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Seawind Catamarans is proud to showcase, for the first time, the stunning 11.7mtr / 40 ft offshore performance catamaran, the Seawind 1170 at the 2025 Cannes Yachting Festival.



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IZMIR, Turkiye – August 2023 – Seawind Catamarans is thrilled to showcase its best-selling Seawind 1170 at Cannes Yachting Festival, from 9th to 14th September 2025 – alongside its bigger sister, the superb 45ft Seawind 1370.

The Seawind 1170 is the latest model of Seawind Catamarans and is built in Seawind's new, purpose built, production facility in Izmir, Turkiye. Since its official launching back in June 2023, Seawind 1170 has won International acclaim and awards including USA Sail Magazine Best Boat of the Year 2025 and nominated as the European Yacht of the Year 2025.

Designed by Seawind CEO and founder Richard Ward, renowned for designing the widely successful Seawind 1000, 1160, and 1260 models – the 1170 is a modern cruising catamaran that upholds the brand's reputation for creating capable, practical, and well-thought-out designs. The Seawind 1170 features sleek, modern hull lines and an innovative layout tailored for today's cruisers. The design team focused on creating a vessel that offers exceptional sailing performance without compromising onboard comfort or safety and proudly carries the company's motto & philosophy "Creating Cruising Catamarans for Real Sailors".

The Seawind 1170 is a full CE Category A catamaran, with hulls optimized for offshore cruising.



“The Seawind 1170 continues our mission to develop yachts that instil confidence and joy for sailors worldwide,” says Richard Ward. “We’ve combined much loved Seawind concepts, proven by over 700 Seawinds sailing worldwide, with modern enhancements to create a beautiful catamaran that meets every need, be it weekend family fun sailing or powerful offshore ocean crossing. And, at 40ft, the Seawind 1170 is designed to be handled by a couple or even single handed and yet a powerful sailor that will out-perform most other cats.”



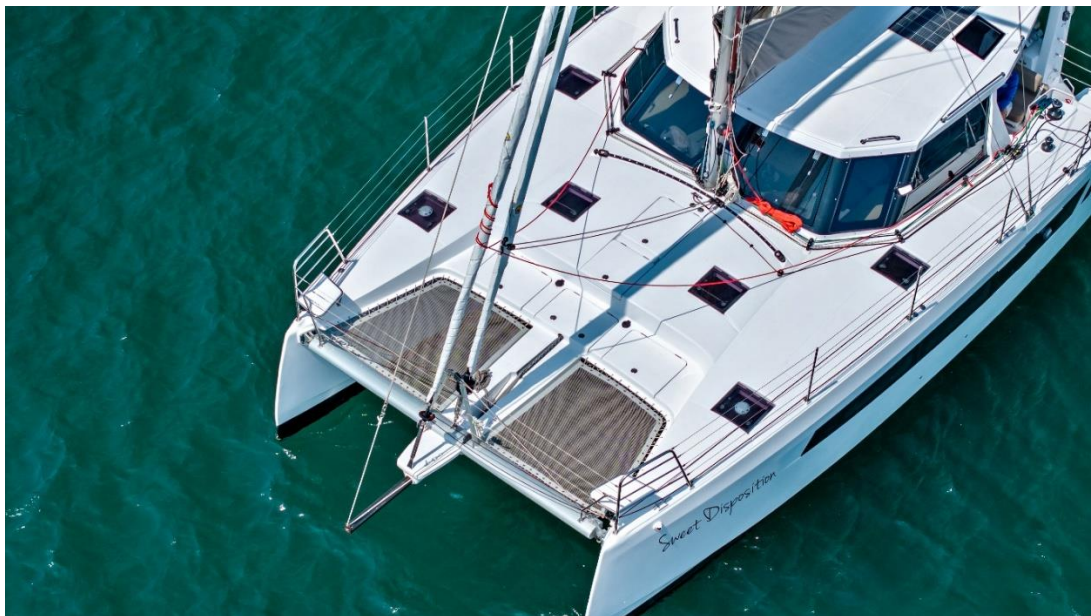
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The Seawind 1170 is designed for both performance and comfort, making it suitable for long range liveaboard blue-water cruising as well as for couples looking for an easily manageable catamaran for weekend sailing. Key features of the design include:

- **Ideal overall length:** The 40-foot length is perfect for sailors wanting a catamaran easily manageable as a couple, yet capable of crossing oceans.
- **Twin Protected Helm Stations:** The twin helm stations are designed for protection, safety and comfort in all weather conditions, with all lines running back to the cockpit. The large cockpit roof also provides protection & shade and ample space for solar panel installations.
- **Signature Trifold Door and Saloon Ventilation:** A standout feature of the Seawind 1170 is the famous tri-fold cockpit doors that fold into the roof and create a seamless

indoor/outdoor experience and expansive living and entertainment space. The huge forward-opening saloon windows deliver exceptional ventilation yet lock down in heavy sea conditions to be 100% secure and watertight. The removable helm windows enhance the open feel and clear 360-degree vision, creating a perfect sailing experience in all conditions.

- **Sail Controls:** All halyards and sheets are run aft to the twin helms and, regardless of the task, whether it be sail-trimming, reefing or even anchoring, this proven design means no one ever needs to leave the safety of the cockpit when sailing. This intelligent and proven design keeps the cockpit and aft seating area completely free of lines and sheets, ensuring a clean and safe environment.
- **Port-side Owner's Hull:** The layout includes a queen island bed and a large aft bathroom, providing a luxuriously comfortable and private space for owners.
- **Large Storage Capacity:** The boat is equipped with a 600-liter (160-gallon) water tank and a 500-liter (132-gallon) diesel tank. It also features twin 29hp Yanmar inboard diesels and has space for optional large solar and lithium battery installations.
- **Cruising mini-keels:** Mini-keels are designed to offer maximum lift to windward and efficient low drag performance. They also serve to protect the inboard diesel sail drives and spade rudders from floating objects or an accidental grounding. The SW1170 is designed to sit on its keels if hauled out or maintenance beached or shipped on deck.
- **Saloon & Galley:** The huge saloon is perfect for long passage making or simply as fun area to lounge about with friends. The galley down concept on catamarans under 40ft are a signature feature shared by all such Seawind models and much loved by hundreds of owners.



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The structural engineering for the Seawind 1170 was done by Gurit, New Zealand firm, a world leader in light weight composite engineering. All hulls are fully infused with vinyl ester resin, which provides greater structural integrity and prevents osmosis. To minimize weight and improve performance, carbon reinforcement has been integrated into key structural areas. The Seawind 1170 developing and tooling was completed in Vietnam and the first two 1170's were built there.



Since Sep 5th, 2023, the Seawind 1170 production line has been moved to Seawind's new purpose designed 5,200 sq mtr (56,000 sq ft) production facility in the IZBAS export industrial free zone in Izmir, with the productivity of quality Seawind 1170's at one every four weeks. This new facility offers a wonderful opportunity for overseas buyers to collect a Seawind in Turkiye, enjoy a season in Europe and then sail west to the Caribbean, Bahamas and the US. The Atlantic Rally has become a popular one to facilitate this cruise to the USA & beyond.



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About Seawind Catamarans

Seawind Catamarans is a globally recognized Australian manufacturer, founded in 1983 by experienced yachtsman Richard Ward and specializing in luxury high performance Seawind cruising catamarans and Corsair Trimarans. With over 40 years in the multihull industry, Richard and Seawind have earned a reputation for building yachts known for their robust construction, innovative designs, superior craftsmanship, and practical functionality. The company's philosophy is to create vessels that are practical and well-thought-out, providing owners with the confidence to sail anywhere in the world. Seawind has built a loyal following among cruising enthusiasts by delivering yachts that balance sailing performance with comfort and durability.

In October 2010, Seawind Catamarans acquired Corsair Marine, a world-leading manufacturer of trailerable trimarans with a history spanning 40 years in San Diego and Vietnam. Over these years, Corsair Marine has built over 3,000 trimarans and is known for its high-performance, lightweight composite construction. Following the acquisition, Seawind Catamarans merged its production with Corsair creating one of the world's most exciting range of cruising and high-performance multihulls.

In September 2023, Seawind Catamarans further expanded its manufacturing operation and reach, opening its first European factory in Turkiye. Today, the two sister companies work closely together, with a team of skilled shipwrights, tradesmen, and management overseeing the manufacturing and cooperatively developing advanced construction techniques using new technology and advanced materials. The Seawind Group is looking to a bright future and to further its reputation as a leader in the multihull field.

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