops, foam core hull and decks (vinylester resin hulls), Tecma electric toilets, bathroom extractor fans in bathrooms and an ocean of other premium-quality fixtures.

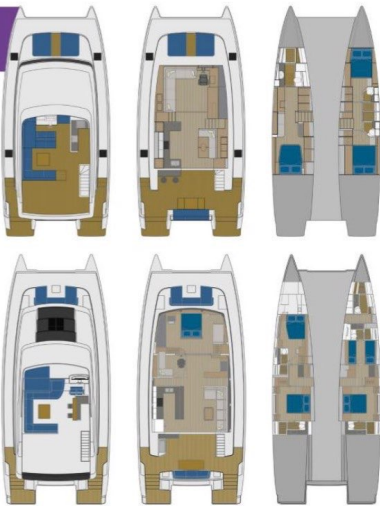
Every ILIAD Catamaran is constructed to comply with all specified international survey regulations, and for maximum peace of mind also includes a five-year internationally supported structural warranty.

AT HARMONY WITH THE SEA

ILIAD has designed each model to evoke the comfort and style of luxury apartments, with astonishing space throughout their living areas. Conceptualised with long-term cruisers in mind, the cats are extremely functional with excellent flow across the various zones.

The standard forward lounge in each model provides amazing 360-degree views, and unlike many other modern power cats, ILIAD has introduced an option for a spacious master suite in the main deck to optimise the use of space and create a naturally light, airy and idyllic retreat.

Beautifully appointed gourmet galleys are standard across the ILIAD range, complete with the best quality Seimans appliances and rangehood extractor fans. Every cupboard is thoughtfully accessible for guests of all heights, and storage facilities are in



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AVAILABILITY:

ILIAD 50:
August 2018
ILIAD 60:
February 2019
ILIAD 70:
April 2019
ILIAD 85:
October 2019

abundance for extended cruising. As with the rest of the boat, the galley can be completely customised to add or remove any fixtures or styles the buyer desires.

Continuing this freedom of choice, the flybridges can be left entirely open or can be fully enclosed with fully ducted air conditioning, or owners can elect to have the best of both worlds with high-quality clears that can be opened and closed as the elements demand.

Wide, safe walkways are part of each design with hand rails at a comfortable height for complete security at sea, while clear, uncluttered decks and huge deck storage facilities make offshore passages practical, safe and carefree.



Above and left: The ILIAD 50 combines powerful offshore performance with stunning design and flexible customisation options without the exorbitant cost.

INTREPID VOYAGERS

Just like the legendary Achaean ships of Homer's epic, ILIAD's cats are designed to face the most treacherous conditions with confidence. Ideal for extended-passage cruisers, each model affords impressive range and speed with competitive fuel efficiency. The company's standard recommended engines deliver a long-range cruising speed of around seven knots at a fuel burn of less than 1.5 litre per nautical mile with a range of up to 6000 nautical miles (depending on model).

Well-trimmed fore and aft at all speeds, the cats are able to explore farther than their competitors with the protective grounding skegs making them beachable. The catamarans' hulls and high bridgedecks have been designed to facilitate a smooth ride in the toughest offshore conditions, making the ILIAD range a true blue-water option that will challenge the loyalties of the most passionate monohull cruisers.

ASIA PACIFIC LAUNCH

Multihull Solutions has been awarded exclusive dealer rights for the Asia Pacific region and already sold an ILIAD 50 and 70. Paul Jenkins said that interest in the new range has already been overwhelming.

"We have already sold two models and have several orders placed on the 60 and 85. It's an exciting start to what we are confident will become one of the most successful power cat projects in the industry," he said.

The range will be officially launched at the 2018 Sydney International Boat Show in August with the ILIAD 50 on display by Multihull Solutions. ■

ILIAD 50 SPECIFICATIONS	
LOA:	15.51 m
Beam:	7.35 m
Draft:	1.25 m
Displacement:	25 T
Water:	700 L
Fuel:	2500 L
Holding tanks:	200 L
Certification:	CE A-12, CE B-12, CE C-20, CE D-35
Design:	Riccardo Bulgarelli
Builder:	ILIAD Catamarans

ILIAD 70 SPECIFICATIONS	
LOA:	21.07 m
Beam:	8.92 m
Draft:	1.32m
Displacement:	55 T
Water:	1200 L
Fuel:	6000 L
Holding tanks:	500 L
Certification:	CE Cat. A - 12 Ocean
Design:	Riccardo Bulgarelli
Builder:	ILIAD Catamarans