

Welcome to the May Edition of Sealine News.

No Test Too Tough for T50, S29 & SC29 at Cala d'Or Press Event



Pictured above: Sealine T50 moored outside Cala d'Or Yacht Club, Mallorca. Below: S29 & SC29 performing on test.



The first Sealine press event of 2006 was held this month in Cala d'Or, Mallorca, from the 8th – 10th May. Over twenty journalists from the leading European consumer boating magazines attended; each eager to put our latest boats through their paces during the two-day event.

Testing three boats in total; the new T50 flybridge motor yacht, and the S29 and SC29 sports cruisers, journalists at the helm faced variable weather conditions resulting in a mixture of heavy and moderate seas. This was a bonus by all accounts though – enabling them to test the boats to their full potential!

Faced with grey skies and challenging sea conditions on the first day, all three models performed to the conditions perfectly. Journalists noted the new T50 hull cut through waves with ease, and the solid boat build ensured a comfortable, stable passage that was peaceful in all of the cabins and saloon.

The collaboration between world-class powerboat champion Ocke Mannerfelt and our Sealine in-house design team has created two very innovative hull designs in the T50 and S29 models; and with that came great expectations. Performing tirelessly in the rough sea however the two hulls did

not disappoint, and have earned full approval from the attending press.

The second day of testing brought much calmer conditions which were better suited to testing the manoeuvrability of each boat, exploring the layouts, and of course provided the perfect backdrop for sun-drenched photos on the water.

The layout of the new T50 was applauded for its clever use of space, ie. the galley positioned to service both indoor and alfresco dining thereby creating the ideal space for entertaining. The sleek lines of the hull and superstructure were also commented on, and one journalist in particular was so impressed he felt it was the best Sealine he had ever driven, and certainly the best boat he had tested this year! High praise from an experienced source indeed.

Off the water, journalists had time to enjoy wonderful food from the luxurious Yacht Club Cala d'Or where local specialties were mixed with some classic Mediterranean cuisine, and in the evening retired to the beautiful Hotel Blau in Porto Petro to relax after a tough day at sea.

The press reports as a result of the event will be appearing over the coming months so look out for these in your local boating magazine.

F42/5 VOTED 'BEST IMPORTED BOAT OF THE YEAR' IN OZ

Nominated for 'Best Imported Boat of the Year' our F42/5 faced stiff competition in the likes of Sunseeker's 82 yacht, Bertram's 760E, and Chris Craft's Corsair 28 to name a few.

Conducted by Modern Boating, Australia's leading marine magazine; the magazine tests approximately 15 boats per issue, totaling 120 boats per year, and from this group of fierce contenders our very own Sealine F42/5 was chosen as winner in the category of over 24ft.

Our Australian distributor, Peter Redford of 5 Star Motor Cruisers, accepted the award on behalf of Sealine commenting; "35 years ago a gentleman named Thomas Murrant built the very first Sealine in the town of Kidderminster, England.

Today Sealine has evolved into one of the largest production luxury yacht

manufacturers, and a proud member of the Brunswick group. I doubt Tom Murrant had the Sydney marine awards in mind when he built his first boat, but I'm sure he'd be very pleased with the recognition that Sealine has received here."

Editor of Motor Boating Ian McCrae explains; "I can say with confidence that this is one of the most innovative boats to hit Aussie shores in years." He added "It is not just one outstanding feature; but many that combine to deliver an amazing, value-for-money boat that's poised to set the Aussie boat show circuit on fire."

Sealine Makes Debut at Sanctuary Cove

Australia's largest on-water boat show registered a 1% increase in attendance

since last year which is an encouraging result for the 18th annual event. The 4-day show reached attendance numbers just over 49,000, and as our first official showing for Sealine, we received positive feedback from visitors seeing the brand for the first time.

Represented by 5 Star Motor Cruisers, Peter Redford, explained; "It was a great promotional opportunity for us to really show our product off to this brand new market. We were extremely busy on the stand and there was a lot of interest across our display- to the point where it warranted leaving the boats in the marina for an additional week at the request of prospective customers.

We are now in preparations for the Sydney Boat show in August which, although is smaller, it attracts more interstate visitors and will be another opportunity to see the product."



MOTORING GREEN & CLEAN:

As boat users we all have a responsibility to the environment; to the sea, the coastline, and of course, to the natural wildlife. It isn't difficult to be conscientious and considerate. Just follow a few simple rules and we can all be instrumental in keeping our waters safe and clean for everyone to enjoy, and minimize the impact our boating has on the environment around us.

What items should never enter into the sea:

- Garbage - including bio-degradable food materials
- Oil and oily wastes
- Sewage- if harmful to amenity value of local water
- Toxic waste

Make life easier for yourself, and the environment, by disposing of as much packaging as possible before loading food and drinks onboard. Store food into washable, re-useable containers to reduce waste onboard, and keep rubbish in sealed sacks ready to dispose of when you next get to shore. Another useful tip is to keep a can crusher onboard to reduce the space your rubbish occupies. This shows that a little prior planning can go a long way!

When faced with a bilge full of oily water, instead of dumping it irresponsibly into the water, carry some absorbent pads to soak it up, then dispose of it in the oil waste drums now found at most modern marinas.

Historically, the practice of discharging toilets directly into the sea has been acceptable, however this is changing. We are all aware of the noxious effects this discharge has in busy marinas- particularly when the tidal effect is minimal. As a result, more people are now fitting holding tanks, and many marinas now offer pump out facilities. Where there isn't, nipping three miles out to sea to empty the tanks isn't a great hardship.

For those of us without a system to contain waste, we must be mindful of other water users nearby and the movement—orlack thereof—inthesurroundingwaters.

It goes without saying that anti-foul paint scrapings and wash-off must also not get into the sea as these are serious contaminants, and I would urge everyone to make a determined effort to use environmentally friendly products at all times to help minimize damage to the environment in the long term.

Winner's Weekend in Mallorca – (A note from Sue & Brian Banham)

Arriving Friday evening into Palma de Mallorca airport, my husband and I were greeted by Richard Corbett, our skipper for the weekend, and then whisked off to Port d'Alcudia where we boarded "Omega" – the luxurious Sealine F42/5. The boat was superb and the fridge had been thoughtfully stocked up for our arrival; including an excellent bottle of red wine to get things off to a great start!



Richard returned early Saturday, and after a very efficient safety briefing, we set off for Cala D'Or. Once out the marina, Richard suggested Brian take the wheel which was a fantastic experience and his expert tuition hit just the right note.

What started off sunny and calm unfortunately was not to last, and as the heavens opened, Richard produced a pass for us to visit the Cala D'Or Yacht Club as guests for the day. We enjoyed a guided tour of the luxurious facilities, followed by a long lazy lunch. Luckily the sun re-emerged again in the afternoon so we relaxed back on the boat for a few hours before returning to the Yacht Club with Richard for a delicious evening meal.

Sunday morning we enjoyed beautiful weather motoring back to Alcudia during which Brian again took the wheel, followed by myself for a short time after much persuasion!! This was our last evening and to commemorate the occasion Richard booked a very special restaurant for us where we had a table overlooking the sea. The food and the setting were truly exceptional and this was a lovely end to the weekend.

All in all, it was a wonderful experience. Richard was a great ambassador for Sealine & many thanks for the opportunity!

Sealine Sponsors Goodwood races



Goodwood Racecourse hosted its annual 'Boating Comes to Goodwood' Raceday Thursday, 25th May 2006, with Sealine as proud sponsors of the Sealine Stakes Heritage Handicap. The hugely popular event draws some of the biggest names in the marine industry, all gathered together for one day of world-class equestrian sporting action on the Sussex Downs.

The horses and jockeys appeared to be in top form throughout the exciting seven race programme; however the winning jockey for the £50,000 Sealine Stakes Heritage Handicap was R. Hills, riding Layazaal to victory against 5 – 1 odds.

Attending on behalf of Sealine, Managing Director, Steve Coultate, commented; "It's been a brilliant day for everyone here at Goodwood. We are very pleased to be here; not only to support the British Marine Federation at this prestigious event, but also to show a strong Sealine presence at an event that is followed by many of our customers, and is located in one of the most popular boating areas."