

# BESTEVAER 53ST

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The straight bow is characteristic for the Bestevaer ST yachts.

K&M Yachtbuilders is dedicated to the construction of aluminium custom-built sailing yachts of any design up to 100 feet. This means that our customers have their yachts built exactly to their own requirements and wishes. Tailor made!

## THE BESTEVAER DESIGNS

All the ships that we build in collaboration with Gerard Dijkstra & Partners are launched under the name 'Bestevaer'. The Bestevaers are exclusively built by K&M Yachtbuilders. The Bestevaers either have a straight bow (ST), spoon bow (S), or a clipper bow (C). The ST bow yachts have a sturdy and distinctive appearance, with lots of interior space, thanks to the straight bow.

## BEST WHAT?

Bestevaer was a nickname given to Michiel Adriaanszoon De Ruyter, one of the important Dutch admirals of the seventeenth century. The crew loved their captain and called him 'Beste Vaeder' (best father), which was then shortened to Bestevaer. The word Vaer also means sailor, seafarer. Thus, De Ruyter was not only the best father, but also the best seafarer. Bestevaer is a very fitting name.

In this brochure you will find more information about the Bestevaer 53ST yachts. The first Bestevaer 53ST was built in 2004 for designer Gerard Dijkstra himself. He sails mainly in cold areas such as Greenland.

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'BESTEVAER II'

Top naval architect Dijkstra wanted: "a ship that could be sailed in cold climates and that was able to winter in those regions - the ideal concept sailing yacht for ocean cruisers, who are looking for comfortable no-nonsense yachts".

The hull is reinforced for ice conditions (10 mm aluminium at the bow), only standpipes are installed, the engine has keel cooling and the exhaust is air-cooled, and the yacht has an extra thick layer of insulation foam. The hull is reinforced and stiffened with additional stringers and bulkheads. There are three watertight bulkheads. The yacht's stability is enhanced by water ballast: 1,800 litres on each side.

The combination of a straight bow with a fine entry, a long waterline and the weight of the ship concentrated amidship, ensure good performance at all points of sail and a comfortable movement in heavy seas.



*"Designing any boat is a balancing act between many desirable characteristics and inevitability the end product is a compromise and never perfect in all respects, however the Bestevaer II comes close to my ideal."*

- Gerard Dijkstra, Naval Architect and owner of the Bestevaer 53ST 'Bestevaer II'.





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## SPECIFICATIONS

**Type:** Bestevaer 53ST  
**Yard:** K&M Yachtbuilders  
**Designer:** Dykstra Naval Architects  
**LOA:** 16,17 m  
**LWL:** 14,87 m  
**Beam:** 4,52 m  
**Displacement:** +/- 18 T  
**Draught:** 2,30 m or 1,50-3,20 m  
**Engine:** Yanmar 75 or 110 hp  
**Hull material:** Aluminium  
**Cabins:** 2 or 3

### Customizing examples

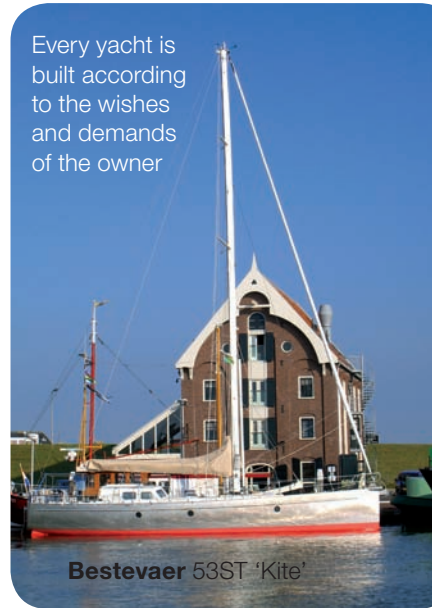
Hydraulic lift keel  
 Ice reinforcement in the bow  
 Water ballast system  
 Swimming platform  
 Carbon mast and boom  
 Painted hull  
 Esthec or teak on deck  
 Tiller steering  
 Type of interior styling  
 Central heating system  
 Air-conditioning/Floor heating  
 1 or 2 wet cells

Sailplan  
Bestevaer 53ST  
'Suse' (2012)



Bestevaer 53ST 'Alice'

Every yacht is built according to the wishes and demands of the owner



Bestevaer 53ST 'Kite'

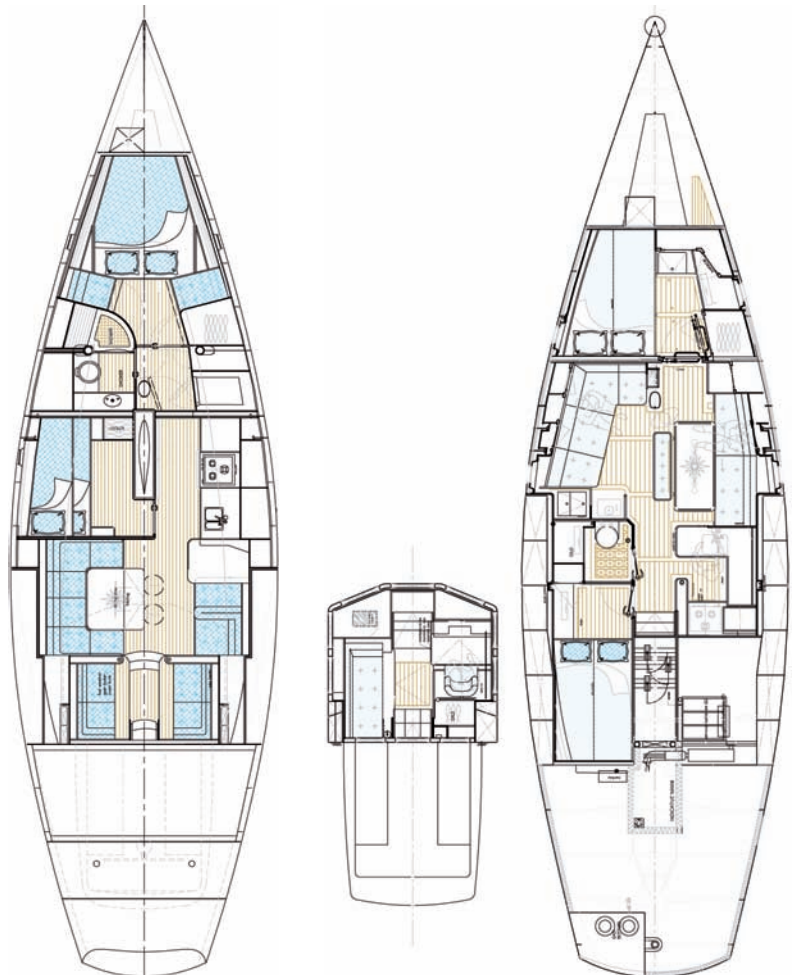
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## INTERIOR

**Every owner has their own wishes and needs for the lay out and the styling of the interior.**

A young family of four will need more berths than a retired couple who will be mainly sailing together. The owner, designer and yard sit together to find out the most ideal configuration for the cabins, wet cell, galley placement and storage possibilities. If the yacht has water ballast or a lift keel, the lay out will be very different from the same size yacht that does not have these options.

Just as in a home, everyone has their own preferences for the type of styling and use of colors and materials. A classic style with mahogany details and white bulkheads is the most popular styling at the moment. However, there is a tendency for a more light, clean and modern style of interior. The most important thing for us is that the owner will feel comfortable and at home on board of his custom-made dream yacht!



The styling and lay out is different for each yacht, as per wish of the owner

