



Fairline is one of the UK's leading Yacht builders. Based on two sites, Oundle and Southampton, it currently employs 446 staff and is in the process of recruiting for 200 more. All work is done in-house, so a vast variety of skilled tradesmen are required as from 'bucket to boat' can take as little as six weeks on some of the smaller models. Fairline prides itself on quality and customisation. From small beginnings to now, this is the story of Fairline.

1963

Where it all began. Jack Newington acquires an assortment of disused gravel pits by the River Nene, as well as the land between the main lake and the road. By cutting a route through from the lake to the river, and erecting workshops, offices, a chandlery shop and slipway, he transformed the area into Oundle Marina.

1967

Birth of Fairline Yachts. The launch of the Fairline 19, the first Fairline to ever be built. The river cruiser blended handcrafted techniques with the latest GRP boat construction practises of the time, and set the pace of the brand.

1974

Launch of Phantom 32. Awarding Fairline long-standing credibility, the seven-berth boat remained in production for seven years, and gave its name to the long line-up of 'family' cruising boats that followed with such success over the next decade.

1986

Fairline wins the Queen's Award for Export Achievement – a major milestone in the company's history. Pictured are Sam and Briony Newington proudly receiving this coveted and much deserved award.

1991

Launch of the Squadron range. Establishing Fairline within the 'large yacht' market, the Squadron series first began with the innovative and stylish Squadron 62. The range fast became a Fairline classic, and the now-renowned flybridge models combine well-proven design features with precision marine engineering.

2001

HRH Prince Andrew, The Duke of York opens a new, purpose built 60,000 square foot factory in Oundle to supply increased capacity from strong export sales.

2003

The 10,000th Fairline leaves the yard, a Squadron 65. Fairline completes two of its most ambitious programmes to date: the construction of the major new production facility, Nene Valley II, and the launch of its stunning flagship yacht, the Squadron 74.

2007

Fairline celebrates 40 years with an impressive clutch of trophies: in the UK's IPC Marine Awards, the Targa 38 and the Squadron 68 win MOTORBOAT OF THE YEAR in their respective categories, with the Phantom 48 being highly commended. The Targa 38 also wins EUROPEAN MOTORBOAT OF THE YEAR, the industry's leading award.

2010

Fairline's 12,000th boat is built – a Squadron 55.

2016

Fairline begins trading as Fairline Yachts and begins work with celebrated Italian designer Alberto Mancini and Dutch naval architects, Vripack launching a new Fairline era. A collaboration uniting British craftsmanship, Italian style and Dutch engineering.

2017

Launch of the Targa 63 GTO – the first of the Mancini-designed Fairline yachts. With its fluent lines, sleek design and large side saloon windows the light and airy model promptly wins acclaim at the 2017 World Yacht Trophies.

2018

Despite competition from Discovery and Sunseekers, Fairline secures this massive 5-acre (20,000 sq metre) shore-side manufacturing facility in Hythe, Southampton and Fairline Marine Park is born. The new manufacturing site will enable Fairline to build larger yachts, which has not been possible at our existing Oundle location. Boats over 60ft will be built at the new site in Hythe with testing, commissioning and customer handover also taking place there. Conveniently located in Southampton Water, the facility has large vessel deep water berths and over 200,000 sq feet (18,000 sq metres) of undercover manufacturing space. It is expected the new facility will initially create up to 200 jobs in the Southampton area. The world-wide market interest is fantastic and 10 new boats were sold within an hour of the Cannes boat show in 2017.



Fairline Yachts wins at the Motor Boat & Yachting Awards 2018 (10th January 2018)

Luxury British motor yacht manufacturer, Fairline Yachts, was announced as the recipient of the Motor Boat & Yachting Judges' Special Award 2018. Hosted at The Rosewood Hotel in central London, over 250 people attended the prestigious and coveted awards which marked the opening night of the London Boat Show.

Hugo Andreae, Editor of Motor Boat & Yachting, comments on the award win, "We have awarded this year's Judges' Special Award to Fairline Yachts. It is still building boats in Britain, still investing in its rapidly growing workforce and still demonstrating that British craftsmanship is second to none. None of this would have been possible without the vision of its new owners and directors nor the commitment of its loyal workforce."



43 Open wins at World Yacht Trophies (17th September 2018)

Announced at the fifteenth edition of this glamorous yachting event, known as the Oscars of the yachting industry, the Targa 43 OPEN beat stiff competition from luxury yacht manufacturers across the globe to secure the highly coveted title of Best Exterior Design in the 14-18m category.

The star of the night was Fairline's all-new Targa 43 OPEN, which launched at this year's Cannes Yachting Festival. Featuring the award-winning design of Alberto Mancini this brand new model is set to be a real hit on the market, with all 2018 and 2019 production slots already filled.

Appointment of David Tydeman as Executive Chairman (October 2018)

David is well known in the UK Marine Industry and brings a wealth of relevant experience to the senior team – his deep knowledge of the UK boat building industry, the South Coast workforce and its supply chain will help lead the Company with the key decisions for the Southampton site. David is also credited with taking Oyster into the Superyacht sector, with ~80% of all Oysters over 80ft ever built secured under his leadership since 2008. He is well placed to guide the board with the investment decisions necessary for Fairline Yachts to enter the larger boat market.