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**The 42CS retains** the seaworthy design and quality on which Contest have built their name, with the likes of bonded bulkheads and horizontal stringers in her composite structure. Indeed, the Dutch have brought their semi-custom, big-boat mentality to the 42 – she's like a smaller version of the 72CS.

Owners have lots of options, from layout and cockpit design choices to finishing details, helping buyers to tailor their needs, and the 42 is full of smart styling inside and out. Her modern Wetzels & Brown-designed interior feels incredibly roomy. Power systems are controlled via a neat touchpad, and iPad-friendly electronics complement the contemporary styling. It's good to see the manufacturer return to the roots of the luxury cruiser size (40-45ft), offering a full package from under €400,000 (£355,466).