

Van de Stadt 70 from K&M

This rugged-looking 70-footer with twin cockpits, eight berths in four staterooms, a carbon rig and a 29-ton displacement aluminium hull looks as though she could take on just about anything you cared to throw at her weatherwise.

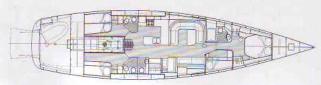
In addition to her lead-ballasted bulb keel, which draws 9ft 10in/2.9m, the Van de Stadt design is fitted with 1,500lt ballast tanks. She has a long waterline (61ft/18.60m) for her overall length and should prove powerful and fast on the water.

K&M, the yachtbuilders based in Makkum, northern Holland, say it will take about a year to complete the 70. They launched a Stadtship 47 in July and have had enquiries for 52ft and 58ft Stadtships.

The yard also has four more orders on its books: a Gerry Dijkstra-designed Bestevaer 53ST and a 55, a 39-footer and an Icon 48.

If you're looking for a tough cruising yacht, put K&M on your list as one to visit.

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