

FEELING YACHTS Newsletter

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90 YEARS OF KIRIE

Sailing *the new* 44



THE NEW 44 — WHAT'S SHE LIKE?

Many of you will have visited Spirit of Chausey, the first Luxurious Lift Keel Feeling 44 in the UK at the Southampton Boat Show. Compliments flowed on the innovative airy interior, large saloon and forecabin, and excellent deck layout — but, the big question was “how did she sail compared to the fin keel version?”

The Feeling 44 was introduced at the

Paris Boat Show a year ago, and after CE certification, the first fin keel yachts left the Kirie shipyard in Sables D'Olonne on the French Vendee coast in Spring while the first lift keel yachts were being started. Spirit of Chausey is hull number 6 and arrived in the UK after the annual August holiday shutdown. Commissioned after the boat show, she had her naming ceremony in late September and sea trials commenced.

LIFT KEEL

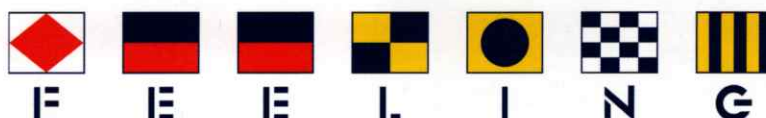
With 2.6 m or about eight and half feet of aerofoil shaped centreboard in the water, she has a little more wetted area and a lot more depth than her fin keel sister. The small aerofoil grounding winglets, which are part of the considerable metal shoe that provides the ballast and base for the lift keel case, were faired into the hull and the result is a stiff boat that sails up wind like a dream.

Having now sailed the boat extensively in a range of conditions from light airs to mid twenty knot winds (Force 6-7), she has shown herself to be quick when its light and very well behaved in strong winds.

Steady but very definitely not dull, the helm feels light and well balanced. Bear off and she picks up her skirts and flies. The spinnaker has still to be rigged but we are looking forwards to some rewarding sailing. Upwind speeds of six and seven knots have been common and the log soon shows eight plus having borne away.

We are looking forward to racing Spirit of Chausey next year and her distinctive sleek lines and excellent performance will make her a very comfortable and rewarding ride in regattas.

Spirit of Chausey has a 78 hp Volvo Penta engine and this has proved superbly capable of driving the refined hull at greater than eight knots. The Nanni 50 and Volvo 55 are also available.



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FIN & LIFT KEEL FROM 30 - 44 FEET

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**Feeling yachts'
light, airy
innovative interiors
- luxury & choice
with Feeling yachts**

As visitors to the Kyrie shipyard in Les Sables D'Olonne, France will know, the heart of a Feeling yacht starts in the carpentry shops at Chateau D'Olonne.

Here light cherry, elm, and beech is crafted into the beautiful interiors that make Feeling yachts different.

Feeling yachts are not built on a production line and owners can incorporate their own interior, storage and woodwork requirements into the interior design.

At the carpentry shops, you can see where it all starts — literally slices of trees, that are worked on to craft the joinery in distinctive Feeling yachts. Laminates are constructed, often in three

dimensions that add so much flexibility to the yacht's interior and which also helps to create a light and airy feel.

The thick strips of farmed teak are prepared for decks with superb craftsmanship and the quality is of the highest order.

It is this attention to detail, quality and craftsmanship that sets a Feeling yacht apart and makes it such a good long-term investment.

Yachts

G E T T I N G A W A Y F R O M T H

... centre boarding in the Solent with versatile Feeling Yachts.

What yachts can moor off the quay outside Beaulieu Abbey at the very top of the river, get into Newtown Creek and Bembridge when the tidal height above Chart Datum is one metre and still

pass some very respectable yachts up wind? - **The Lift Keel 30,32,36, 39 and 44 Feeling yachts of course!**

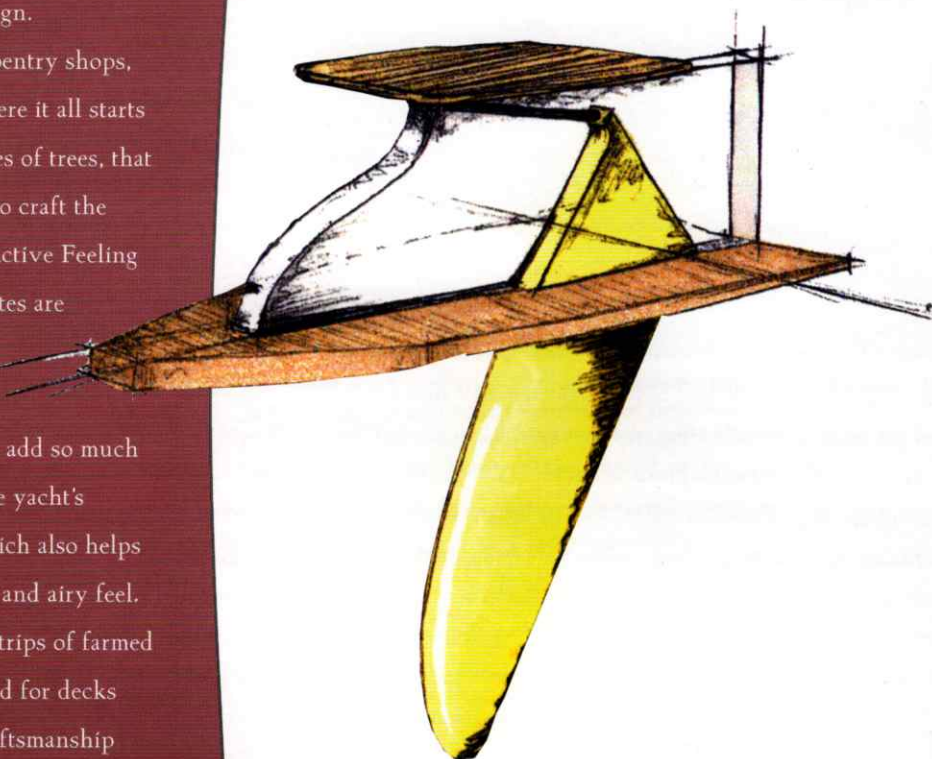
The south coast of England between Selsey Bill and Lyme Regis is home to the greatest number of yachts in the UK; between Chichester and Poole, the

density of marinas and moorings is greater than anywhere else in the realm.

These tidal waters offer some delightful cruising with creeks, estuaries, islands and harbours offering peaceful, 'get away from it all', moorings and anchorages. Yet most yachts are spending their time in busy expensive marinas.

Why? One reason is that the fin keels ranging typically from five to nine feet on modern 30-50 foot sailing yachts cannot get into the really interesting places at other than possibly high tide and thus their sailing is restricted.

With world leading centreboard designs from Kirie, the best of both worlds is available offering the upwind performance of a fin keel yacht with the ability to reduce the yacht's draught to less than a metre. Without impacting the interior, the extra depth afforded by the centreboard can actually improve upwind performance.



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FEELING OWNERS 2003 RALLY. There are plans afoot for a Feeling Rally in the Solent in the early summer of 2003. Over a weekend, there will be a supper on the Saturday evening to give owners the chance of meeting each other and some fun racing will be organised for those that want to participate. So call Vikki at Feeling Yachts on 01489 482033 or send the reply card below to register your interest and we will send you more details in due course.

Please also call Vikki if you would like to join the Feeling Owners Association, arrange a demonstration, or receive more information on the outstanding Feeling Yachts range. Alternatively complete and return the card to us.



Feeling 30

Architects	Gilles Vaton - Patrick Roséo
LOA	9.10m / 29.95'
Beam	3.08m / 10.10'
Draught lifting keel	0.70 / 1.80m - 2.29' / 5.90'
Sail area upwind	44m²

Feeling 32

Architects	Michel Joubert - Patrick Roséo
LOA	9.95m / 32.7'
Beam	3.42m / 11.3'
Draught lifting keel	0.65 / 1.90m - 2.2' / 6.3'
Sail area upwind	51.50m²

Feeling 36

Architects	Michel Joubert - Patrick Roséo
LOA	11.10m / 36.5'
Beam	3.62m / 11.9'
Draught lifting keel	0.76 / 2.16m - 2.5' / 7.1'
Sail area upwind	68.40m²

Feeling 39

Architects	Philippe Briand
LOA	11.70m / 38.4'
Beam	4.02m / 13.2'
Draught lifting keel	0.70 / 2.20m - 2.3' / 7.3'
Sail area upwind	80.80m²

Feeling 44

Architects	Alain Mortain / Yiannis Mavrikios
LOA	14.00m / 44'
Beam	4.25m / 13.2'
Draught lifting keel	0.75 / 2.60m - 2.3' / 8.5'
Sail area upwind	91.40m²

Registration Card

☐ I would like more information about the 2003 Feeling Rally

Name

Address

☐ Please send me more information on the Feeling range

☐ 30 ☐ 32 ☐ 36 ☐ 39 ☐ 44 please tick the box

Post code

☐ I would like a demonstration of a Feeling Yacht

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La famille de Kirie

keeping good company

Kirie is one of France's oldest boat builders. These days, the quality and technology that provides a ten year hull guarantee is combined with traditional craftsmanship to create distinctive Feeling yachts.



The yard also builds la crème de la crème Privilege catamarans of forty and fifty feet and the same joinery and build quality that goes into these top of the range cats goes into Feeling yachts.

The yard also builds J boats for Europe so performance is very much a part of the Feeling heritage.



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The Kirie family founded their boatyard in 1912, since when it has consistently played a prominent role in the international boating scene.

at the **outset**

the Kirie boatyard built small timber yachts and began to earn its reputation for innovation and quality.

in the **50's**

production moved into the development of performance inboard and outboard powerboats. A son of the founder and a racing enthusiast regularly competed in the 'Paris Six Hours' race. Kirie was one of the first yards to work with fibreglass, and very early on developed a range of fishing cruisers.

in the **70's**

the first cabin cruiser was a motor-sailer, the 'Fifth' from which a range was developed culminating in a 12 metre (42 ft) flagship. About the same time, the internationally known 'Ange de Mer' fishing cruiser range appeared including models from 6 to 11 metres (20 to 36 ft).

in the **80's**

Kirie launched the Feeling, a range of fast cruising yachts. They rapidly distinguished themselves around the world for racing performance, class and construction quality. The international flags representing the letters of the brand are seen today as a hallmark of distinction, representing the best for discerning buyers. In 1986 the Feeling 13.50m won the 'Route du Rhum' in the production boat category, and in the following year, the Feeling 1090 was awarded 'Boat of the Year'. The lifting keel was developed in the eighties, and today Kirie is still the only GRP yard able to offer lifting keel versions throughout its range.

from **2000**

The Feeling 32 was awarded 'Yacht of the Year' by Voile magazine in 2000, and the Feeling 30 received a similar award from the French magazine Voiles et Voiliers at the Paris boat show in the same year, and in 2001 at the same venue, the Feeling 39 was again voted 'Yacht of the Year'. Flagship of the Kirie fleet, the new Feeling 44 is in 2002 the largest lifting keel GRP production yacht available on the market, and maintains Kirie as a specialist boatbuilder offering a comprehensive selection of yachts, Feeling 30, 32, 36, 39 and of course the 44!

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