DUFOUR 390 AND 430 GRAND LARGE

PRICE €164,400 inc VAT LOA 11.19m (36ft 9in)
LWL 10.50m (34ft 5in) CABINS 2/3 BEAM 3.99m
(13ft 1in) DRAUGHT 1.75m/1.95m (5ft 9in/6ft 5in)
DISPLACEMENT 7.700kg (16,975lb)

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Filling gaps in the range while taking the opportunity to introduce more modern designs were Dufour's objectives with the two newest Grand Large models.

The 390 fits between the 382 (hull length 36ft) and the 412 (just over 39ft), the designations more closely reflecting the boats' lengths with their moulded bowsprits. In fact the 390 is only 9in (23cm) longer than the 382, but offers greater volume without – so we're assured – any compromises in performance. Dufour maintains that the design is optimised for downwind sailing but still goes well to windward.

Features of note include the cockpit galley under the seats in the stern and the option of telescopic, swivelling davits that have been introduced on these two new models.

Below decks you can have an L-shaped galley combined with a choice or one or two double aft cabins, or a linear galley with a three-cabin layout.

Sitting between the 412 and the 460, the new 430 is in broadly similar vein to her smaller sister. Umberto Felci has again tweaked the hull to gain performance, this time incorporating a more rounded stem section – a feature we're seeing on other recent launches and one that Stephen Jones employed some years ago in the GT 35. Apart from increasing volume in the bow it's said to make the hull more easily driven.

Like her bigger sisters, the 430 has a low gooseneck to make life easier with a conventional mainsail, though in-mast reefing will doubtless be a popular option.



