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Rolex Yacht-Master II



The Oyster Perpetual Yacht-Master II regatta chronograph is intended for “experienced skippers as well as yachting enthusiasts”. It is the first watch to have a programmable countdown feature with a mechanical memory - a timer which can be adjusted to start between one and ten minutes in advance, depending on the start sequence of a regatta.

The Yacht-Master II has a Ring Command bezel which rotates through 90 degrees, giving access to the countdown programming function, and it is equipped with a new movement, the 4160 calibre, consisting of 360 components.

As the company says, Rolex is known for relying heavily on its own watchmakers – designers, engineers and related specialists – and each of these 360 components is entirely designed and manufactured by Rolex.

The new watch, says Rolex, is born of the company’s longstanding relationship with the sea, sailing and the mysteries of the deep. The name ‘Oyster’ reflects the ability to resist water and conquer the elements.



Unusually for Rolex, the new chronograph is quite heavily branded. The words 'YACHT-MASTER II' appear in gold on the bezel, which might not appeal to more conservative watch enthusiasts.

It is certainly a handsome piece, however, and is available in white gold or yellow gold.

Further information can be found at www.rolex.com.

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