

Sign up for our Email Newsletter

Privacy by SafeSubscribeSM

Get Megayacht News Delivered to Your Favorite Reader!

Twitter Updates



also check out the BoaterMouth feed



Video of the Month



step inside Gulf Craft's newest, the Majesty 125



U-Boat Worx Presents C Explorer 5 Sub

Written by Diane M. Byrne
Monday, 03 January 2011 00:00



If you attended last year's Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, then you may have seen the daily demonstration dives that U-Boat Worx held with one of its personal submarines. The subs have been attracting the attention of megayacht owners looking for a different type of watertoy, and no wonder.

The newest model, the C-Explorer 5, should capture attention as well. As the name suggests, it's a five-seater model, including the pilot, though a five-guest configuration is available, too. Just like the other personal subs the company offers, there's a 360-degree acrylic pressure hull, so that you and your guests can see a good deal of the undersea world as you're exploring. The C-Explorer 5 is fitted with 12-inch, sunlight-readable PC displays for a variety of information. Further options include manipulator arms, sonar (either forward-looking or advanced 2D or 3D), a tracking system, and an HD camera.

Regardless of options selected, the C-Explorer 5 should be capable of eight hours of autonomous operation. U-Boat Worx also says that its underwater speed is about 2.5 knots, while its surface speed is 4 knots.

Pricing depends upon the depth rating to which you want your model to comply. U-Boat Worx is making a 100-meter-rating (328-foot-rating) standard, priced at €966,000. Two-hundred and 300-hundred-meter models are in the works, though pricing has not yet been determined.

[Add your comment](#)



Top 5 Megayacht News Stories of 2010

Written by Diane M. Byrne
Friday, 31 December 2010 00:00

Even with the continued weak economy, 2010 showed some promising signs of recovery for the megayacht market. Brokerage sales finally picked up, charter bookings in Europe bounced back, and a few builders and designers signed new contracts.

Something else that picked up was Internet usage to find and read news about these yachts. Speak with any yacht builder, and chances are the management team will tell you inquiries are coming in more from their website than they are from phone calls. Our own research backs this up; we've had a steady increase of owners and their circle of influence registering for our site and our monthly newsletter. It's all part of what many independent researchers have been finding over the past year: Affluent consumers feel empowered by the ability to delve into details on the Web, especially to assess product quality.

