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RAPIDO 40 AND 50

LOA 12.0m 39ft 4in • **LWL** 11.96m 39ft 3in • **MAX BEAM** 8.80m 28ft 10in • **FOLDED BEAM** 4.90m 16ft 9in • **DRAUGHT** 0.56-1.4m 1ft 10in-4ft 7in
• **DISPLACEMENT** (light) 4,229kg 9,323lb • **BASE PRICE** ex VAT US\$395,000 ex VAT • www.rapidotrimarans.com

When launched in 2016 the Morelli and Melvin-designed Rapido 60 quickly established this brand as a new breed of ultra-fast, yet practical, performance cruising/racing trimaran. The Vietnam-based builder has two further models in development, at 40ft and 50ft. Both are folding designs, which enables them to slip into a regular monohull marina berth and reduces storage costs when ashore.

Construction is of infused carbon foam sandwich, with beams, daggerboards and rudder made of pre-preg carbon. The central hull is configured for single-level living, with the cockpit and deckhouse both on the same level, although the 50 has a higher helm station to give a clear view over the coachroof.

Polars for this model show it being capable of well over 20 knots of boat speed across a wide range of reaching wind angles, and as much as 18 knots beam reaching in just 14 knots of breeze. The first Rapido 50 is finishing build and is scheduled for delivery to an owner in Palma, Mallorca, during autumn 2020.

Rapido is also working on a 40-footer with



Above: the potent-looking Rapido 40 and the 50 (left), launching this autumn, shown in folded state

Rapido 50

- **LOA** 15.24m 50ft 9in
- **LWL** 14.96m 49ft 1in
- **MAX BEAM** 10.38m 34ft 1in
- **FOLDED BEAM** 5.5m 18ft 1in
- **DRAUGHT** 0.67-3.52m 2ft 2in to 11ft 7in
- **DISPLACEMENT** (light) 6,550kg 14,400lb
- **BASE PRICE** US\$796,000 ex VAT

curved C-foils and T-foil rudders. As well as offering a performance boost, without the control issues of a fully foiling boat, these allow the interior to be opened up as there's no need for a daggerboard in the central hull. The result looks to be a very enticing high performance yacht with

a civilised two-cabin interior and acres of deck space. The first Rapido 40 is scheduled to be unveiled to the public at the Multihull show at La Grande Motte in April next year.

Base prices are ex works, ex sails and electronics, and with aluminium spars.