

BESTEVAER 45ST

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The straight bow is characteristic for the Bestevaer ST yachts.

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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. The ST bow yachts have a sturdy and distinctive appearance, with lots of interior space. The spoon bow yachts have a classic appearance and feel. The clipper bow yachts have more interior space and are ideal exploration vessels.

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 45ST 'Africa'. She's the smallest ST yacht built up to now.

Bestevaer 45ST

'AFRICA'

SPECIFICATIONS

Type:	Bestevaer 45ST
Yard:	K&M Yachtbuilders
Designer:	Dykstra & Partners
LOA:	14,05 m
LWL:	13,00 m
Beam:	4,05 m
Displacement:	+/- 13 T
Draught:	2,15 m
Engine:	Yanmar 4JH4-CE 54 hp
Hull material:	Aluminium
Cabins:	2

Particulars:	Swimming platform
	Carbon mast
	Partially painted hull
	Esthec in cockpit
	Long and deep cockpit
	Tiller steering
	Mahogany/white panelling
	Corian countertops
	One toilet/shower
	Two double-bed cabins
	Central heating system



Bestevaer 45ST 'Africa'
IJsselmeer, Holland, 2011

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EXTERIOR



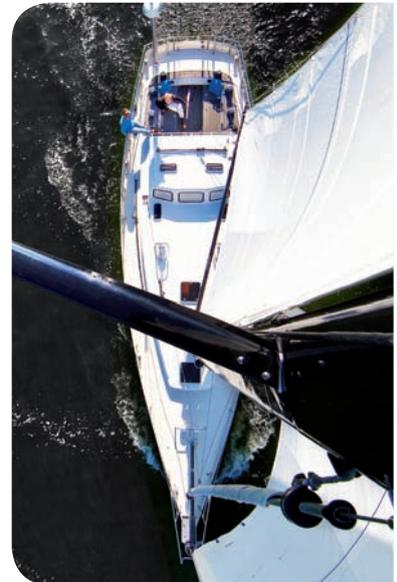
The Bestevaer 45 series has been inspired by the Bestevaer Pilot Cutters, designed for K&M Yachtbuilders by Dykstra & Partners.

It was requested by a repeat customer. After his previous Bestevaer 53ST he wanted a fiberglass boat, but after three weeks of nose wind from the Caribbean to the Azores, he was so impressed by the experience of sailing in an aluminium Bestevaer that he cancelled the order for the fiberglass boat.

The owner wanted a 'daysailer' with excellent sailing properties, which would enable him to go on 4-week sailing holidays. It is a lightweight boat with a high ballast ratio. Its modern rigging and straightforward sail plan mean that the boat can be operated single-handedly. A long waterline and high ballast ratio guarantee excellent performance.



A pilot or dog house provides shelter from wind, rain and spray.



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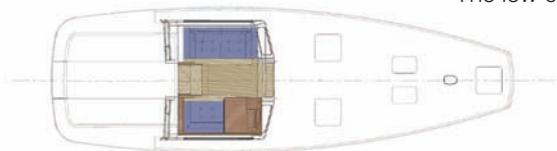
INTERIOR

Upsizing tends to be the trend, but this owner went from a Bestevaer 60C to a Bestevaer 53T, and now to a 45ST. So that meant downsizing!

However, the owner of the 'Africa' knows what he's doing: "The kids no longer sail with us, and my wife and I don't want to do any long trips anymore. The Bestevaer 45ST is the perfect daysailer for us." The doghouse offers shelter against wind and water. On the lower deck the guest cabin can be found on the port side and the wet cell with separate shower are on the starboard side. In front of that is a bench with the chart table behind it. In front of the guest cabin on the port side the galley has been fitted, with a spacious sitting area with dining table in front of it.

The owner's cabin is situated at the stem. The interior is of a traditional style, but because of the use of white walls and ceilings and small windows in the coaming it's light and spacious inside. The low ceiling (1.85 m) was built at the owners' request, as neither of them are very tall.

The owner of the Bestevaer 45ST 'Africa' has chosen the dog house version, as pictured below.



Bestevaer 45ST: pilot house version

The pilot house provides for an extra living space on board. Sitting here while on watch or at anchor is comfortable, dry and warm. The windows ensure good vision all around.

Bestevaer 45ST: dog house version

The dog house is essentially a sprayhood of aluminium, providing shelter from wind and water. Advantage of this lay out is that there is more space available in the living area.

