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First 53-metre **Yacht Support** vessel launched

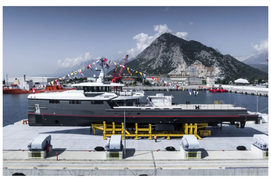
When Anthony Hsieh saw his brand-new 53-metre Yacht Support (YS 5301) superyacht launch from her shed, his lifelong dream had come true.

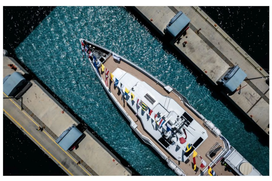
As a seasoned yacht Owner, Anthony has built up the world's most unique and modern sports fishing fleet: an 11-strong armada of boats, of all shapes and sizes, dedicated to the private fishing programme and a world tour. The YS 5301, the first of Damen Yachting's revived Yacht Support series, is set to take up her place as the fleet's mothership and will be named **BAD COMPANY SUPPORT.**

The new yacht will replace the Owner's current 46-metre YS 4508 Yacht Support, named BAD COMPANY SUPPORT, built by Damen Yachting in 2019 and sold to Anthony Hsieh in 2021.

In supporting sports fishing, Anthony is involved in several marine conservation projects in remote locations across the planet such as those initiated by the Coastal Conservation Association of California. "The YS 53 will allow us to cover areas of the planet that haven't really been explored with contemporary fishing. It will be really interesting to see what happens when we deploy the latest in modern fishing techniques together with the best equipment available. We will be catching and releasing and helping out the scientific community with deploying some satellite tagging systems," explains Anthony. And all of this is happening during the Bad Company fleet world tour – something which Anthony and his team are proud to have created.

"What we are planning to do with the YS 5301 no one has ever done before, and I think this will set a whole new tier of adventure for future yachts people," says Anthony.





Once delivered this summer, BAD COMPANY SUPPORT will tour the Mediterranean for a shakedown trip, and then move into the Atlantic Ocean in its first year, followed by next year in the Indian Ocean and Pacific. The new mothership will be equipped with a 43ft Release Game boat and a 32ft Blackfin – a boat which carries significant sentiment for the Owner. Recently repurchased and refurbished for this adventure, the Blackfin was Anthony's first Game fishing boat purchased more than 30 years ago. The helicopter on board will provide him and his guests with easy airport transfers to and from the mothership.

Anthony Hsieh:

"The plans we have with the boat in future years is stunning — she will see the world! We will spend all our time on this boat to make the most of all the different luxuries and amenities she has, and we are very excited for this milestone."

Designed entirely by Damen Yachting and constructed at the builder's facility in Turkey, YS53 01 features a huge 15-tonne deck crane and is fully IMO Tier III compliant to reduce harmful emissions by up to 70% for full-range operations. Her two main engines can deliver speeds of up to 19 knots.

"The YS 53 offers a lot of outdoor space to have fun," says Damen Yachting's Commercial Executive, Jan van Hogerwou. "Owners can have all their favourite toys within reach and spend all day doing whatever fascinates them: fishing, diving or exploring. They're close to the sea and there's no fuss. That is what is so appealing. The difference with the previous generation Yacht Support is that this new series is designed to ensure a better guest experience with improved crew flow and layout, in addition to the larger interior spaces and increased crane capacity of the boat."

Jan van Hogerwou - Commercial Executive USA

The Yacht Support 53 has been developed for today's most innovative yacht owners. The design builds on almost two decades of Damen Yachting's Yacht Support experience and a deep understanding of high-end yacht operations, global adventure lifestyles and outstanding technical solutions. Features that align perfectly with the mission and vision of Anthony Hsieh.

BAD COMPANY SUPPORT AT A GLANCE

- YS 53 (53.25 metres / 175ft)
- Delivery 2023
- 499 GT
- 16 guests, 10 crew plus Captain
- Interior Design by Damen Yachting
- Exterior Design by Damen Yachting
- Naval Architecture by Damen Yachting

More details here

An interview with Diego Burdi

The interior designer of ENTOURAGE

Photo credits: Guillaume Plisson

When Diego Burdi, the co-founder and creative director of the Toronto-based design studio Burdifilek, was asked by the Owner to design the custom interiors of his new Amels 60, he initially thought it was a joke. Four years on and that said superyacht interior is now complete, and Diego is keen to share how much fun and laughter there really is in superyacht interior design.

"When I spoke to the Owner for the second time about his superyacht, I realised he was serious, and I said yes. Yes, I will design your yacht! This type of work is a different canvas, and I loved it. It all started at the superyacht show in Florida. I explained to the Owner how they could take a completely different approach towards the interior. A complete new way of thinking to what he had witnessed so far. I think that that was what really hooked him. It wasn't that I had not seen beautiful yachts at the show, I just did not see beautiful edited pieces."

Diego Burdi

Commercially creative

If you ask around as to who is the must-have design studio for commercial interiors linked to global brands, Burdifilek is the name you'll hear over and over. They, Diego Burdi alongside partner Paul Filek, are the creative strength behind some of the most dynamic and commercially proven retail and hospitality brand environments around the world. Yachts on the other hand were a whole new ball game.

Burdifilek has become an award-winning interior design firm based in Toronto, Canada, that has a fresh vision focused on innovation. For Burdi, his work has always been on the frontline in client liaison and as a result, he counts his ability to understand his clients' goals and creatively translate them into immaculately appointed spaces as an asset to the studio.

Unique canvas

Embracing the whole seafaring world, Burdifilek studied the uniqueness of the yachting industry and went to work to really understand what designing a yacht is all about. The comprehensive models and drawings Amels provided of the second 60-metre Amels Limited Editions were analysed.

"To fully understand and implement the Client's wishes and requirements, I needed to develop a complete storyline," adds Diego. "This was a well-seasoned yacht Owner so expectations were very clear and concise from the start. Translating that into the unique environment of a superyacht was new for me and my team but also a very exciting opportunity."

Diego took to creating a highly customised interior, very specific to the Owner's exacting needs but with a global vision. Something he was used to doing with his commercial projects. A design ambition that transcended the expected boundaries of yacht interiors.

"Tranquility and elegance throughout were essential and taking the art collection into account and bringing everything to the next level were non negotiables. The Owner knew exactly how he wanted to entertain and how he wanted the flow through the spaces to be. We were lucky because it wasn't everybody's first time. It was only our first time. That said this also enabled us to bring something new to the table," says Diego.

Ship Shape

Buildings, luxury department stores and branded environments are all a very different working habitat to that of a shipyard. Shore side and with the complexities of so many craftsmen and women working together to challenging timelines and limitations such as space, access and yacht building processes, this was a long way from Burdifilek's natural comfort zone. Nevertheless, working with a shipyard instead of a contractor turned out to be a positive experience for Diego and his team.

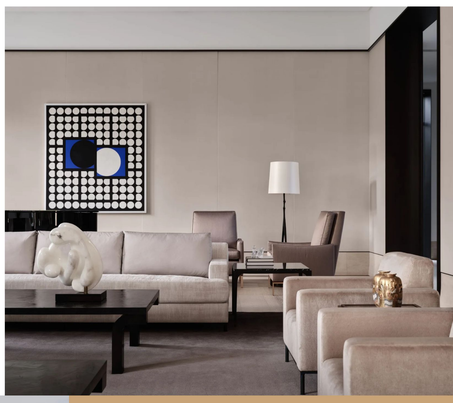
"The confidence of Amels, built on a history of shipbuilding, is empowering. By collaborating with their well-seasoned team, it all came together. The challenge for us was mainly ergonomically. We looked at many different compositions, we went through a variety of programming modelling scenarios for the yacht, until we got to a happy place for every zone. Everything needs to be seaworthy. I wanted to create something delicate, I just had to keep that in mind."

Diego Burdi

Shift in perspective

And now out the other side of the whole process, it is clear that this is a journey and project that brought a lot of joy and fun to Diego. It may have started with what he thought was a joke, but the end result is something that will always bring a smile to his face.

"Every deck on this Amels 60 is a beautiful experience, reflecting the Owner, and flowing together in harmony. When the sun sets, the yacht transforms, shifting from day to night, evoking a different feeling altogether. Her interior stands out because she doesn't fall under the today's yacht world's prescriptions. She triggers something you can't explain because she isn't like any other. And that is what I love. The feeling she evokes when you see her. We have been bitten by the bug, for sure," he concludes.



ENTOURAGE at a glance

- Amels 60 (60m/197ft)
- Delivered in 2023
- 830 GT
- 12 guests, 12 Crew + Captain
- Interior design by Burdifilek
- Exterior design by Espen Øino
- Naval Architecture by Damen Yachting

More about the Amels 60 here

Captains and Crew are asked

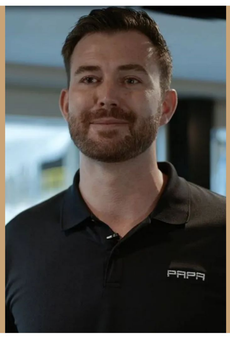
What do you love most about your job?

“Cruising, we did a lot of it, Australia, Thailand. Northern Europe, Scotland, England. We have been to a lot of places.”

Fraser Gow, Captain, STARDUST

“My boat, an amazing boat to be captain on. I enjoy every moment on the boat.”

Daniel Sola, Captain, MADAME KATE



“I love the global cruising and the people I work with. The array of charter clients we get to meet. A good mix of everything.”

Olly Lewis, Captain, PAPA

“I really like the sea. We do a lot of travelling on Gene Machine. We have been to the North Pole, we are planning to go to Antarctica in December. The boat is currently on her way to Japan, so I get to see a lot of the world.”

Thomas Milton, Chief Officer, GENE MACHINE

These are just some of the Captains and crews who engage with us on a regular basis. At Damen Yachting, we like to show our appreciation for their dedicated work on board our Yacht Supports, SeaXplorers and Amels superyachts.

The Damen Yachting fleet ambassadors choose us for a reason and so, by hosting visits and exclusive events, we can show them more about the values that make our brand so strong.

One of our latest events was the 2023 Classic Car Rally held in May. As the tenth edition of the event, our guests gathered in the glorious Dutch countryside to explore the area in one of the 30 classic cars we sourced for the occasion. Navigating the roads instead of the seas, our guests were joined by their loved ones for some valuable time away before the summer season.

Watch the Car Rally here

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Visit these top 5 spots in **Mallorca**

The concept of slow living was born out of a desire to protect the little things in life, and Mallorca has been perfecting the art ever since.

A sense of serenity encompasses Mallorca, attracting superyacht owners and crew alike. A Mediterranean way of life that has managed to combine laid back island charm, breath-taking beauty and superyacht sophistication all in one.

Captivating coastlines

The beautiful coastline of Mallorca is an unforgettable experience in itself. And whilst the entire island is worth discovering the northwest coast prevails. The strong façade of the Serra de Tramuntana Mountain range delivers, from unexpected tall stone cliffs populated by mountain goats, to lush, bright forests perfect for bird watching.

The Tramuntana Mountains continuously change over the 90 kilometres coastline with the reflection of the crystal clear calas below.

Entering Cala Bassat feels almost surreal with the silent dystopian setting complimented by natural mud baths. Spot elephant rock while cruising past Sa Foradada or dive into the still waters of Sant Elm. The natural wonders distinctive to each cala will leave you speechless.

Enchanting historic sites

Escaping the hustle and bustle is never far away. The enchanting village of Valldemossa offers old-world charm created by the medieval townscape and is well-worth a visit if you head ashore. Get lost in time, browse the local street markets on the main street of Via Blanquerna, or follow the footsteps of Frederic Chopin and visit the 12th century monastery. End your day in the neighbouring town of Deia, with a culinary voyage through the Mediterranean at El Olivo, before heading back on board.

Winning wineries

Complimenting the local Mediterranean flavours, the island is known throughout Europe for its rich multi-layered wines. With the strong sun casting over the 70 bodegas of Mallorca, there are many different wine tastings to discover both catered on board or ashore.

Bodega Can Pizo has been passed down generation to generation dating back to 1626. Passionate and proud of the noble art of winemaking, the Piza family handpicks and selects their grapes, ensuring the highest quality through a detailed process.

Citrus plantations

Söller is known for the bountiful orange and lemon trees accompanied by the citrus tang that fills the air. Freshly squeezed orange juice from Söller on board will compliment breakfast seamlessly.

Tranquil courses

Home to over 20 golf courses, Mallorca is a true golf haven. Embracing the tranquility of the island allows you to take a step back from day-to-day life to focus on what's truly important: hitting under par.

The breath-taking scenery of each golf course has attracted golf enthusiasts from all over the world. With the Mediterranean breeze grazing your skin, whilst your caddy prepares your next club for you, it is easy to adapt to the Mediterranean lifestyle.

With all this, plus beach clubs, wellness, exceptional cuisine and all the water sports island life can offer, it's no wonder Mallorca is known as the Pearl of the Mediterranean.

Up close to the SeaXplorer 58 **PINK SHADOW**

Ever since the latest SeaXplorer made her first appearance to the outside world, she's not been short of attention. And for all the right reasons.

Ready for adventure

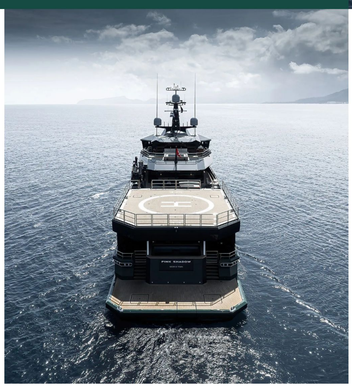
Much like her sisterships ANAWA and LA DATCHA, PINK SHADOW stands out as a yacht ready for adventure. With her striking design, masculine lines, unique colour scheme, luxury custom interiors and proven capabilities, this SeaXplorer 58 looks the part. She has been built and designed to meet the adventurous Owner's globe-trotting lifestyle with family and friends to explore polar and tropical regions alike.

Forward Thinking

With her ice class hull, 30 days of ocean-going autonomy and customised configuration, PINK SHADOW can safely sail to the most extreme and sensitive environments on the planet. She is a future-facing yacht and features a number of features that lower her impact on the environment, including a premium synthetic teak deck and wastewater tanks, ensuring suitability for operations in zero-discharge zones of outstanding natural beauty.

Customised to suit

The customised SeaXplorer 58 has been developed with considerable input from her Owner, making her perfectly prepared to offer a combination of indoor-outdoor living in which the Owner can enjoy adventures with friends and family around the world. To facilitate exploration, the yacht features a wide range of toys, including two multi-role tenders, motorcycles, vehicles for both road and off-road use and a custom 11.4-metre performance sailboat.



Spirit of exploration

Together with UK-based interior design studio Design Unlimited, the Owner has created a personal and alluring interior in keeping with the SeaXplorer's spirit of adventure and exploration. When not exploring, guests can unwind in comfort in the cabana-style bar and lounge, featuring an infinity-edged pool, located beneath the SeaXplorer's certified helideck. On the Bridge Deck, in addition to the Jacuzzi, the Sky Lounge and Dining Area provide connection to the world outside. The yacht also features the SeaXplorer signature bow point observation lounge, giving unrivalled views of some of the most beautiful and unspoiled locations on earth.

Next in line

Whilst PINK SHADOW is certainly one of a kind as a custom build, the forthcoming SeaXplorer 60 promises to be equally elegant and sophisticated. She will feature a luxurious interior design from H2 Yacht Design and the Hybrid by Amels system to lower her impact on the environment. This innovative feature enables cruising at speeds of up to 7 knots on electric propulsion, significantly lowering noise and vibrations for those on board while reducing emissions.

PINK SHADOW AT A GLANCE

- SeaXplorer Custom (58.00 metres / 190 ft)
- Delivered 2023
- 1,090 GT
- 12 guests, 17 crew plus Captain
- Interior Design by Design Unlimited
- Exterior Design by Azure Yacht Design
- Naval Architecture by Damen Yachting

See our SeaXplorer 58 showcase

Damen Yachting wins

At the World Superyacht Awards held in May 2023, the Amels 60 superyacht COME TOGETHER was announced as the winner of her category.

As the best yacht in this year's Displacement Motor Yacht, 500GT to 1499GT category, COME TOGETHER is the first vessel in the Amels 60-metre semi-custom series built by Damen Yachting and features an exterior design by Espen Øino and a Winch Design interior.

BOAT International's carefully selected panel of judges formed of 23 current and former yacht owners stated that they felt the interior style blended well with Espen Øino's angular and geometric exterior. The judges were also taken by the yacht's amazingly spacious sundeck and hybrid-propulsion technology.

To find out more about the Amels 60 range, click here.

The rise of the Amels 60

Some of the latest examples of the Amels 60 have been captured on the water. The third Amels 60 completed her sea trials, followed by the launch of her sistership and hull number four.

Since the Amels 60 was introduced to the market in 2019, six units have been sold. This remarkable success has made way for several examples of the new-generation of the Amels Limited Edition design – each with her own spirit and individuality through customisation.

See the latest news on these spectacular superyachts here.