

Spring 2008

signals
the newsletter for

2008 Dale Classic 45
what's new?

Spring trials
in the stunning Pembrokeshire
Coast National Park

All in the detail
the touches every owner loves



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New features for the 2008 DALE Classic 45

Our first Classic 45 to be launched in 2008 is also the first DALE to be heading for the Mediterranean – our photographer took a quick tour before ‘Moth’ heads off to her new home in Antibes.



Every DALE is a totally bespoke boat – where other builders may offer a choice of upholstery, or a choice of trim, DALE offer a layout that is tailored perfectly to your cruising plans, you can choose any hardwood trim you care to name, individual dash layouts, an endless list of upholstery options... this isn't a boat you just buy, it's one you truly *own*.

The latest Classic 45 has a number of specially developed features...

New cockpit layout With our bespoke approach to the builds, no two Classic 45 cockpits have ever been entirely identical, and this latest build has been designed to make the most of outdoor living – additional cushioned seating has been incorporated along with a new cockpit table that has a built-in refrigerator.

This feature has been combined with a canopy that can be partially opened as a sunshade.

Summer here we come!

Drop down bulkhead At the touch of a button the rear bulkhead window drops out of sight – combined with a ‘stable’ door to the cockpit it means you can instantly convert the boat from a closed saloon to an open hardtop.

Electric Sunroof The ideal addition to make the most of sunny days – when the roof and the rear bulkhead are open, the saloon takes on a

real open-air cockpit feel yet remains very sheltered. Even on the January day of this photo shoot, when it was a little on the cold side to enjoy the cockpit, it made for a very pleasant ambience – we almost forgot we were there to work!

This is a 3 way option – you can open just the blind to flood the saloon with light, open the glass screen to any position from a few inches to fully open, or have the roof and blind fully closed to cosy up for the evening.

Electrically adjustable saloon seating Have you ever considered how much space a helm and pilot seat ‘waste’ when at anchor?

The latest Classic 45s have very neatly addressed this situation – at the flick of a switch the helm and pilot seat close right up to the dash, exposing more seating on the port side of the boat. The freed up space then also allows the saloon table to open up to provide a very sociable area – open the sunroof and bulkhead for alfresco dining, or close everything up for a snug Winter dinner.

Disappearing TV Not wishing to spoil the hand-crafted feel of the interior with the stark look of a modern TV, we've developed a retractable system, again electrically operated, that stores it out of sight and safely out of the way for passage making.

Your invitation to a sea trial in glorious Pembrokeshire

OK – we're biased, but we reckon that Pembrokeshire offers some of the best boating you can find, and we'd be delighted to share it with you for a sea trial of a Nelson 38 or Classic 45 this Spring.



Pre-owned viewings

There are currently a few pre-owned DALE Nelson 38s now on brokerage at our Neyland yard.

Buying from the DALE brokerage means you have the reassurance that your boat has been prepared by the original build team – people with the most intimate knowledge of the servicing and maintenance history.

If you haven't yet received our March 2008 brokerage list please call Tamsin Llewellyn on +44 (0)1646 600380.

Press reports have always been quick to praise the sea-keeping and handling of DALE's Nelson hulls, and have been equally effusive in their praise of DALE's build quality.

"Clearly designed by people who have ventured far offshore."

"Peerless Pedigree."

"Achingly beautiful and exquisitely built."

"Unrivalled craftsmanship" – just some of the comments from the boat tests that have appeared in the UK's leading magazines.

Reading such comments is one thing, but to fully appreciate 'the difference that is DALE', you have to experience it for yourselves.

So this Spring we're hosting a series of pre-season sea trials from our West Wales Neyland home.

An ideal location half-way up the Milford Haven Waterway, we're ideally positioned to either head up-river to the sheltered 'areas of outstanding natural beauty', perhaps stopping off at a waterside hostelry, or head down-river and out to sea.

A trial can take in the West Pembrokeshire islands where you can cruise just a few feet away from puffins or gannets, or we can head out to the legendary Smalls Lighthouse in search of some more testing conditions to demonstrate just how good the ride can be in a chop and how the hull handles a broadside sea.

DALE owner Charlie Barwell gives you a taste of what a Nelson hull can deliver in this extract from his sea trial...

"Rounded St Anne's head, sea state rougher than I expected (NW5). Mike [Reynolds] smiled reassuringly and told me to keep the speed up.

"Entered Broad Sound at 17 knots, seas head on. Glad I listened to Mike, the boat is amazing and totally at home in the conditions.

"Returning past Skokholm Island, in following seas, increase speed to 20 knots – the boat continues to amaze so much that I ring my wife to share the experience!

"Heading back to St. Anne's head in a port beam sea with the boat now at 23 knots, I turned to Mike with a huge grin on my face – I never thought I'd even be out in such conditions let alone enjoying it this much!"

Reserve your trial

Please contact us promptly if you'd like to arrange your own trial – each is conducted on a one to one basis to enable us to give you our undivided attention, so availability may be limited.

We will of course happily arrange local accommodation, help with travel arrangements or collect you from an airport or train station.

Please call Mike Reynolds or Tamsin Llewellyn on +44 (0)1646 600380.



Detail perfect

DALE's almost obsessive attention to detail

shines through virtually everywhere you look on the boat...



Our philosophy is simple – our hulls dictate that we honour their legendary Nelson heritage with truly solid build standards that encompass a passion for craftsmanship and a total dedication to achieving superlative levels of finish.

Some details such as the finest leather and exquisitely fitted joinery are immediately apparent, but look a little closer and every detail reveals that the DALE quality has a depth that you find in only the most meticulously hand-built products.

Cleats are positioned just where experienced

sea-goers would expect to find them, fuel tanks run the length of the hull so they enhance rather than detract from stability, hull sides and stringers are fully sound proofed, engine rooms feature kind-to-the-knees rubber matting in place of harsh checker plate.

And there's one detail that always finds favour – the moulded-in engraved labels adjacent to every through-hull fitting – to us it was second nature, but to others it seems it's an indication of just how importantly we take our task of delivering you a boat that provides total reassurance.

Pre-season servicing

An opportune time to prepare for the coming season...

Choose to have your DALE serviced with us, and not only are you returning it to its original yard, it will be serviced by the very same people that built it – every service is assigned to the same team of engineers that carried out the original installations so you build up a service history that is totally unrivalled.

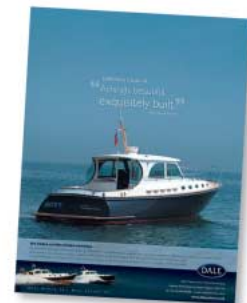
We can also valet and even refinish any part of the boat – a key service to DALE owners and part of the reason a DALE has a reputation for looking like new even into its second decade.

Call Tamsin Llewellyn on +44 (0)1646 600380 to make a booking – if you wish to cruise round to Neyland we will happily assist with any passage planning.



New ad campaign

Keep a look out for our new ads in *Motor Boat & Yachting* over the coming months – each one focusing on a different aspect of a DALE's unique qualities.



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