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## CORNISH BOATBUILDER PREMIERES HIGH END



## MOTOR LAUNCH WITH ACCESSIBLE PRICE TAG

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A Cornish boatbuilder with a burgeoning order book and reputation for building ultra-luxurious superyacht tenders for clients from across the globe is about to unveil a customised motor launch that is of superyacht industry standard but with a rather more accessible price tag.

As it commences its 21st year of building beautiful bespoke boats, Cockwells Modern & Classic Boatbuilding is currently adding the finishing touches to the third model in its popular Duchy Motor Launch series – the Duchy 35 – that will premiere at this year's Southampton Boat Show (15 to 24 September 2017).

Duchy Motor Launches are classically-designed, handcrafted, semi-production vessels that are created at a creek-side HQ in the Duchy of Cornwall by Cockwells' skilled craftsmen whose design flair, expertise and exacting standards are second-to-none.

Built in low maintenance composites, Duchy Motor Launches can be customised to your exact specifications with a seemingly infinite number of optional extras: from teak decks to custom crockery, china and glassware in tailor-made stowage.

Following the popularity of the brand's flagship, the Duchy 27 – a classic day boat or cosy weekender that offers elegant lines, superb handling and more than a sprinkling of creature comforts – the second model in the series, the Duchy 21 – a stylish open day boat – was launched at last year's Southampton Boat Show and quickly sprang into production for a string of discerning buyers from the Thames to the Solent and the West Country to the Norfolk Broads.

Echoing the classical designs of the gentleman's motor launch of generations past but incorporating modern luxury, processes and technology, Duchy Motor Launches are ideal for first-time boat owners or families with waterside homes who enjoy cruising and relaxing.

The Duchy 35 has been created for that precise purpose but with the ante seriously upped in terms of style. With a spacious cockpit and expansive saloon to provide ample space for up to ten day guests or a luxurious weekend berth for two, the design also offers additional flexibility in that you can select either a single or twin cabin layout.

"With the twin cabin layout, the Duchy 35 is a comfortable family cruiser with the galley located in the spacious saloon and two double berths below. But with the single cabin layout, she becomes a luxury day boat or weekender for two," explains Founder and Managing Director, Dave Cockwell. "Cockwells' in-house team and leading yacht designer, Andrew Wolstenholme have joined forces to create a vessel that incorporates every conceivable comfort," he adds. "From a shower compartment offering generous headroom and a full-width electric sunroof that allows you to take in panoramic sea views from all-round windows to the well-equipped galley, your choice of hardwood joinery, electronics and leather seating, and features to enhance your comfort such as a gyro stabiliser, the Duchy 35 provides all the elements of a custom-build without the high-end price tag."

The Duchy 35 can be moored easily and safely with its wide side decks and higher bulwarks.



A side door beside the helm provides easy access to the foredeck, ideal for shorthanded mooring. A single touchscreen display offers uncomplicated control of all on-board systems. You can even upgrade to a remote system that can be activated from a distance by your mobile 'phone.

"We firmly believe that the Duchy 35 will not only catch the eye of boating enthusiasts in the UK but also those from continental Europe because she is not only exceptionally sea-worthy but also ideal for inland waters," comments Dave Cockwell. "We have even created a version specifically for the rockier coastlines and fjords of Scandinavia by adding an aft windlass for bow-to mooring, a pulpit with gate and the option of a bow passarelle or ladder."

"When you commission a Duchy 35 from Cockwells, we go through every detail with you to ensure that this classic cruiser for the modern world chimes perfectly with your way of life," adds Dave Cockwell. "Whether you enjoy day trips and picnics with groups of friends and family members, or dining al fresco with a loved one beneath the stars, there is no better boat of its type on the market."

The price is £325k + VAT for a twin screw standard Duchy 35, but Cockwells can also offer single screw basic model for £300k + VAT.

In addition to this premiere of the Duchy 35 at the Southampton Boat Show, Cockwells will be unveiling its most luxurious custom-build yet – a 10.5m wooden day launch – at the Monaco Yacht Show from 28 September to 1 October.

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