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5.6m daysailer is big leap forward

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NOORDWIJK ~ Generations of Dutch sea scouts have messed about in clunky, steel-hulled sailboats. But recently, a sea scouts group in the North Sea resort of Noordwijk went upmarket, acquiring a "fast, robust and maintenance-free" LelieClass 560 daysailer.

The 5.6m LelieClass _ Dutch for lily, the flower of the global sea scouts movement _ was drawn by FCY Design and built by LelieClass Yachts. It comes as a conventional daysailer or a sea scout version with rowing benches and oars.





The aluminum-hulled LelieClass has a 2.20m beam, weighs 550 kilos (1,212lbs.) and is uncomplicated. The mast can be lowered quickly, an outboard engine can be attached to the double-walled transom. There is room for 5 adults. It can be equipped with a stem-to-stern tent on 3 aluminum poles which makes it possible to sleep under and on the foredeck.

The LelieClass, says Klaas Huizinga, one of 3 designers driving the project, is for "people, companies and watersports clubs that want something different, keep up with the times and distinguish themselves. We have built one to date, but are generating a lot of interest from within in the Netherlands and abroad, as far away as Greece, actually."

Corporate snapshot

The maintenance-free LelieClass 560 is built by LelieClass Yachts. Driving the project are yacht designers Ben Korner, Arjen Keer en Klaas Huizinga. They say the aluminum LelieClass 560 is "for people, companies and water sports clubs who want something different."

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