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## FENG OFFERS BESPOKE CHARTER OPTIONS IN HK

A NEW-LOOK *Feng*, the Hong Kong-based Sunreef 70 sailing catamaran, is offering high-end charter packages in the city with on-board options for tai chi and yoga instruction, a private chef and a masseuse.

Formerly recognised by its flaming-red hull, the 70-footer has been refitted and its hull repainted an elegant light-blue, while her 34ft beam and enormous social areas – saloon, cockpit, flybridge and foredeck – create some intriguing possibilities.

“*Feng* is unique in Hong Kong as she’s the one and only luxurious cat over 60ft available for charter in the city,” said Yilina Liu, Managing Director of Sea Lounge Asia, which manages the yacht.

“*Feng* is a sports and wellness-oriented charter yacht with a massive workout area on her spectacular bow where we can offer yoga, tai chi or other activities, and arrange for instructors or a masseuse as requested.”

Certified as an ocean-going vessel, the 21.4m Polish-built catamaran can be chartered for 4hrs, 8hrs or 24hrs in Hong Kong waters. Handled by a five-strong crew for the shorter cruises, she can host 35 guests in the day and eight overnight in four comfortable, similar-sized cabins.

Most often used as a day boat, the 55GT cat stores a jet-ski in a purpose-built locker in the bow, while other toys can include kayaks, paddleboards, wakeboards, water trampolines, bespoke waterslides,

swimming loops and a banana boat.

Sea Lounge Asia can also tailor bespoke events on *Feng*, which is suitable for large parties and receptions, with karaoke among the entertainment options, while photography, filming and drone shooting can be arranged. Her vast saloon features two large lounging and dining areas, plus a great bar with a panoramic view of the sea.

“We operate *Feng* as a business lounge for guests looking for a special venue on water with massive lounge and dining areas, while her four luxurious en-suite cabins also make her an ideal vessel for a family vacation,” Liu said of the wifi-enabled yacht.

“*Feng* meets the expectations of the most demanding clients. She has extremely spacious exterior and interior spaces, comfortable cabins and a flybridge, so she’s a dream for charter and catamaran lovers.”

A private chef experience can also be organised as the operators enjoy a strong relationship with Simone Bianchi, the Corporate Chef and COO of Casa Rinaldi ‘Il Bel Paese’. Having previously worked in Milan and New York, Bianchi has cooked for the likes of Giorgio Armani, Ralph Lauren, Robert De Niro, Madonna, Uma Thurman and Quentin Tarantino.

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**Top: The Sunreef 68 power catamaran is an angular flybridge design from the Polish builder.**

WHETHER IT’S A SLEEK new power version with engines that can go for many days without refuelling or a sailing model that has similar space but vastly reduced diesel bills, the latest armada of catamarans have wide appeal.

Indeed, the humble and once-unfashionable cruising catamaran has come a long way in a short time, as top designer Marc Van Peteghem says: “There is now a wide range available from full-carbon, performance-orientated boats to family-style houses on the water.”

Van Peteghem is part of the dominant VPLP Design house that pens the world’s leading catamaran brand, Lagoon, so is in a prime position to set trends from the research and development arm of the French builder.

One major trend is the growing size of catamarans, which reflects the demand to include more features and equipment. In the past couple of years, Lagoon has increased the size of its flagship from the 630 power catamaran to the recent launches of the Seventy7 (September 2016) and Seventy8 (September 2017) models, so is now also competing with the semi-custom brands including Sunreef and Privilege.

These stunning new flagships, which have a four-year waitlist, are true monsters of the recreational catamaran market and reflect some other trends as well – firstly the demand for both sailing models (Seventy7) and the large power models (Seventy8).

The first Seventy8 hull came to Asia-Pacific recently, imported by Australian dealer TMG. Its white hull and towering flybridge was unmistakable as it majestically cruised Sydney Harbour.

There are some very good reasons why the power catamaran market is one of the fastest-growing sectors, explained TMG boss John Cowpe.

“With a cruising range of 5,000nm, the Seventy8 is an ideal power catamaran for Asia-Pacific and its size is equivalent to a 110ft superyacht, but you’re not paying superyacht prices.”

Many catamarans above 50ft come with flybridges so offer three levels of living space that often include cockpits both fore and aft. Inside, these boats can be more spacious than a land-based

apartment – especially flats in Hong Kong and Tokyo!

Having a bedroom (rather than a cosy cabin) with your own opening veranda is just one attraction of boats like these large Lagoons. Or you can try the deck-level master suite found on the upcoming Sunreef 80.

For non-sailors, the fact that catamarans don’t tilt is a major selling point and for many boaters the coastal cruise is about as far as most busy people have time for. It’s an interesting point that I put to Van Peteghem, given that seaworthiness isn’t featured strongly in the brochures.

“There are a lot of different uses, ranging from a secondary home where people live onboard without moving too much, to circumnavigations, so we have to address all the programmes.”

This translates to looking for ocean class or A-class certification for those sailors considering the bluer horizons.

### Sail or power

Among the features of catamarans are their two engines, located far apart (unlike a mono), so this gives them incredible manoeuvrability and inbuilt redundancy. This can blur the lines between sailing and power versions.

Yes, in theory, sailing catamarans can tip over, but the cruising versions with their modest sail areas and mini-keels are intended to slide sideways long before they can capsize. As cats grow in size, the sailing versions come with larger rigs which in turn require bigger electric winches and more crew effort to manage.

The payback is fast passage making when off the wind – one reason why cats are the growing category in the largest cruising event in



# OPEN DAY

Built for speed, stability, space and sunbathing, the 40 Open Sunreef Power is a futuristic dayboat that features drop-down wings and flies up to 60 knots.

By Robert Stedman





**This page:** The 40 Open Sunreef Power is a powerful, stable dayboat, without cabins unless specified.  
**Facing page:** Drop-down sides widen the beam from 17ft to almost 23ft.



RENOWNED FOR CUSTOM-BUILDING LARGE, luxurious catamarans, Sunreef has surprised many with its new 40 Open Power – the smallest model in the Polish builder's extensive range.

The plans for the fast 40-footer were unveiled in September 2014 at the Cannes Yachting Festival, but the gold-hulled first hull only debuted at this year's Dubai International Boat Show and followed up with an appearance at the Singapore Yacht Show in April.

Prior to the Singapore show, the 40 Open was named Best Recreational Boat (up to 45ft) at the 14th Asia Boating Awards. Three more units are in build and the Middle East has been targeted as a key market.

Sunreef developed its first-ever open model because it recognised that there were few catamaran designs among day cruisers and superyacht tenders. The result is a boat combining speed, stability, vast living space, a shallow draft and wide-ranging customisation options, so you can basically design your own day tripper.

Headquartered at the historic Gdansk shipyard, Sunreef has over 15 years of experience in building luxurious, customised catamarans, both power and sail. So, what are the advantages of two hulls and why has Sunreef focused on the catamaran design? The answers might surprise you.

Two hulls cut down on water resistance because they straddle the water. No longer do you need a deep hull and keel to plough and push through the water. That means it takes less effort to drive the boat. It also means you'll go faster – much faster.

It may be counterintuitive, but two hulls are actually easier to manoeuvre than a single one. With twin screws or props, one on each hull, the 40 Open can turn on the proverbial dime.

### Cruise where few others can

The hulls on the 40 Open only dip into the water a scant 70cm. With that shallow draught, you can venture into places that no monohull craft would ever dare to go.

That opens up all sorts of possibilities. Just imagine the remote lagoons or bays that are waiting to be explored, where this boat can easily slip in and anchor, then glide out again.



Besides speed and efficiency, another dramatic and important advantage is that you can get a lot of real estate on top of those hulls.

Over the past few decades, cats have grown increasingly popular, for both cruising and racing, and have even been used in the last three editions of the America's Cup.

Whether sail or power, twin hulls appear to be the wave of the future. And the 40 Open Sunreef Power is no exception. This 13m futuristic day cruiser – or megayacht tender – offers dynamic inboard propulsion ranging from twin 435hp (IPS 600) to twin 860hp Mercury Racing engines that offer an impressive speed of over 60 knots.

All with less bouncing and rolling – and with an abundance of deck space. It's like having a floating poolside deck on steroids.

Not resting on its laurels and success with this day cruiser, Sunreef also has on the drawing boards another model that will incorporate hydrofoils. The 40 Open Sunreef Power H will use those foils to completely lift the yacht off the water when cruising above 25 knots.

A hydrofoil works like a wing on an aircraft. As a hydrofoil craft gains speed, the hydrofoils lift the boat's hull out of the water, decreasing drag and allowing greater speeds. You literally fly above the waves.

The H version is offered in multiple outboard engine configurations, including four 400hp units. As a result, the H model will glide above the waves and is expected to reach up to 60 knots in foilborne mode.

Any of the engine options benefit owners because twin hulls and foils reduce the drag to a minimum, which translates into low fuel consumption and a longer range.

### Cat life on a day boat

Sunreef's genius was to apply catamaran technology to a day cruiser, offering a high level of onboard space that could never be duplicated on a monohull.

What's more, the yacht doesn't require complicated, space-hogging and expensive stabilising systems like other power yachts. Naturally balanced, the 40 Open provides a fast, safe navigation experience.

One of the 40's key features is that you can deploy port and starboard aft folding platforms to increase the living area, creating a huge space





#### 40 Open Sunreef Power (2018)

Builder	Sunreef Yachts (Poland)
Exterior design	Sunreef Yachts (Poland)
Interior design	Sunreef Yachts (Poland)
Naval architecture	Sunreef Yachts (Poland)
Material	Advanced composites
Length overall	13.1m (43ft 0in)
Beam	5.2m (17ft 7in)
Draft	0.7m (2ft 3in)
Engine option 1	2 x IPS 600 (2 x 435hp)
Maximum speed	40 knots
Engine option 2	2 x 860hp Mercury Racing
Maximum speed	60 knots
Certification	B and C

**This page:** The bow area contains an enclosed dining and lounging area.  
**Facing page:** The aft of the yacht is dominated by enormous sunpads.

at sea level to better enjoy and relax while at anchor. Before getting underway, you just fold up the platforms.

The volume below the aft sunpad conceals a huge lazarette that's able to store water toys and diving gear.

The helm, fitted with sporty seats, is equipped with a touch-screen panel to manage all the boat's systems like navigation and engines. Finishes throughout the boat are immaculate.

#### Huge dining space

The bow dining area uses the whole beam of the boat, featuring adjustable tables and plenty of seating.

One of the great things about this vessel is the amount of customisation you can do. There's so much space on deck that the forward area can instead be designed as a comfortable cabin, ideal for overnight trips.

There are also spaces in each hull, which can house a head, utility spaces or slim berths.

Premium audio-video systems and individually selected tech gear, custom-tailored upholstery and new layout solutions – the options to customise the model are just about limitless.

With its foldout aft bulwarks to increase deck space at anchor and stunning good looks, this day cruiser is guaranteed to turn heads on and off the water.

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