



Set sail in a superyacht

THE BRIEF SHEET

How to navigate the glamorous, often enigmatic world of superyachts, from conception to ocean. By ROSALYN WIKELEY

TOP BUILDS

Who should you commission to make your superyacht dreams come true?



1 Princess Yachts, British

Based in Plymouth, Princess superyachts are some of the most innovative and technically advanced in the world with deep-V hulls that require less power and burn less fuel to achieve each boat's maximum speed. Kings of 'bespoke', their beautifully proportioned yachts are drenched in personalised details such as floor-to-ceiling windows aside a dining room table. princessyachts.com

2 Heesen Yachts, Dutch

Heesen is a company wired on innovation, pushing boundaries and breaking records. They're not short of examples. In the 1980s, the 'Octopussy' became the fastest luxury yacht in the world with a speed of 53 knots and they are the authors of the Fast Displacement Hull Form, a revolutionary concept that improves overall efficiency by roughly 30 per cent. They are currently establishing bigger builds and their 70m multi-award winning Galactica Super Nova remains their current flagship and biggest build. heesenyachts.com

3 Lürssen, German

This fourth generation family business is fuelled on Teutonic perfection and engineering prowess - over a third of their workforce are either engineers or naval architects. Lürssen works on superyachts, from 60m upwards, their value staying high even when sold on after a few years. The company USP? Discretion, a personal commitment of the family who owns it. luerssen-yachts.com

— BEST YACHT CHARTER BROKERS —

Adventures to remember



- 4 Camper & Nicholsons Founded in 1782 as a construction shipyard, Camper & Nicholsons soon developed a reputation for unrivalled expertise, market knowledge, design and build panache. It is their brokers' understanding of the entire fleet as well as the in-depth insight of the various destinations that sets them apart. Legend is by far their most impressive yacht available for charter, equipped to pretty much go anywhere and do anything and has one of the only commercial helidecks in the charter industry, essential for taking guests heli-skiing. camperandnicholsons.com
- **5** Ocean Independence One of the fastest-growing companies in the luxury yachting sector, founded only a decade ago, Ocean Independence operates the largest crewed charter fleet in the world. Their team combines more years of marine expertise than any other brokerage company and offer yachts for every occasion, from corporate days at Monaco F1 Grand Prix to intimate weddings on remote, deserted islands. oceanindependence.com
- 6 Cecil Wright This boutique superyacht broker's zest for chartering yachts is apparent in their extensive selection and inspired destinations, from wildlife in the Galapagos to the romance of Venice. A flexible approach allows clients to meticulously tailor and, even, alter their itinerary during their trip, with the company passionate about the adventure, culture or 'just unadulterated fun' to be had when chartering a yacht. cecilwright.com

MAGNIFICENT MARINAS

Where to dock your yacht

7 Port de St Tropez, France Saint

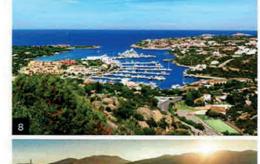
Tropez is the first port of call for a reason. With a capacity of 734 moorings, this is the place to moor in the Med if you want to be seen and possibly even heard. portsainttropez.com

8 Marina di Porto Cervo, Sardinia

Nestled in an elegant, perfectly sheltered harbour lies one of the Mediterranean's best equipped ports, renowned for its efficiency and skilled service. marinadiportocervo.com

9 Porto Montenegro, Montenegro

'A superyacht marina of distinction' indeed, Porto Montenegro offers guests and crew a full homeport solution against a stunning backdrop and one of the world's most extraordinary cruising grounds. portomontenegro.com





WHERE SHALL WE GO?

Let these itineraries whet your aquatic appetite



10 My First Superyacht: Rugged Norway If raw adventure is what you're after head to Norway for rugged peaks, icy turquoise seas and wildlife spotting - whales, eagles, arctic foxes and reindeer. Brave Norway's colder months for the unforgettable Aurora Borealis, painting the sky from October to March. oceanindependence.com/ myfirstsuperyacht

11 Cecil Wright: Vibrant Cuba Where once yachts feared to tread, now you can visit Hemingway's old home, cigar factories and abandoned beaches; enjoy snorkeling near the starfish beds near Playa Bonita and even viewing an open-air cabaret at Havana's legendary nightclub 'La Tropicana'. cecilwright.com



12 Fraser: Remote French Polynesia If seclusion is your watch word, step aboard the award-winning Askari and sail around some of the 118 islands of French Polynesia, enjoying first-class dining and spa experiences on the more sophisticated islands or taking a tender ashore to play Robinson Crusoe on a deserted beach. fraseryachts.com