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Jaguar 'Concept Speedboat': Like a cat to water

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Coinciding with the launch of Jaguar's XF Sportbrake, the marque has concurrently unveiled this, the 'Concept Speedboat'. It not only replicates the sleek design language of the manufacturer's contemporary cars, but also name-checks some notable Jaguars of yesteryear in its list of inspirations.

As with every car in the current Jaguar portfolio, the Concept Speedboat is the work of revered pensmith Ian Callum, who presides over the design department. "The Concept Speedboat looks powerful. It follows, in so many ways, the idea of a traditional speedboat but with the sleek and fast characteristics that you would expect from a Jaguar car," he noted.

At the launch of the pair, Callum drew attention to some of the design details; for example, the way the windscreen rises on a similar plane to the front of the boat (a trick used by automotive designers to provide a car with a sporting appearance on the road), and the red 2+1 cabin.





As with the Mercedes Yacht [featured recently on Classic Driver](#), the seafaring Jag not only references the current product portfolio but also the manufacturer's past glory. So, where the Mercedes pays tribute to the Silver Arrows, Callum's creation casts a nod to the Series 1 XJ (in the form of the fuel cap) and the legendary D-type: see the carbonfibre tail-fin.





Jaguar has specifically mentioned that it "has no plans to build or commercialise a boat of any kind", insisting it was designed to provide an example of the various lifestyle activities possible with the new XF Sportbrake.

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