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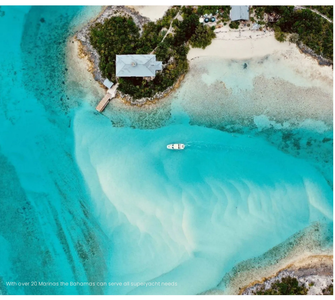
FINEST MOMENTS

Inspired by the Sea

Bahamian Sophistication

Nestled within the azure waters of the Caribbean, the Islands of the Bahamas stand as a testament to nature's beauty and tranquility. For superyacht Owners seeking a retreat from the mundane, these islands offer an unparalleled experience of sophistication and serenity. From the pristine beaches to the vibrant marine life, every moment spent in the Bahamas is destined to become a cherished memory.

Amels 150 GENE MACHINE exploring the turquoise waters in the Bahamas



With over 20 Marinas the Bahamas can serve all superyacht needs.

Paradise Perfected

One of the crown jewels of the Bahamian archipelago is the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park. Established in 1958, this marine protected area captures the essence of local conservation efforts. Here, amidst the uninhabited islands and crystal-clear waters, visitors can immerse themselves in nature's splendour.

Snorkelling among colourful fish, relaxing on secluded beaches, every corner of the park beckons with adventure and tranquility.

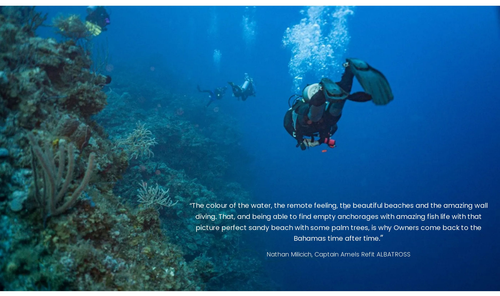
Nurturing Nature

For those enchanted by avian wonders, the Inagua National Park offers a spectacle like no other. Home to the largest breeding colony of West Indian Flamingos in the world, this park is a paradise for bird enthusiasts. The distinctive squawks of flamingos complement the vibrant hues of Bahama parrots; every moment spent exploring this sanctuary exudes the Bahamas' rich biodiversity.

The Bahamas boast the largest flamingo colonies in the Western Hemisphere.

Culture Calls

Yet, beyond the natural splendors, the Bahamas harbour a rich tapestry of history and culture. Whether visiting the historic Inagua lighthouse or the grounds of plantation estates, every corner of these islands tells a story of resilience and heritage. Each voyage is a journey through time, where the past and present intertwine in perfect harmony.



"The colour of the water, the remote feeling, the beautiful beaches and the amazing wall diving. That, and being able to find empty anchorages with amazing fish life with that picture perfect sandy beach with some palm trees, is why Owners come back to the Bahamas time after time."

Nathan Milicich, Captain Amels Refit ALBATROSS

Winter Escape

The Bahamas does not just beckon discerning travellers seeking an unparalleled luxury experience, many of our Amels superyachts choose to make the Bahamas their winter haven, drawn to its idyllic climate and status as a superyacht hub. With the perfect blend of tranquility and sophistication, combined with an array of exclusive resorts, and world-class marinas, it's no wonder Amels superyachts call this paradise home for much of the winter season.

A Paradise Made for Superyachts

Boasting over 700 islands that are scattered like emeralds across the turquoise waters, each having their own charm, the chain of islands serve as one of the most well-established superyacht hubs in the world. Our Yacht Support Owner Carl Allen is proud to call Walker's Cay his personal Bahamas paradise.

Explore the Bahamas with our Fleet

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Triumph in Design

Centre Stage with the **Amels 60**

Amels superyachts are built on the solid foundation of craftsmanship and Dutch yacht-building excellence. Sophisticated, timeless classics that combine generations of experience, elegance and innovation. Aimed at raising the bar and setting a new standard in superyacht ownership. One where time is what matters most and evolution and innovation lie at the heart of what we do.

"A journey aboard the Amels 60 promises an unforgettable experience. Just like the global fleet of Limited Editions yachts at sea today, the Amels 60 will is a beacon of trusted reliability, offering complete privacy. The Amels 60 is designed to cater to your every need, making it the ideal choice for both family trips and action-filled days with friends."

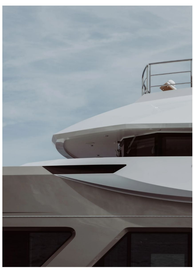
Rose Damen - Managing Director Damen Yachting

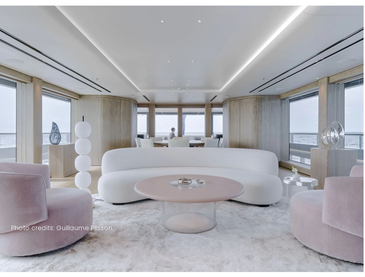
Built For All Seasons

One of the most enticing features of the Amels 60 is her versatility. Whether you dream of cruising through the azure waters of the Mediterranean in the summer or basking in the sun-kissed splendour of the Caribbean during the winter, this superyacht offers the ultimate in flexibility.

The Amels 60 is not just a yacht – it is a passport to explore the world's most breathtaking destinations and it comes as no surprise the first hulls of this series won multiple awards since her introduction. COME TOGETHER proudly started off the dominant stretch winning at both the 2023 World Superyacht Awards and the ISS Awards.

Pictured above and beneath: The first Amels 60 COME TOGETHER which has seen significant success on the charter market





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Beauty From Within

The first month of 2024 started off well for the Amels 60 Limited Editions series. The Amels 60 ENTOURAGE, the second hull of the series, carried the winning streak forward as winner of the Boat International award for Best Interior Design - Motor Yachts, 500GT and above. Burdifilek's sophisticated and elegant interior design captured the eyes of the judges who noted both the functionality and transformative effect of the overall style. Further recognition was given to this outstanding interior by acknowledging that the elegance of the experience is even more special because it unfolds within a series.

Anneliès Damen receiving the 2024 BDA Neptune Award for the interior design of ENTOURAGE

COME TOGETHER was the winner of the Displacement Motor Yacht, 500GT to 149GT category at the 2023 World Superyacht Awards

"The Amels 60 ENTOURAGE is a not only a wonderful example of our Amels Limited Editions designs but also recognises the true yachting vision of her Owner. Her custom interiors beautifully translate that vision and Diego and Dragana have truly done an exceptional job realising the Owner's vision. This award was very-well deserved, and we could not be prouder."

Jan van Hogerwou - Commercial Executive Damen Yachting North America

Amels 60 at a glance

- Amels 60 (60m/197ft)
- Next available for delivery in Spring 2025
- 853 GT
- 12 guests, 13 Crew plus Captain
- Naval Architecture by Damen Yachting

More about the Amels 60 here

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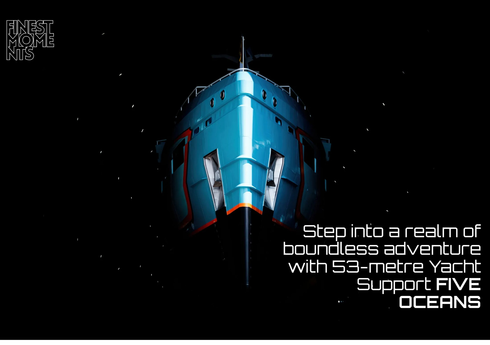

Step into a realm of boundless adventure with 53-metre Yacht Support **FIVE OCEANS**

The Yacht Support 53 is the latest addition to the Yacht Support portfolio. This 53-metre vessel, born from decades of expertise, boasts purpose-built functionality, including a versatile deck with a crane for carrying tenders, aircraft, and supplies, ideal for missions and overflow guests.

"This Yacht Support is a platform for all the incredible things we wanted to do"

Tommy Allen - Owner FIVE OCEANS

"FIVE OCEANS isn't just a vessel; it's an invitation to transcend ordinary bounderies"

Tommy Allen - Owner FIVE OCEANS

Join us as we embark on an extraordinary voyage with FIVE OCEANS, where the boundaries of exploration are limitless, and the journey is as exhilarating as the destination. Welcome aboard.

Yacht Support Insider

Watch the Yacht Support insider episode about the journey of FIVE OCEANS here.

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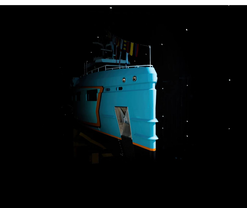


FIVE OCEANS at a glance

- Model: YS 53 – Length overall 53 metres (175 ft)
- 499 GT
- 8 guests, 10 Crew plus Captain
- Exterior design – Damen Yachting
- Interior design – Damen Yachting
- Naval Architecture – Damen Yachting

More about the YS 53 here

Captain's Call

In Dialogue with Captain Mattia Dzaja

Unchartered Journeys

Captain Mattia Dzaja hails from a long line of seafarers. He is an avid sailor, an accomplished yachtsman, and someone who had been at the helm of sailing yachts for over 25 years. That all changed in 2019, however, when he took up the role of Captain aboard a 55-metre Amels, kickstarting his career with motor yachts and bringing him to where he is now on board the Amels 60 SATEMI.

"This is the start of yet another adventure, another chapter, and I have huge expectations."

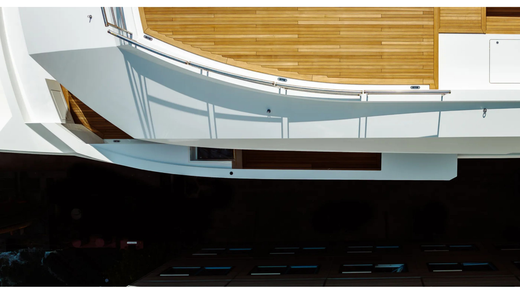
Watch the video to see the full interview with Captain Mattia Dzaja

"Everything was different," begins Captain Mattia. *"When I stepped aboard KAMALAYA, it was like stepping on the bridge of the Starship Enterprise."* KAMALAYA is an Amels 180 launched in 2013 and, together with her owner, Captain Mattia cruised to many of the final frontiers, including off-the-beaten track destinations such as Costa Rica, Colombia, Panama, and the Galapagos.

"In some ways, I knew what to expect – we had seen the sister hull at the Monaco Yacht Show, but the Amels 60s are hybrid yachts and that was new to me," says Captain Mattia. SATEMI is equipped with a hybrid propulsion system consisting of four main engines – two of which are traditional fuel, the other two are electric. *"I have to admit, I had reservations!"* he continues, *"But I reviewed the specification, and I was impressed. And whilst the benefits of this system and a reduced environmental impact are obvious, what I love is the additional safety. It will afford us when we are cruising. I will never object to having a spare engine that can bring us home!"*

The Amels 60: Luxury without Limits

"The Owners of SATEMI became highly involved with the build and set the interior exactly as they wanted it," says Captain Mattia. *"They have spared no expense ensuring that the yacht is specified to the highest standards – everything from the tenders to the dinnerware, it is all the best of the best."* With no compromise on quality or cost, Captain Mattia is excited for people to see the result. *"The boat has been built commercially compliant, so although she will predominantly be under private use, there will be a number of weeks available for charter."* And as the fourth hull in the Amels 60 series, SATEMI has some aesthetic differences to her predecessors that are sure to get her noticed. *"SATEMI is fast and stable, with great interior volume even though the hull shape is quite lean,"* says Captain Mattia. *"And she has a bulbous bow, which is unusual on a 60m yacht – this takes her seakeeping up another level."*



Blending between Realms

In addition to his experience on motoryachts like KAMALAYA, Captain Mattia's experience tis extensive, he is keen to highlight some of the differences between sail and hybrid power that brought him new challenges. *"On a sailing yacht I was in touch with the elements, my surroundings, and my crew all at the time, and I had to align 100 dots to make things happen as they should,"* explains Captain Mattia. *"Aboard SATEMI, there is much less stress, less pressure, and my crew are busy with the interior and hull – they aren't on deck, I can't call to them – I have to use the radio!"*

The Amels 180 KAMLAYA was delivered in 2013 and has travelled far and wide, having taken her Owner, guests and Crew as far as the ice up North to the tropical waters down south.

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Although the day job might be less stressful for Captain Mattia now he's switched to the world of big motor yachts, he assures me it is no less exciting. *"There is so much possibility, and I mean this in two ways: First, obviously, there are the cruising locations, but second is the ability to provide a higher level of service onboard for guests – we have more crew, more space, more options. This is everything that superyachts are about. This is the start of yet another adventure, another chapter, and I have huge expectations."*

Captain Mattia describes his move from sailing superyachts to motor yachts as being like picking up another book of poetry. *"Both kinds of boat are beautiful. For me, neither is better than the other, but it is a different book, a different genre. The most important thing is that they are on the ocean, this is my true passion."* Mattia laughs as he concludes, *"I still check the weather, I look at the waves but, really, there is nothing that would cause a yacht like SATEMI any concerns. And it's nice not to need a raincoat anymore!"*

SATEMI at a glance

- Amels 60 (60 metres / 197 ft)
- Delivered in 2024
- 839 GT
- 12 guests, 13 Crew plus Captain
- Interior Design by Studio Indigo
- Exterior Design by Espen Øino
- Naval Architecture by Damen Yachting

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The Art of Fusion Chef Chun Wong

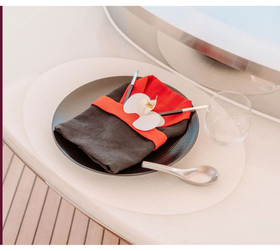
The Early Days

Chun Wong's journey into the world of grande cuisine is as diverse as the dishes he crafts. Hailing from Hong Kong but raised in the gastronomically rich region of Nice, France, his culinary voyage began at a young age helping in his parents' restaurant, which he admits was not something he relished. However, his initial concerns gradually blossomed into a fervent love for cooking, guided by one particular mentor who showed him the artistry and creativity available within the kitchen walls and expanding these kitchen walls to the galley on board the Amels 180 PAPA.

Wong's career trajectory led him to the sea, where for the past three years, he has honed his talent in galleys aboard luxury superyachts and, most recently, on 55-metre PAPA. With a decade of experience as a head chef under his belt, his expertise seamlessly weaves together his own heritage alongside knowledge gained from his travels, resulting in a fusion cuisine that is both eclectic and refined.

Fusing Worlds

Chef Wong's culinary philosophy is simple yet profound: let the ingredients do the talking. Drawing from his upbringing in his father's kitchen, where spices danced with French techniques, he effortlessly combines the bold flavours of Asia with the delicate nuances of French cuisine. Signature dishes like his Peking duck epitomise this harmonious blend, retaining the essence of traditional Chinese flavours while embracing the finesse of French techniques. He explains, *"The evolution of food changes every day, so you can always find new ways of doing things. The main difference between Chinese and French cooking is the way the food is cooked. The Peking duck, for example, is one of my signature dishes. But I like to do it the French way: keep it rose/pink, whereas a whole duck in Hong Kong is overcooked inside, and dry. I prefer it pink."*



Seven Dishes for the Seven Seas

For Wong, creating fine dining experiences aboard superyachts goes hand to hand with an exhilarating culinary expedition. Working with local suppliers to source the ingredients he needs, he tailors each dish to suit the discerning palates of yacht owners and guests. This requires a delicate balance - understanding preferences and pushing culinary boundaries. It's a challenge that he embraces wholeheartedly, relishing in the opportunity to showcase and expand his extensive repertoire. As he says, *"this is the fun part of my job!"*

Wong says he finds inspiration in the diverse landscapes and culinary traditions encountered at each new port of call, explaining, *"Travel adds to the game of creating food. It's a challenge."* Whether it's stumbling upon a new-found spice to incorporate into a dish or honing his skills in crafting regional delicacies, each destination adds a layer of depth to his culinary repertoire. He understands that fine dining transcends mere taste; it's an immersive sensory experience that tells a story with each meticulously crafted course.

Everyone has their favourites

His favourite dish is pigeon, which he keeps simple, retaining the natural flavours by cooking the breast for a perfect four minutes to ensure it remains pink. Served with a jus and complementary side dish, this is all that's required to let the produce shine. *"For me, eating is an experience, and I am telling a story with the food,"* says Wong. Other recipes have evolved more over time and travel, such as his paella. Having tried and enjoyed the dish whilst growing up in France, Wong's time working aboard a yacht in Barcelona unveiled the authentic Spanish version, which he says was simply not comparable. His quest to find an authentic local recipe was unsuccessful, *"I asked people in Barcelona and they didn't help!"* laughs Wong, so he refined his own dish simply through trial and error until he was satisfied with the results. Wong's career trajectory led him to the sea, where he has honed his talent in galleys aboard luxury superyachts, one of them being 55-metre PAPA.

As he looks to the future, Wong envisions grander galleys and larger teams, each vessel a canvas for his culinary masterpieces. With an insatiable appetite for growth and innovation, Wong's culinary odyssey continues to chart new waters, promising a voyage filled with exquisite flavours and unforgettable experiences.

PAPA at a glance

- Amels 180 (55m/180ft)
- Delivered in 2019
- 671 GT
- 12 guests, 12 Crew plus Captain
- Interior design by Laura Sessa
- Exterior design by Tim Heywood
- Naval Architecture by Damen Yachting

More about PAPA here

Latest News

Catch up on Damen Yachting's Latest News in this first issue of Finest Moments Digital of 2024.

The sale of the fourth Amels 80

The fourth hull of the Amels 80 has been sold, scheduled for delivery to her Owner in 2027.

Introduced in 2022, the Amels 80 has been nothing short of successful, with the first of the series now being outfitted at our shipyard prior to her delivery in 2025.

Find out more about our Amels 80 series which will be sure to mesmerise you.

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All new Xplorer 80 unveiled

A new design form for a new future of Xplorer yachting

Meet the Xplorer 80, the latest design added to our range of luxury expedition yachts formerly known as SeaXplorer. The Xplorer 80, the follow up to the original SeaXplorer 77, joins the Xplorer 60 and Xplorer 105 and enhances our continuously evolving diverse yachting product portfolio.

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Second Yacht Support 53 launched

The latest 53-metre Yacht Support has officially revealed her true colours

We're excited to announce the launch of the latest Yacht Support, YS5302, christened as FIVE OCEANS. The second vessel from our YS53 series, boasting a striking sky-blue hull, embodies our excellence in support vessels. Get a better look of this eye-catching Yacht Support by clicking the link here.

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Welcome to the Seventh Amels 60

Seventh Amels 60 joins her sister yachts in the Netherlands

We recently welcomed another Amels 60 to our Damen Yachting family – the seventh Amels 60, marking another milestone in our award-winning Amels Limited Editions series.

With her signature Amels 60 features and unique interiors by Harrison Eidsgaard, she represents the timeless evolution of Damen Yachting.

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The launch of the Amels 6005

Debut appearance for the fifth Amels 60 as she heads out into the daylight

Our Amels 6005 was successfully launched and is now entering her final outfitting, commissioning and sea trial phases.

Scheduled for delivery in Spring 2024, she promises unparalleled yachting experiences with her Espen Øino exterior design. Check out the rest of our award-winning Amels 60 fleet here.

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