



## CONTEST YACHTS ANNOUNCES ENTRY INTO 80+FOOT SAILING YACHT SECTOR

**Contest Yachts of Holland is delighted to announce the new 26m flagship Contest 84CS which is now in design phase for launch in 2018. This is the renowned Dutch, bluewater specialist constructor's first step into the 80+foot sector and is made in design partnership with celebrated German naval architects judel/vrolijk & co.**

Combining the performance expertise of judel/vrolijk and the trusted practice and innovation of the third generation, family run Contest Yachts which builds yachts under Lloyds' plan approval and hull certificate, the Contest 84CS extends the potential for performance cruising of both new and upsizing owners.

The Contest 84CS will provide for both distance cruising and regatta participation as well as very social sailing for up to 10 guests in a customisable, up to five cabin, five heads accommodation plan, supported by a crew of up to four in a further two cabins. This step into the 80+foot sector also brings the advantage of enhanced privacy for guests created by fully enclosable galley and crew quarters.

Unusually at this size, and reflecting Contest Yachts extensive, individual semi-customisation, the Contest 84CS owner can specify either aft or forward master suite, with service quarters also changing ends. Interior design is modern-classic by Wetzels Brown Partners of Amsterdam who've been on board with Contest Yachts since the press-acclaimed launch of the Contest 72CS in 2012.

The hull form of the Contest 84CS follows that of the also judel/vrolijk designed and June-launched Contest 67CS, with moderate-shallow underbody running back from plumb bow, with integral bowsprit and optional furler for asymmetrics, to a soft chined, broad stern with twin rudders for precise and powerful yet light control at the twin helm stations. judel/vrolijk has perhaps the most extensive experience of all design houses with this approach, spanning fast stable cruising to performance circumnavigations.

The composite construction is according to Contest Yachts' standard infusing techniques which have been practised for more than 20 years, and under Lloyds' since day one. This includes a sandwich laminate throughout, from sheerline to keel stub, with a single shot infusion for each of hull, grid and then deck.

Great attention is being paid to noise and vibration including latest technology sound insulation to the engine room, and there is excellent service access to all systems and equipment, with also a dedicated technical room. A large lazarette will house compressor and toys while a sizeable RIB can be stowed kept low in the foredeck tender well.

As new flagship, the Contest 84CS sits at the head of a range of eight yachts from 26m/84ft to 13m/42ft 42ft, including the 16m Contest 52MC motor cruiser.