

POWERCATS GROWING AND SPREADING

The rise of the power multihulls continues, with superyacht builders crafting custom builds and established catamaran brands widening their portfolio, with Lagoon, Fountaine Pajot, Silent Yachts and VisionF all launching flagships this year, and Rossinavi recently debuting its first model.

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In April, the International Multihull Show in the south of France featured a dedicated powercat zone for the first time

The International Multihull Show in the south of France has traditionally been a showcase for the world's newest *sailing* catamarans since it was inaugurated in 2010. This year, the show included world premieres from Lagoon and Excess, while Fountaine Pajot and Leopard are other renowned brands that regularly showcase a wide range of models.

However, for this year's event at La Grande Motte, a dedicated powercat zone was included for the first time at this year's edition in late April, due to the rising presence post-Covid of twin-hulled powercats in the annual show.

Leopard showed all three of its Powercat models – the 40 PC, 46 PC and 53 PC – while the Beneteau Group was represented by the Prestige M48 and Four Winns TH36. Other powercats from French brands include Fountaine Pajot's MY6 (46ft), and the Yot 36 and Yot 41 coupes from the Catana Group.

Aquila, the world's leading dedicated powercat manufacturer, displayed its 50 Yacht and 42 Yacht inboard flybridge models, as well as its 36 Sport and 32 Sport outboard coupes.

Aventura, which builds in Tunisia, used the show to stage the world premieres of both its 38 SC (Sport Cruiser) coupe and 38 MY (Motor Yacht) flybridge powercats, having started the brand by building sailing cats. Dracan Marine – a new Polish brand – exhibited its Dracan 42, following the model's world premiere at the Cannes Yachting Festival in September 2024.

Two weeks earlier, the largest yacht at the third Singapore Yachting Festival was Echo Yachts' 56m *Charley 2*, the largest powercat built in Australia. It arrived in Singapore in 2023 as a support vessel for the 84m *White Rabbit* trimaran, also built by Echo and delivered in 2018.

Silent Yachts' first Closed version of its solar-electric SY62 3-Deck was displayed, while Leopard showed all three of its powercats for a



The 56m Charley 2 (left) and Silent Yachts' first SY62 3-Deck Closed (right) were among powercats at this year's Singapore Yachting Festival



The 43.5m This Is It (left) and 36m SpaceCat (right, which appeared at the Thailand International Boat Show 2025) charter through IYC and Northrop & Johnson respectively

second year. Aquila's 50 Yacht, displayed by Marine Italia, and the China-built Oceanwalker S60 were among other powercats at ONE°15 Marina Sentosa Cove.

Bluegame's BGM75, the Italian shipyard's first multihull motoryacht, was scheduled to have its Asia-Pacific premiere at the show, but its arrival in Singapore was slightly delayed, with Sanlorenzo Asia-Pacific (Simpson Marine) announcing its regional debut in Singapore in early May.

In February, SilverCat expanded its range as the 35CC (centre console) and 35CX (crossover) were among Gulf Craft's world premieres at this year's Dubai International Boat Show in the UAE. The models are the latest in a range that started in 2020 with the 34Lux, since complemented by the CC and HT (hard top) versions. The 40Lux and 40CC debuted in 2021 and 2022, respectively, while the flagship 46Lux and 46WA (walkaround) powercats premiered at the Dubai show in 2023 and 2024, respectively.

In January, the 36m *SpaceCat* by Australia's SilverYachts was a highlight at the third Thailand International Boat Show in Phuket, where the yacht – a star of season three of HBO's *White Lotus* – is available for charter with Northrop & Johnson.

SUPER SCALE

Globally, it has been a remarkable couple of years for superyacht powercats. In 2023, The Italian Sea Group launched *This Is It*, Tecnomar's asymmetric 43.5m model, which went on to be among a Monaco Yacht Show record of five multihulls, including two more powercats: Sunreef's 80 Power Eco and Bluegame's BGM75.

Last year, the Monaco Yacht Show was the show debut for Rossinavi's first-ever multihull, the 43m *Seawolf X*, a hybrid-electric powercat designed with Fulvio de Simoni Yacht Design for the exterior and Meyer Davis for the interior.

Seawolf X is equipped with AI that monitors onboard consumption, with the powercat able to cruise in full-electric mode for one-day trips and 80 per cent electric for transatlantic voyages. When the yacht is moored, a hibernation mode reduces consumption and can even generate and transfer energy. When it's berthed, it can recharge in only five hours using shore power.

Federico Rossi, COO of Rossinavi, said: "Installing an AI system for power management on vessels is a significant innovation in the nautical sector, and is aimed at optimising fuel consumption and supporting the crew. This technology not only enables more efficient navigation but also represents a concrete step toward future-ready vessels."



Rossinavi staged the world premiere of its first multihull, the 43m solar-electric Seawolf X, at the Monaco Yacht Show in September 2024



Sunreef has designed the Ultima 111, currently the largest model offered in its new Ultima series built in the UAE

In previous years, ShadowCat launched the 66m *Hodor* (216ft) and 68m *Wayfinder* (223ft) support yachts in 2019 and 2021 respectively, both built by Spanish shipyard Astilleros Armón and designed by Australian studio Incat Crowther.

In the US, the 110ft *H2* was built in North Carolina and delivered in 2023, while custom powercats delivered in 2019 included the 135ft *Royal Falcon One* – started in Vietnam and completed in Sweden – and *The Beast*, a 129-footer built and based in New Zealand.

Asia also has a strong history in custom multihulls, with the 88m *Asean Lady* proa design built in northern China and delivered to Singapore in 2004. In 2012, the McConaghy shipyard in Zhuhai launched the 43m trimaran *Adastra* for a Hong Kong-based owner, with the yacht currently in the Philippines.

Sunreef, founded by Francis Lapp in Poland in 2002, is now well established as the leading builder of luxury superyachts and it continues to expand its range at both ends of the size scale.

The shipyard recently launched the third 100 Sunreef Power, having delivered the second hull, *Thea VI*, in 2024. Also known as 100 Sunreef Power 2.0, *Thea VI* was displayed at last September's Monaco Yacht Show, where its custom-designed cigar lounge on the flybridge was among popular features.



The second 100 Sunreef Power (left) was delivered in 2024; Fountaine Pajot recently launched hull one of its Power 80 (right)

On the eve of this year's Singapore Yachting Festival, the 60 Sunreef Power Eco – the solar-electric version of its 60 Power – was a winner at the Yacht Style Awards, topping the Power Catamarans Above 15m category.

In February, Sunreef staged the world premiere of its first Ultima 55 at the Dubai International Boat Show, displaying the first hull to emerge from the brand's new shipyard in Ras Al Khaimah, the UAE's northernmost emirate. The Ultima range is offered in multiple models from the 44 to the 111, with over 30 sales secured to date. The Ultima 88 is expected to be the next model in the water.

FROM FRANCE

Lagoon arguably pioneered the modern demand for large powercats with its Seventy 8, which debuted at the Cannes Yachting Festival in 2017, one year after the French shipyard premiered its Seventy 7 sailing cat at the same show.

The Beneteau Group brand – whose dealers include Asiamarine – is currently building new flagship models. The first Eighty 2 sailing cat is scheduled to debut at Cannes from September 9-14, while the Eighty 3 powercat is using the same platform and could premiere at the Miami International Boat Show in February 2026.



VisionF plans to launch its all-aluminium flagship 101 (left) in late 2025; Silent Yachts will debut its SY80 2-Deck (right) at this year's Cannes Yachting Festival



Like the Eighty 2, the Eighty 3 features naval architecture by VPLP Design, exterior design by Patrick le Quément and interiors by Italy's Nauta Design.

For powercats, Lagoon is focused on larger flybridge models, including the Sixty 7 that shares the same naval architecture as the Sixty 5 sailing cat. All the brand's 50ft-plus models are built at the Construction Navale Bordeaux shipyard on France's west coast.

Within Beneteau Group, Prestige – a world leader in 40-70ft monohull motoryachts – builds up to 65ft in the multihull motoryachts sector, with the M8 the flagship of the M-Line that started with the M48 in 2022. Asia Yachting is among the brand's dealers in Asia and has sold multiple units of the M48 as well as Asia's first M8, with a special event slated for the 65-footer in Phuket in June.

The brand's third M-Line model, the M7, is over 56ft in length and has a near-25ft beam. The new yacht will be trialled over the summer before its world premiere at Cannes in September. All three M-Line models have been designed by Italy's Garroni Design, headed by Camillo Garroni.

Four Winns is also among Beneteau Group's nine brands and entered the powercat sector with the twin-hulled TH36, which debuted at the Cannes show in September 2023. The brand's first twin-hulled model was shown in its Foil Assist version at this year's Boot Düsseldorf in January.

Fountaine Pajot recently broke new ground when it delivered the first unit of its flagship Power 80, which is based on the same naval architecture as its Thira 80 sailing cat.

Founded in 1976, the La Rochelle builder entered the powercat sector in 1998 and currently produces the MY4.S (36ft) sedan, MY5 (42ft 4in) and MY6 (45ft 11in) flybridge motoryachts, as well as the Power 67 (64ft 7in) that uses the same platform as the Alegria 67 sailing cat.

The brand's dealers in Asia include Asia Yachting (in Hong Kong and the Philippines) and The Yacht Sales Co, with Fountaine Pajot acquiring a majority stake in the latter last year.

In February, Fountaine Pajot announced a new powercat brand, Veya, with yachts being built at the Couach shipyard in Arcachon Bay, west of Bordeaux. The brand's first model, the Veya 53, was designed by Berret Racoupeau Yachts Design and is scheduled to debut at the 2026 Miami show in February.

INTERNATIONAL

Aquila is arguably the world's leading brand dedicated to powercats, with all models built in Sino Eagle's purpose-built facility in Hangzhou, near Shanghai.



Lagoon is scheduled to stage the world premiere of its flagship Eighty 3 at the Miami International Boat Show in February 2026



Asia's first Prestige M8 (on left), the builder's flagship multihull, and several units of the M48 (on right) have been sold by Asia Yachting

This year, the builder introduced another series, with both the 42 Coupe and 46 Coupe outboard models debuting at the Miami International Boat Show in February and presenting larger offerings than the existing Sport cruisers (32, 36). At the Yacht Style Awards in Singapore in April, the 46 Coupe won the Power Catamarans Under 15m category, giving the new series a visible boost.

Late last year, Aquila debuted the 50 Yacht at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, with the new model complementing the 42 Yacht, 44 Yacht and 54 Yacht inboard flybridge models, as well as the flagship 70 Luxury. In recent years, the brand has also introduced the powerful Offshore line of fishing cats (28 Molokai, 47 Molokai).

In Turkey, VisionF started this year by launching its E-Cat 80, its first fully-electric catamaran. Later this year, the Turkish builder expects to launch its all-aluminium flagship VisionF 101 Alu as well as its first VisionF 82, having already secured at least three sales of a model that succeeds the VisionF 80.

Silent Yachts, a pioneer of solar-electric powercats, is back up to speed with production at its Fano facility on Italy's east coast, following the company's acquisition by new owners in March 2024. Within 12 months, it launched seven hulls of the Silent SY62 3-Deck Open, staged the model's official world premiere at the Cannes Yachting Festival, and splashed the first Closed version earlier this year – ahead of its debut in Singapore.

Silent Yachts hopes to launch 10 models this year including the first unit of its flagship SY80, with a 2-Deck version on schedule for a global debut at this year's Cannes show.

In Taiwan, Horizon has a well established powercat series ranging from the PC52 to the PC74.

In mainland China, Granoccean sold its first W-72 last year through US dealer Catamaran Guru, although the biggest multihull built in the country is the Vista 43M powercat delivered by HeySea in 2020. Aquitalia – best known for its flybridge monohull motoryachts –



The Asia-Pacific arrival of the Bluegame BGM75 (left) was announced in early May 2025; the SY62 3-Deck Open (right) is Silent's most popular model



Sunreef premiered the Ultima 55 (left) at this year's Dubai International Boat Show; Aquila debuted the 46 Coupe (right) and 42 Coupe at this year's Miami show



delivered a charter-specific 72ft catamaran to Phuket in 2019 and has since developed an upgraded 75ft version.

Leopard is a long-time world leader in inboard powercats, having produced them since 2002, five years after the brand evolved as the privately owned versions of charter-specific sailing cats built by Robertson and Caine in Cape Town, South Africa.

Earlier this year, Leopard completed its 3,000th catamaran, a 40 Powercat, which is the newest of the three current powercat models, which also include the 46 PC and the flagship 53 PC. The latter topped 100 units a year ago and is closing in on the sales success of its predecessor, the 51 PC, which sold 137 units.

ILIAD Catamarans, founded in Australia and with a shipyard in China, entered the market with the global debut of the ILIAD 50 at the Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show in Queensland in May 2019.

Represented by The Yacht Sales Co, ILIAD has since debuted its 62 in Australia in 2022, while the following year it premiered the 53S and 53F at the Sanctuary Cove and Sydney shows respectively.

The brand recently started offering e-Motion hybrid technology on

its entire range: the 53F, 53S, 62 and flagship 75. Other Asia-Pacific builders include PMG Shipyard in the Gulf of Thailand, where it has built the Cora Cat 48 – a new unit in Phuket was recently listed by The Yacht Sales Co for US\$1.29 million.

As well as the likes of Aventura and Dracan, new players in the powercat sector include British brand Archipelago, which unveiled its aluminium 47 in 2022; Spanish shipyard Tesoro, which debuted its T38 Powercat at Cannes in 2023; and Makai, whose powercats are designed in Italy, built in Croatia and are led by the M37 that premiered at last year's Palma International Boat Show.

And you can add one more this year, with Bulgarian-owned Omayo Yachts launching its first Omayo 50, having further publicised the model ahead of its launch while attending this year's International Multihull Show.

"We had an incredible response at La Grande Motte," said Kaloyan Radulov, Omayo's co-founder and CEO. "It was a fantastic opportunity to share our story, meet future owners and collaborators, and build anticipation for the upcoming debut of the 50." ✎



For a second year, Leopard again showed its full fleet of powercats – 40 PC, 46 PC, 53 PC – at the Singapore Yachting Festival in April