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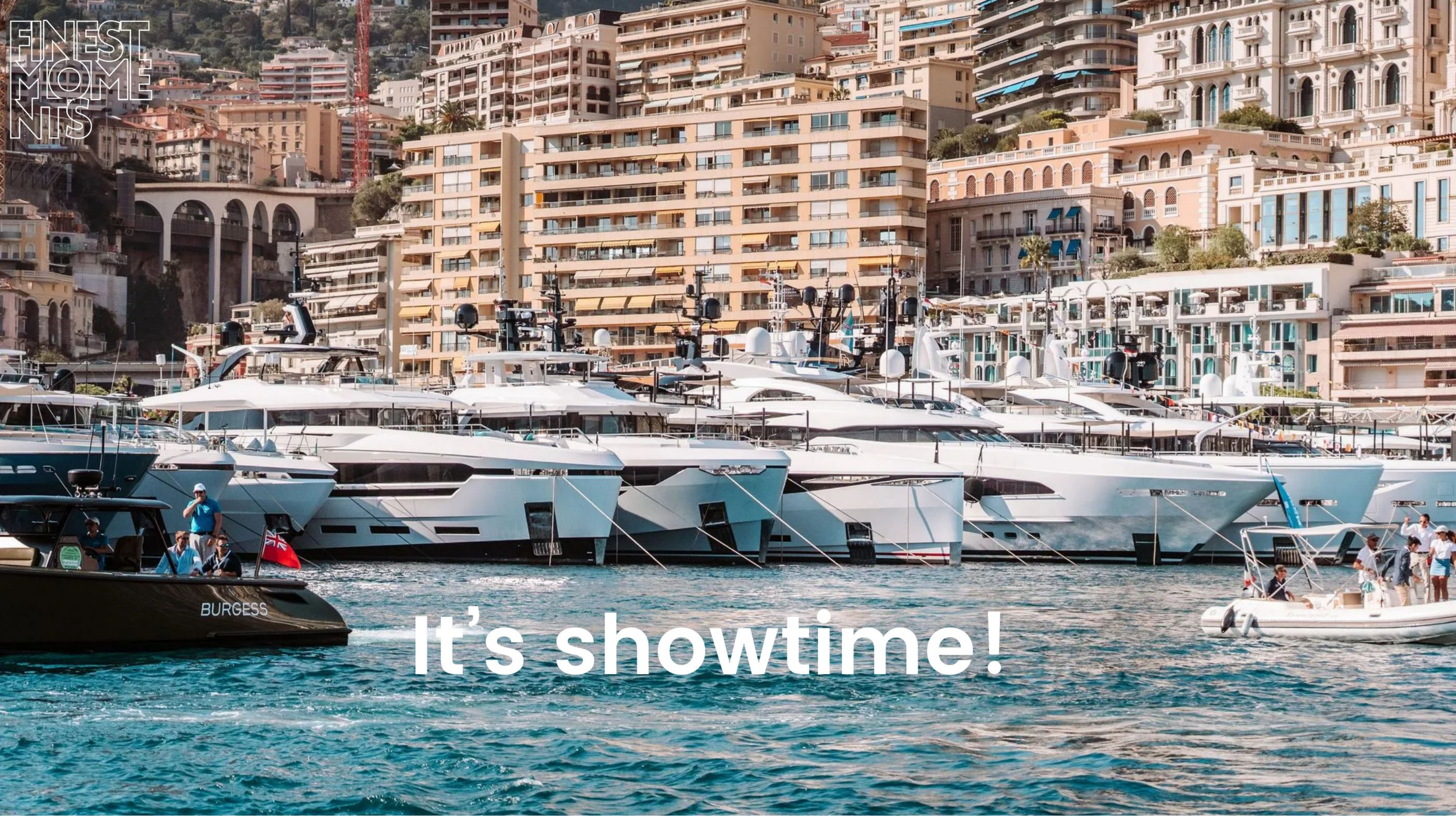


It’s showtime!

Big Line-up for Damen Yachting

For the first time in the history of Damen Yachting we will be showcasing the complete brand portfolio at a yacht show. Amels, Xplorer and Yacht Support will all be represented in a fantastic line-up during the Monaco Yacht Show with the team on hand to provide tours by appointment and to answer your questions about our diverse product range.

Visit Our Stand - JS6

Our stand, located at JS6, is your gateway to Damen Yachting. With a range of scale models across our entire brand range on display, including the impressive Amels 120 Full Custom scale model, there is plenty to see. Our stand is once again inspired by Dutch coastal styling. A new addition this year is our private Xplorer Lounge. To find out more or make an appointment to show your clients everything Xplorer get in touch!

Showcases

At the upcoming Monaco Yacht Show, we are proud to present Damen Yachting, the master yacht builders behind the iconic brands Amels, Xplorer, and Yacht Support.

Xplorer 58 – berth S05

PINK SHADOW

We are proud to debut the 58-metre Xplorer PINK SHADOW, the first Xplorer yacht ever showcased at an international yacht show. This award-winning 58-metre yacht, originally known as a SeaXplorer 58, redefines luxury adventure, offering seamless indoor-outdoor living and exceptional capabilities. Designed for both private and charter use, PINK SHADOW features custom interiors by Design Unlimited and is available for charter with Y.CO.

YS 53 – berth S12BIS

FIVE OCEANS

We are excited to present the 53-metre Yacht Support FIVE OCEANS, the first YS 53 ever showcased and delivered just two weeks ago. As the latest evolution in our Yacht Support series, this 53-metre vessel highlights our commitment to innovation. With a versatile exterior deck, crane for tenders and toys, and space for hosting events, FIVE OCEANS seamlessly combines luxury and functionality. Accommodating 8 guests and 10 crew, this next-generation support yacht is designed for global adventures and MYS is her first port of call.

Amels 200 – berth S06

MOONSTONE

The 60-metre Limited Editions Amels 200 MOONTSTONE, delivered in 2021, is a stunning testament to Amels quality and a wonderful Limited Editions showcase. A predecessor to the Amels 60 and 80, MOONSTONE perfectly represents how individuality can be combined with a proven platform and fast delivery. She blends Tim Heywood’s iconic exterior design with personal touches from the Owner including custom interiors by Luxury Projects. MOONSTONE is for sale with Superyacht Sales and Charter and is accompanies at the show by her Yacht Support SHADOW.

YS 5009 – berth S12

SHADOW

SHADOW is a fantastic example of the Yacht Support concept, functionality and purpose. This 55-metre vessel, delivered in 2017, highlights the evolution of our support yachts, being the blueprint for the YS 53 design. As the support yacht to the Amels 200 MOONSTONE, SHADOW showcases our brand’s focus on capability and seamless collaboration between mother ship and support vessel, demonstrating the power of both vessels working in harmony.

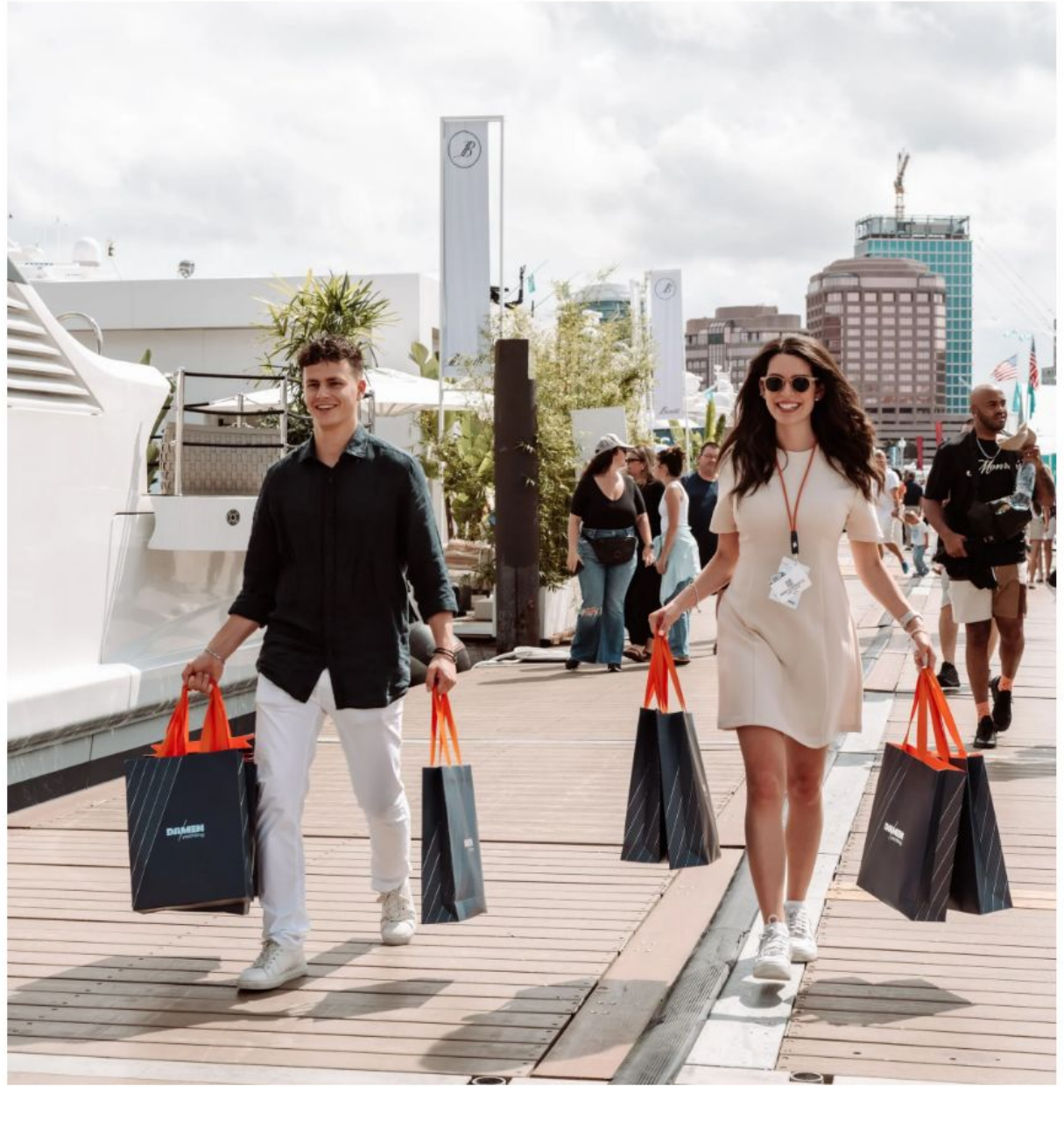
Upgrade your Dream

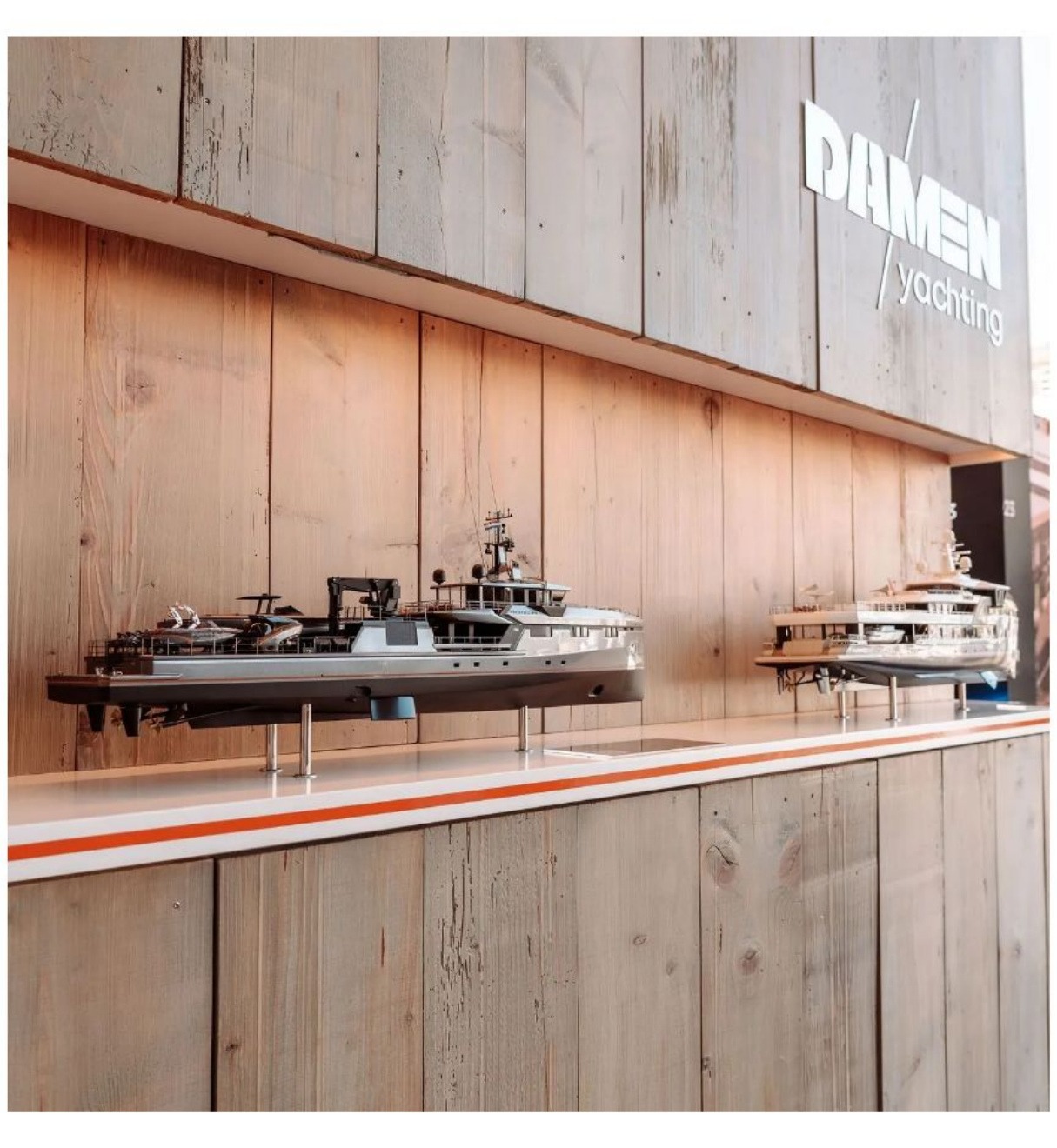
Refit

Our comprehensive large yacht Refit and Life-Cycle Management services apply decades of yacht building experience and in-house engineering capabilities to your yacht. Whether refit, rebuild, or repair, we guarantee breathing new life into your yacht.

Damen Yachting at the ACREW Lounge

Connecting with those who keep the industry’s fleet and our own operational at sea remains an important part of what we do. This year we are delighted to be welcoming crew at the Acrew lounge from the 25th to the 27th from 12:00 to 14:00, where they can take a well-deserved lunch break and enjoy some Damen Yachting fun activities!





Vlissingen to Monaco

The Damen Yachting cycle team will be arriving in Monaco the day before the show starts. After cycling over 1,000 kilometers from Vlissingen to Monaco, they are a testament of the importance of preserving our oceans, as ocean pollution remains a critical global issue. Thank you team!

Would you like to be inspired by our #Loveouroceans mission?

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Charter Appeal

Amels 60

Great itineraries, fantastic crew and service, and of course, the yacht itself. All contributing factors to success on the charter market. But to what extent can yacht builders influence the performance and financial return when it comes to charter appeal?

We spoke to some of our sales team to see why charter appeal was top on the list of requirements when it came to the development of the Amels 60 and what that has meant for our Owners, the charter companies, and our Captains running the charters today.

"When developing the Amels 60, we talked to Owners, charter brokers, and those involved with the charter side of the superyacht industry. We really sought to optimise the 60-metre platform for charter use."

Jorrit Pilaar, Commercial Executive at Damen Yachting.

The Social Side

The Amels 60's predecessor, the 55-metre Amels 180 Limited Editions, has proved to be very successful on the charter market, and continues to be. The lesson learned from this Limited Editions design, together with feedback from the industry and from clients themselves provided unique insights into where to focus the optimisations. Jorrit explains how the social aspect of spending time on board played an influential role in this.

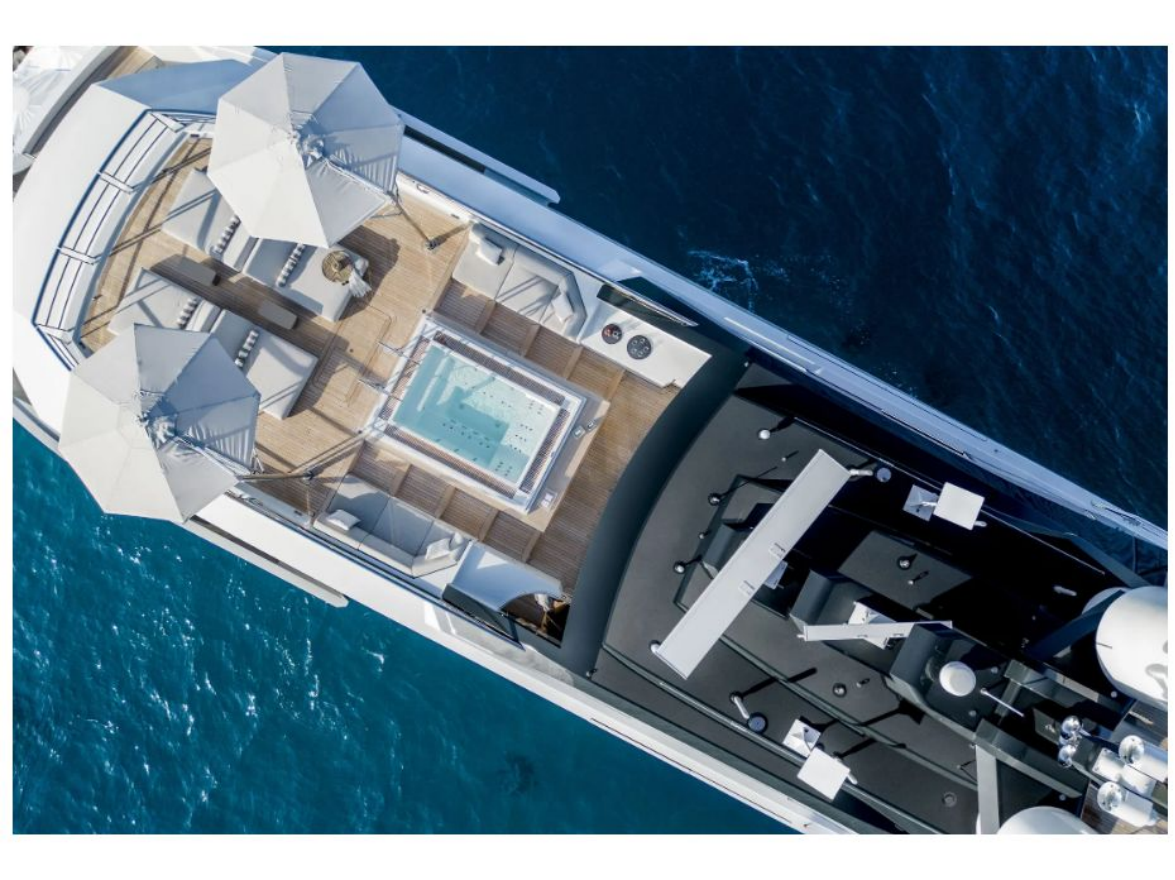
"There was definitely a focus on how time is spent on board during a charter and what is needed for that. For the Amels 60 this led to an extra-large Galley to meet greater gastronomic requirements, an enlarged swim platform to better serve use of water toys, and a spacious Sun Deck that's ideal for entertaining and socialising."

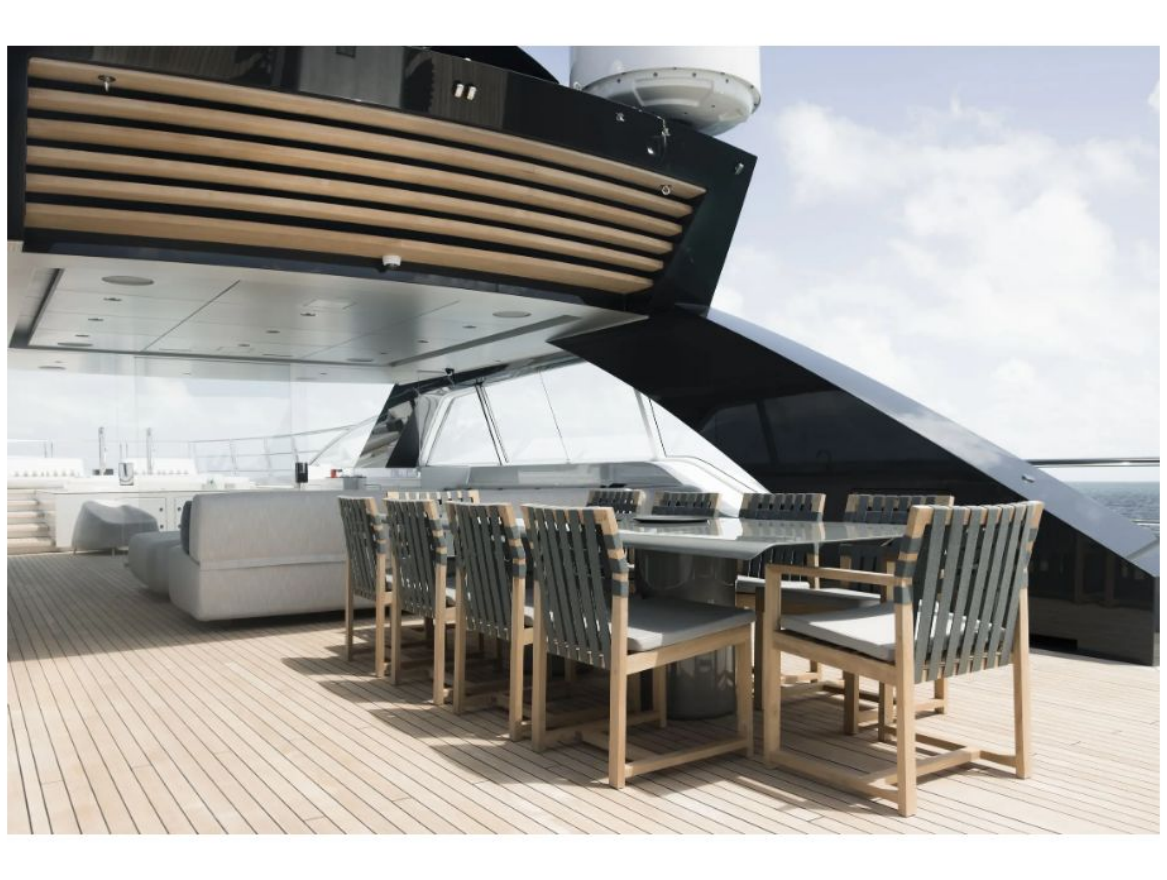
Jan van Hogerwou, Commercial Executive at Damen Yachting.

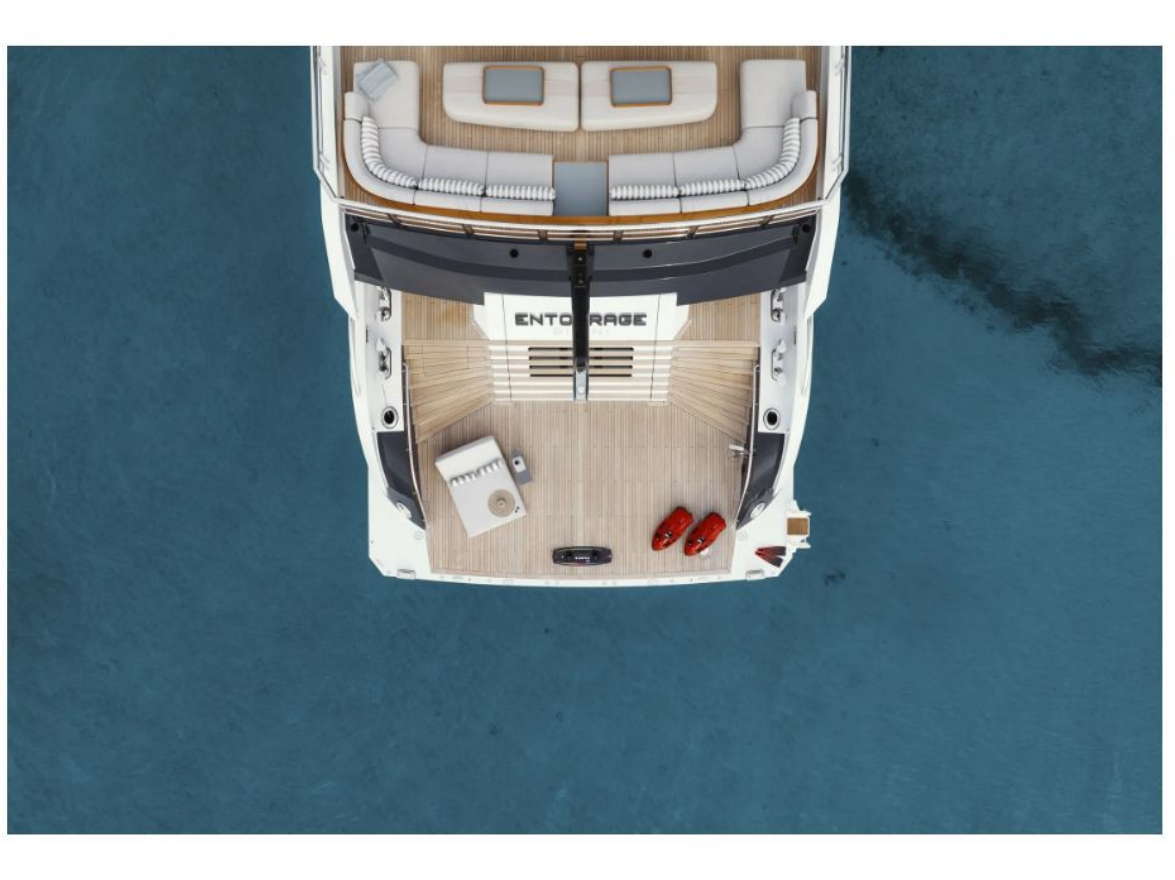
The Financial Win

Of the five Amels 60s delivered to date, three have been enjoying success with a busy and comprehensive charter schedule. COME TOGETHER was the first Amels 60 to be delivered and the first to join the Amels charter fleet and quickly set an impressive track record.

"COME TOGETHER was under charter for 109 days in 2023, and that's really quite something. The yacht comes with a substantial charter rate. Based on these sort of numbers, if an Owner chooses to make their boat available, it's conceivable to generate a charter revenue of five million euros a year." Jan van Hogerwou, Commercial Executive at Damen Yachting.



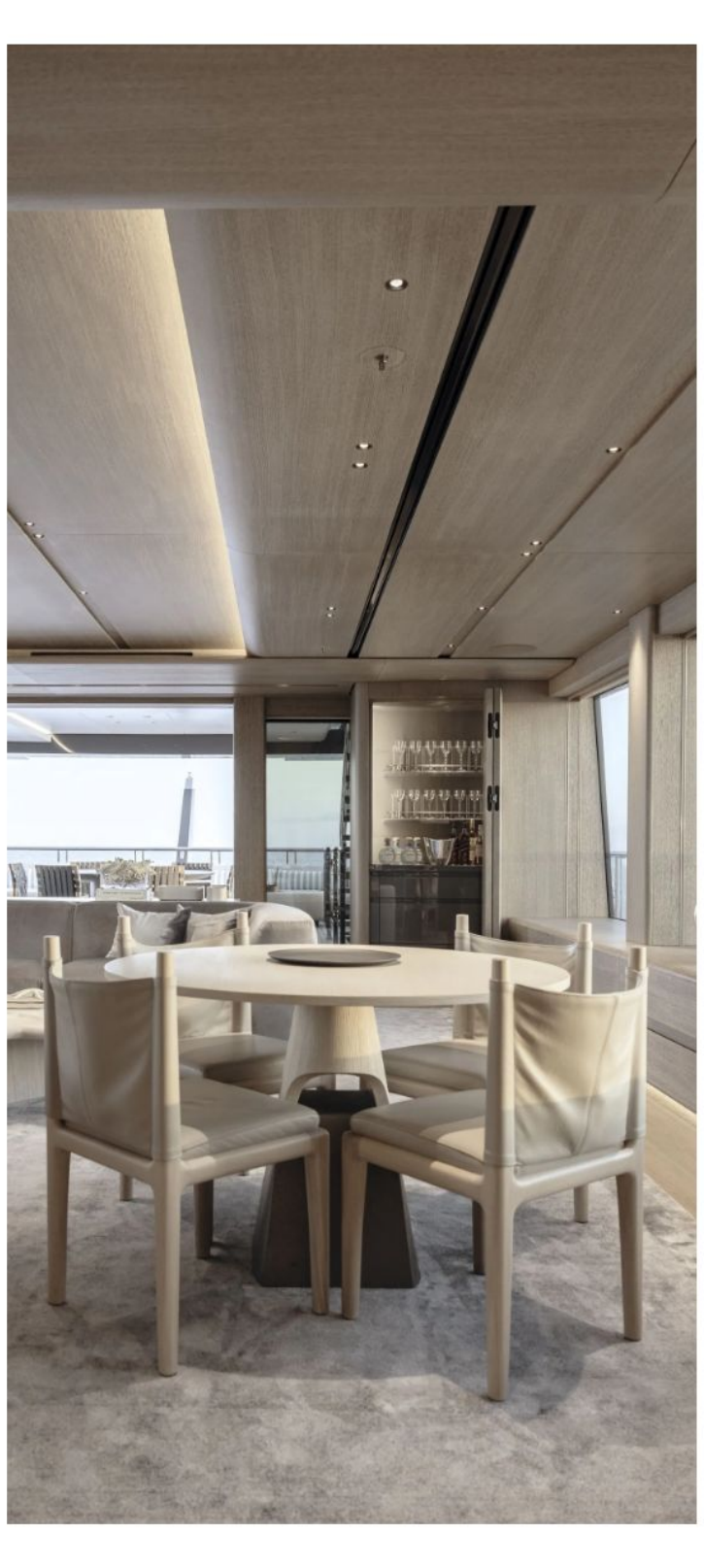




The Success Factor

Both Jorrit and Jan's opinions of the social and financial aspects are echoed by Sioned Williams, Charter Manager at Y.CO who also believes that it is COME TOGETHER'S social and dining spaces that give the yacht special appeal.

"There's a particularly huge Sun Seck with a sunbathing area forward, a large18-person dining table that's ideal for entertaining, and there's a bar and teppanyaki grill. She also features a timeless interior by Winch Design that has broad appeal - charter guests like the natural materials and airy feel."



Not Just a One Off

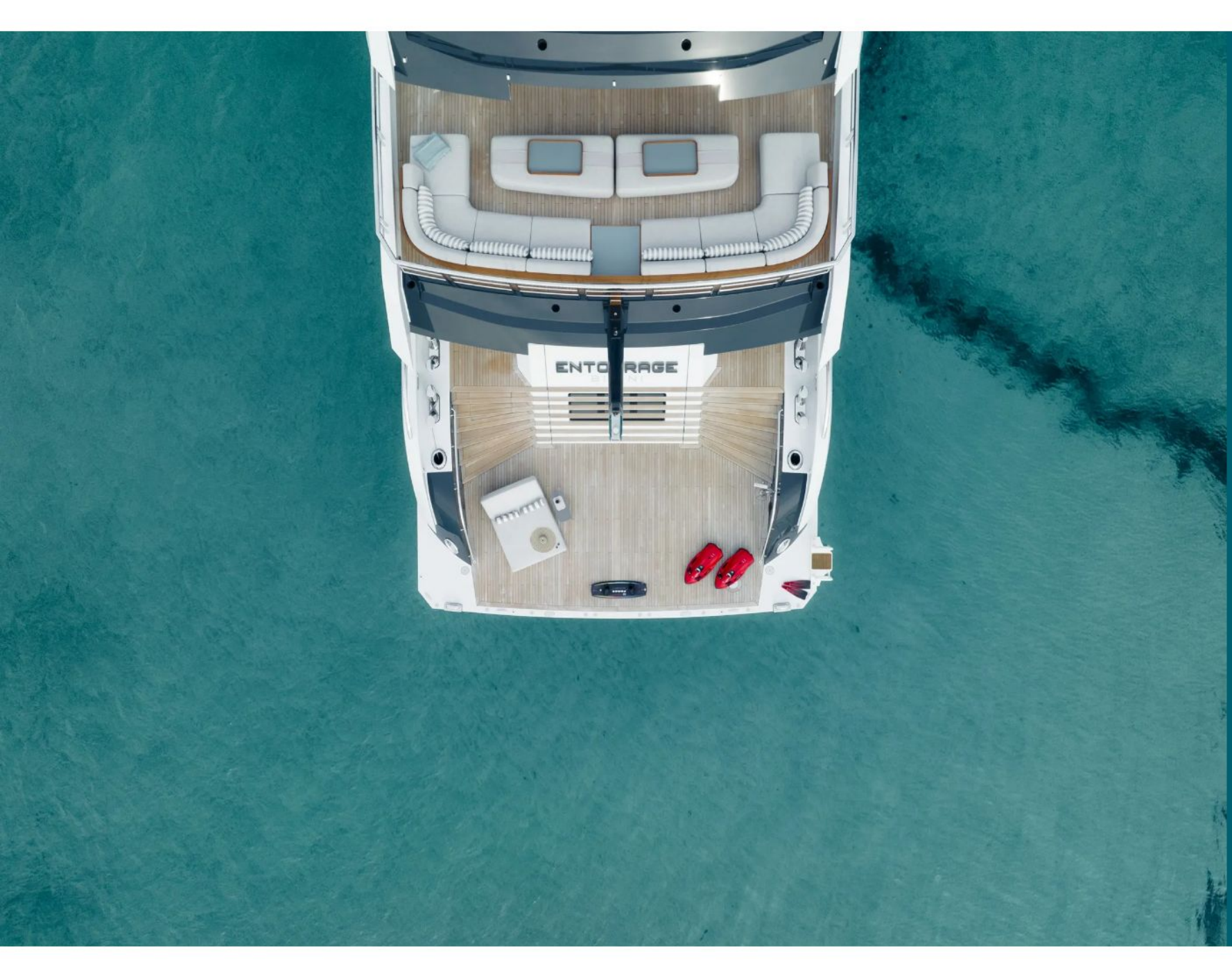
Following in the successful footsteps of COME TOGETHER on the charter market is the second Amels 60 ENTOURAGE which was delivered to her Owner in 2023. Travis Motta, charter manager at Moran Yachts shares his insights.

"ENTOURAGE has been received very well by the charter market. To date, she has had 11 weeks of charter booked for 2024 and we expect to secure several more weeks during her winter trip to the Caribbean and Bahamas. The Sun Deck is definitely a standout feature for this 60-metre design. The usability and massive area really separates the Amels 60 from other yachts of similar size. We made some design tweaks to ENTOURAGE while she was being built, and those have really enhanced versatility of the deck."

Kitted Out

ENTOURAGE is equipped with an incredible selection of toys and tenders, she boasts an award-winning interior, and the enhanced Sun Deck hosts a Jacuzzi, al fresco dining table, lounge furniture, multiple sun pads, and space for gym equipment. Features that Travis agrees with Jorrit on when he says that these yachts tick all the boxes for charter clients and Travis goes on to explain why.

"If I were to shortlist three must-haves that charter clients request, it's flexible accommodation, a large tender, and an array of water toys. ENTOURAGE has Pullman bunks in the twin cabins, a 42-foot HCB tender in addition to two guest tenders that she carries aboard, and all the water toys you could wish for."



Future Thinking

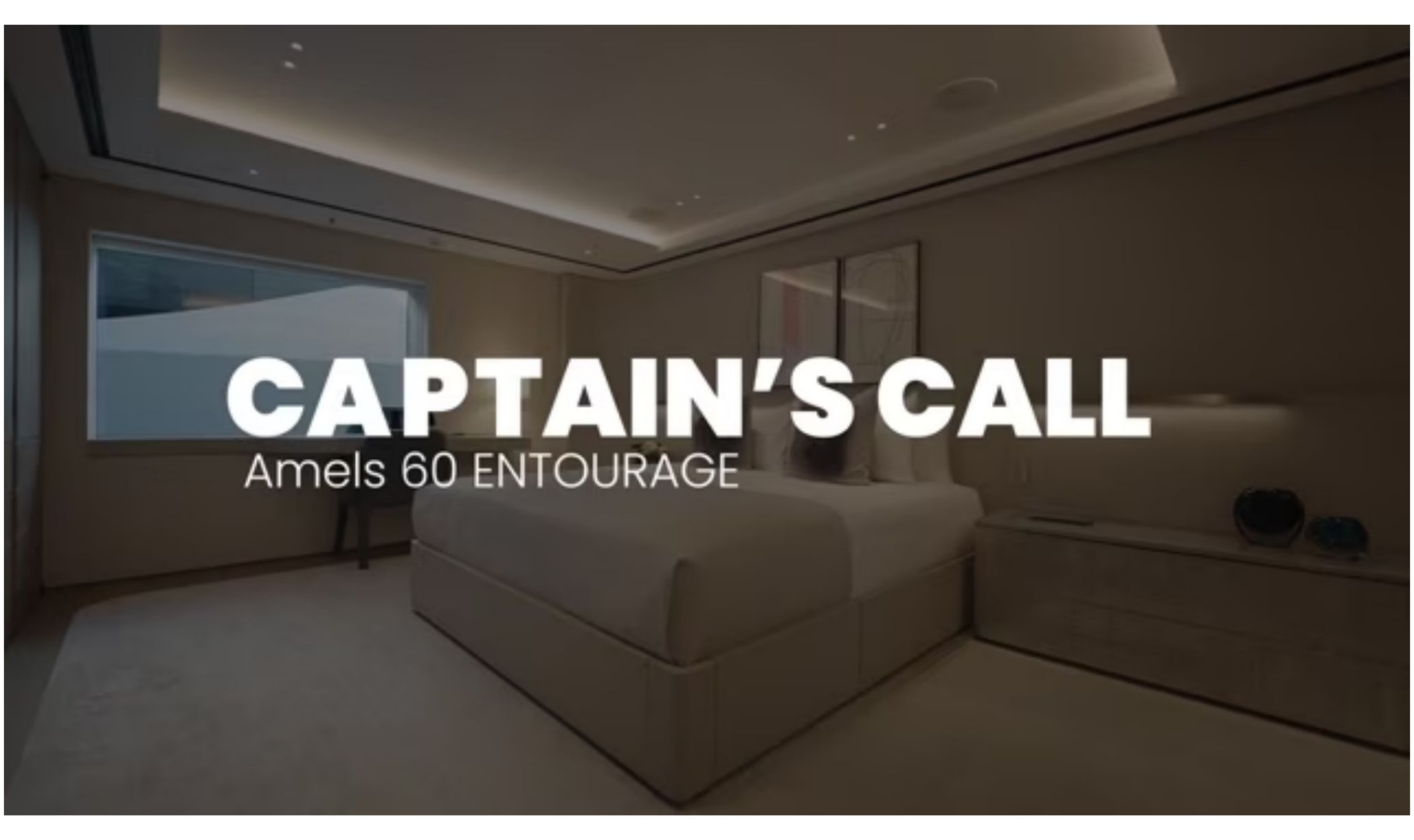
Across the superyacht industry, companies are feeling the pressure to operate in a more sustainable fashion, make better choices, and devise impact-reducing systems for their clients. And the same can be said for charterers. Sioned also adds why this has been an influential factor in the Amels 60 success.

"The hybrid propulsion system employed by the Amels 60 is innovative and efficient. When a charterer is choosing between two 60-metre boats, this is another feature able to set the Amels 60 apart."

Onboard Experience

Of course charter-ready built-in features and successful charter management are only part of the overall charter appeal. The real testament comes down to the onboard experience for both guests and crew.

"One of the most memorable charter experiences on board ENTOURAGE occurred shortly after her delivery. The yacht journeyed to the Bahamas for a charter including the Owner's wedding, hosting around 50 guests at anchor. It was probably one of the best weddings I have ever seen. The event was a stunning success, showcasing the yacht's capacity for hosting remarkable occasions."

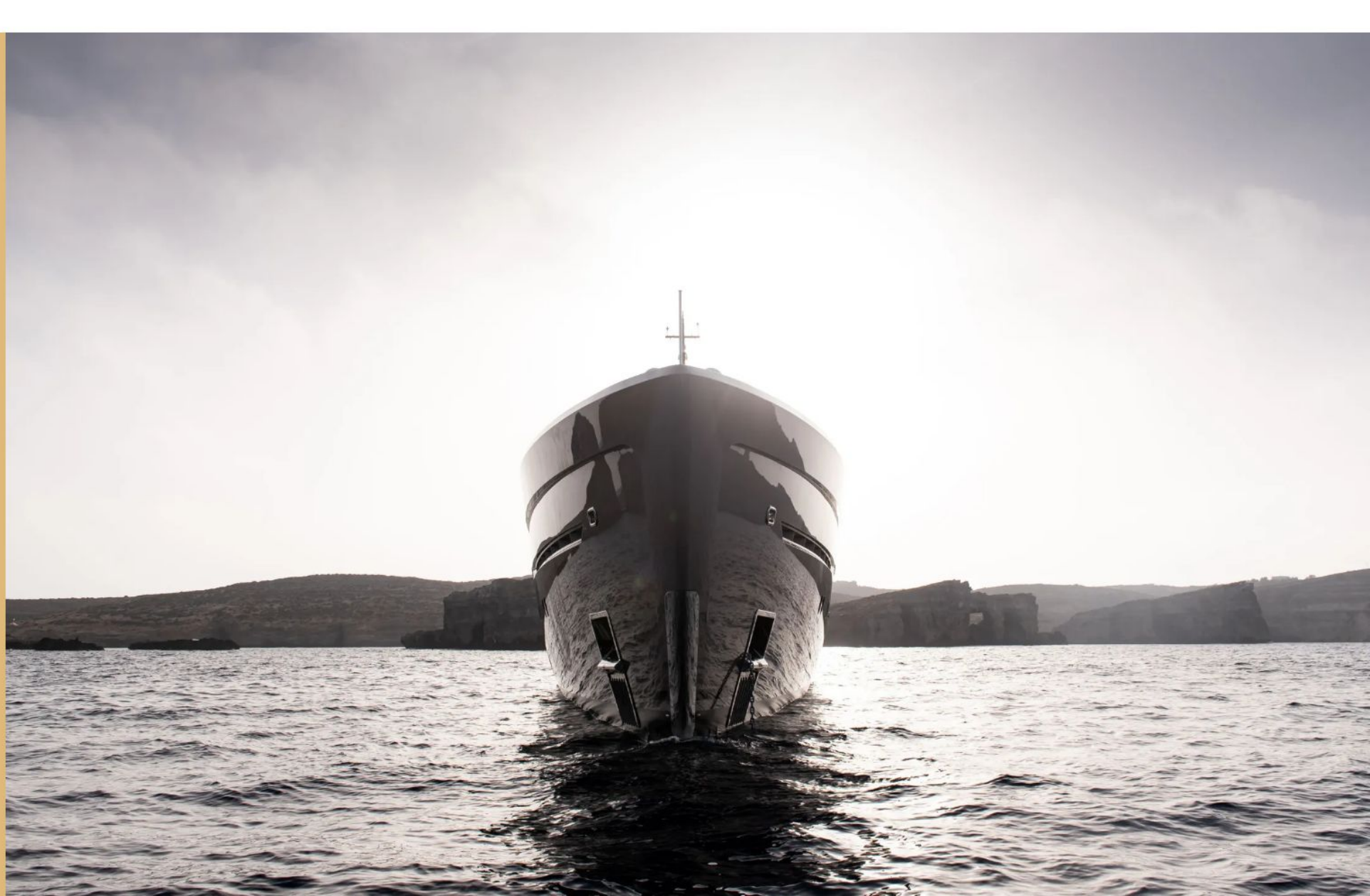


Watch Captain Bernard's interview with us during last year's Monaco Yacht Show.

Amels 60 at a glance

- Amels 60 (60m/197ft)
- Next delivery at the end of 2024
- 830 GT
- 12 guests, 13 Crew plus Captain
- Interior Design by Winch Design
- Naval Architecture by Damen Yachting

More about the Amels 60 here



Hooked on Yacht Support

Okay, so not the Captain this time, but no less important when it comes to sharing insights into life on board one of the most fascinating Yacht Supports in our fleet. Chief Officer James Lane from BAD COMPANY SUPPORT 175, the very first YS 53, explains why he is hooked on all things this vessel has to offer.

Chief Officer James Lane

James has worked as a Chief Officer for seven years now aboard large sailing vessels, expedition boats and Support boats. Having been introduced into the maritime industry through his parents who set off for a life at sea when he was 18, he followed in their footsteps about six years later taking on deliveries and gaining maritime experience before venturing off on his own to make a career as a seafarer.

UNIQUE CHALLENGES?

I would say the unique challenges and responsibilities that are faced aboard BAD COMPANY SUPPORT are the deck arrangement/management and lifting operations that we undertake, we are constantly faced with dynamic risk assessments and planning that we have undergo to just complete one lift. The high level of deck management is also essential for the maintenance and upkeep of all equipment we carry to preserve it in the best possible condition.

MOST IMPRESSIVE FEATURE?

The most impressive feature about BAD COMPANY SUPPORT that significantly enhances its fishing capabilities is the deck space that we have and our lifting capabilities. We currently support and hold a 43’ Game Fishing Boat on our Aft Deck, this is an impressive feat on its own but when you think that we will soon be upgrading to 50’, Carrying a 50’ Sports fishing boat on the back of a yacht that is 175’ is truly astonishing.

DIFFERENT OCEANIC ENVIRONMENTS?

The preparation for any sea voyage on a vessel is a massive task, you have to pre-empt what will move, what shouldn’t move and how to prevent it from doing so. With the amount of equipment we carry, we have to be extremely particular with how we stow, be very meticulous. We always prepare for the worst case scenario and try to always sail in the best possible conditions. Then throughout any voyage we are constantly monitoring the conditions, checking the predicted conditions and also monitoring all of our onboard assets by making frequent safety and security rounds about the vessel.

ON-WATER PERFORMANCE?

The wave piercing bow design on the YS53 range is phenomenal, so far from what we’ve experienced it really handles well at sea and is a comfortable ride.

ONBOARD CRAFT & EQUIPMENT?

The integration of various onboard craft that we carry has involved a lot of learning and training for all the crew. The big lifts of the Game Boat, this one requires lots of preparation and planning, the clearing and organising the decks so that we have sufficient working room, building the lifting frame, manoeuvring it into position and fitting and adjusting the lifting straps. We require harbour like conditions to even launch the boat because any rolling of BCS 175 could be detrimental to the lift. The Helicopter, again, requires lots of planning, we need totally clear decks to even entertain bringing her out of the hangar, anything on deck that could get caught in the downdraft such as covers or loose deck fittings need to be secured as safety is paramount. We have a fire team standing by with hoses and foam inductors; readied and trained crew.

EXTENSIVE FLEET?

It is quite an honour to be part of the BAD COMPANY Crew, there are a lot of people that are yearning to a get place on this prestigious fleet so for me to be the Chief Officer aboard BCS175 makes me feel very privileged.

PERSONAL WIN?

The most exciting part about working with this programme is the challenges that this vessel and programme provide me. These challenges keep me on my toes as a seafarer, they expand my knowledge, skillsets and make me strive to become a better mariner. The other thing that really excites me is the itinerary and places we will potentially be visiting and the vast amount of time we will spend at sea to get to these places.

BAD COMPANY SUPPORT at a glance

- Model: YS 53 – Length overall 53 metres (175 ft)
- Gross Tonnage: 499
- 8 guests, 10 Crew plus Captain
- Exterior design – Damen Yachting
- Interior design - Damen Yachting
- Naval Architecture – Damen Yachting
- Delivery year: 2024

More details here

The Prestige of Monaco

Monaco, with its azure blue seas, perfect weather, and palm-lined coast, is the essence of glamour on the French Riviera. This tiny yet opulent principality has long been a playground for the elite, where sophistication and style reign supreme. From its historic palace to the legendary Casino de Monte Carlo, Monaco offers an unforgettable experience.

Superyacht Elite

Monaco's appeal for the superyacht elite and the ultra-wealthy stems from its glamorous lifestyle, making it a prime hub for luxury living and networking. The principality's limited space, breathtaking Mediterranean views, and prestigious address drive sky-high real estate values, ensuring exclusivity and demand among the global elite.

Palais du Prince

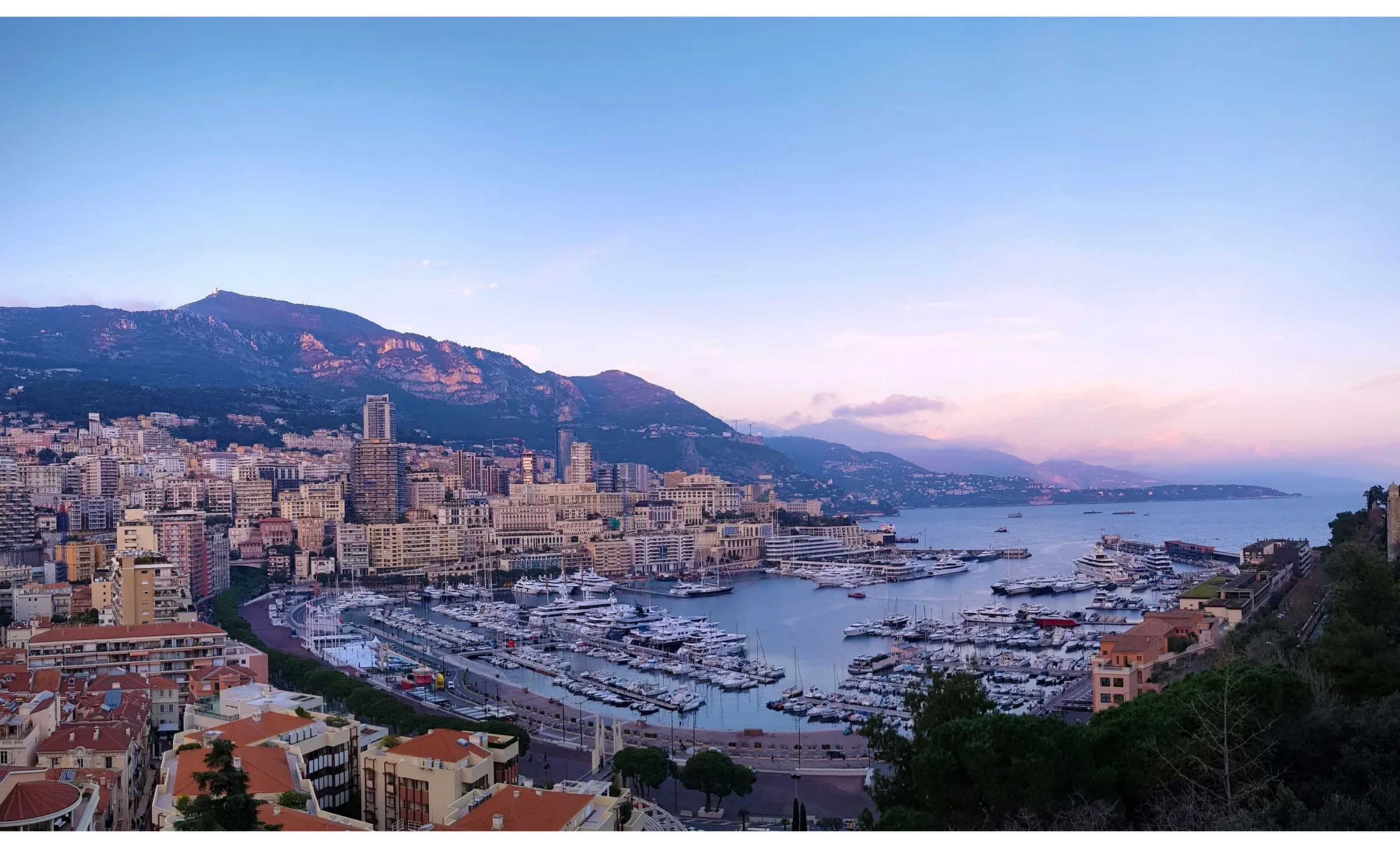
Monaco's status as a principality is best experienced with a visit to the Palais du Prince. Perched high above the city, this palace dates back to the 13th century when it served as a Genoese fortress. Visitors are welcome to explore the palace when Prince Albert II is not in residence—a fact easily discerned by the flag flying atop the main tower. If the flag is raised, the Prince is home.

The royal courtyard is one of the most striking features of the palace, paved with 3 million white and coloured pebbles arranged in intricate geometric patterns. Inside, visitors can marvel at 16th-century Genovese frescoes that depict scenes from ancient mythology, while the columns and grand double-revolution staircase are crafted from exquisite Carrara marble.

The Royal Car Collection

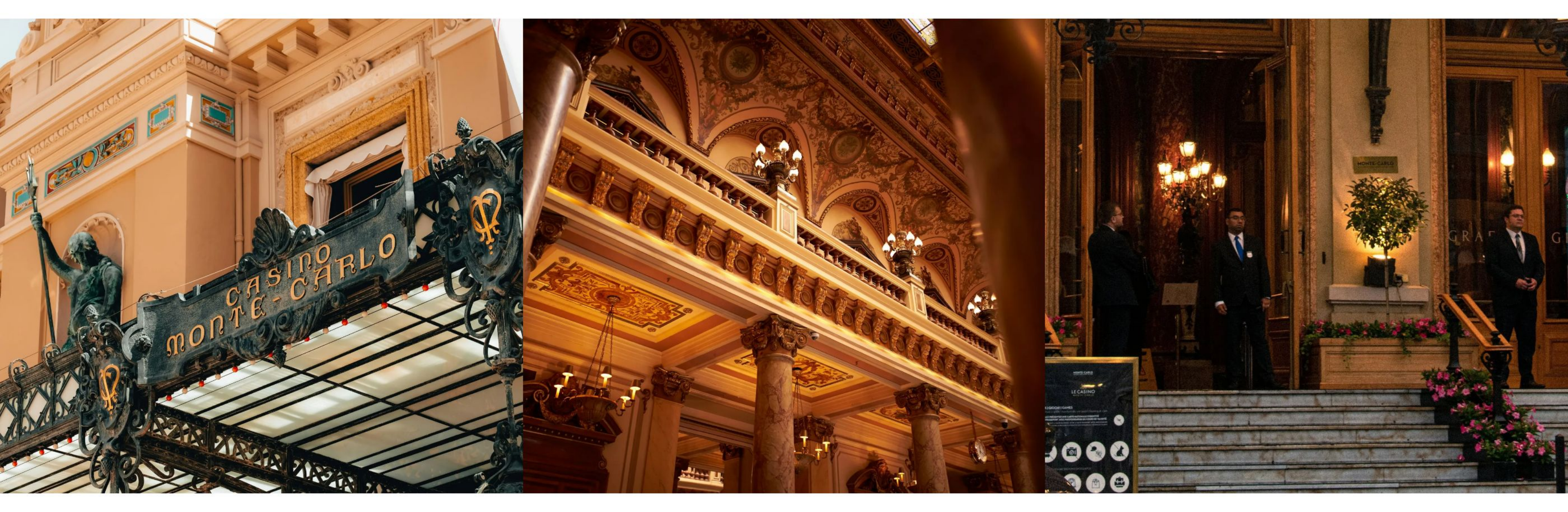
For automobile enthusiasts, the Prince's Car Collection is a must-see. The late Prince Rainier III, a passionate car collector, amassed an impressive array of vehicles, which are now displayed at the Terrasses de Fontvieille. This unique showcases around a hundred cars, ranging from a 1903 De Dion Bouton to a 2013 Lotus F1. Highlights include the Lexus used in the 2011 royal wedding and race cars from the Monte Carlo Rally and the Monaco Grand Prix.

After a day of exploration, a visit to the Quay Jean Charles Rey is the perfect way to unwind. This picturesque waterfront is lined with outdoor cafés and eateries, where you can sip a cocktail while soaking in the scenic views—perhaps even indulging in the novelty of a traditional English pub. It's the ideal prelude to a glamorous evening in Monaco.



The Casino de Monte Carlo: A Night of Elegance

As night falls, the Opera de Monte Carlo, also known as Salle Garnier, beckons. Located on the iconic Place du Casino, this opulent opera house was built in 1878 and is a masterpiece of architectural design. Its interior is a visual feast of red velvet drapes, gold leaf, and crystal chandeliers.



A fitting end to the evening is a visit to the Casino de Monte Carlo, one of the world's most famous gaming establishments. The marble atrium, adorned with 28 onyx columns, sets the tone for an evening of grandeur. Each gaming room is uniquely themed, with La Salle Europe standing out as the first gambling lounge built in the casino. Illuminated by eight Bohemian crystal chandeliers, this room also features frescoes painted in 1898, adding to the timeless elegance.

The allure of Monaco has not gone unnoticed by Hollywood, with the Casino de Monte Carlo featuring in several James Bond films, including GoldenEye and Never Say Never Again. It's easy to see why this enchanting principality remains a top destination for the world's most discerning travellers.

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A Culinary Star in Zeeland

Sometimes, everything aligns perfectly— the setting, the aromas, the style, and of course, the cuisine. It is that kind of sometimes you experience at Restaurant Inter Scaldes, just a short drive from the Damen Yachting shipyard. Jeroen and Sanne Achtien, both in their thirties, take you on a journey through the flavours of the region, where the sea breeze mingles with grazing sheep and oyster beds as far as the eye can see.

"Haute cuisine is an art of refined balance, blending flavours with the challenge of fermentation to create bold, renewed forms." - Jeroen Achtien.

Recognised as "Discovery of the Year" by Gault & Millau in 2019 and "Promise of the Year" in 2022, for Jeroen it is all about the symphony of taste, where each element offers a unique culinary journey.

Chef Jeroen Achtien achieved two Michelin stars at Restaurant Sens in Vitznau, Switzerland. His culinary odyssey began at 14, working alongside his brother who owned two Dutch restaurants. Balancing school and work, he gained experience in both bistros and high-level dining, preparing food tableside. Early on, Jeroen crafted his own gravies, sauces, ice creams, soups, and bread, driven by a chef with experience at top establishments. This cultivated Jeroen's passion for quality, leading him to a renowned three star restaurant, where he thrived for eight years, also training cruise ship chefs.

The Dream Realised

When asked about their journey to Inter Scaldes, Jeroen and Sanne express a sense of destiny fulfilled. "In 2022, we were presented with the opportunity as the previous owners sought successors, and for us, this was a dream come true," shares Sanne.

A Taste of Zeeland

The cuisine at Inter Scaldes is a celebration of Zeeland's bounty. Drawing inspiration from the local surroundings, the menu features treasures from the sea—Oosterschelde lobster, shellfish, and fresh fish handpicked daily from Yerseke. Ingredients sourced from their own garden and regional farms elevate each dish to a symphony of flavours.

Inter Scaldes gets its name from Latin, meaning "amidst the Schelde rivers", paying homage to the two prominent Schelde rivers, which are among the largest and most well-known waterways in the region.

The dining room features a unique setup resembling the Zeeland Islands. Each table and piece of furniture is designed to reflect these islands, creating an immersive experience. Curved tops on the couches represent the sea's surf, adding to the coastal atmosphere.

A Symphony of Style and Service

Step inside Inter Scaldes, and you're enveloped in an ambiance that reflects the tranquility of Zeeland. The interiors, described by Sanne as "understated luxury," combine comfort with timeless elegance. However, it's not just the decor; it's the experience crafted by the attentive staff, who ensure that every guest feels at ease.

"As we navigate the space, we metaphorically walk through the Oosterschelde and the Westerschelde to serve our guests." – Sanne Achtien

Beyond the Plate

What sets Inter Scaldes apart? "It's a combination of everything coming together seamlessly," explains Sanne. From the ambiance to the service and even the attire of the staff, each element harmonises to create an unforgettable dining experience.

The Journey of Dining

The journey at Inter Scaldes begins in the lounge, where guests are welcomed with live-prepared amuse-bouches. A unique aspect is the visit to the kitchen—a rare opportunity offered to every diner. The meal unfolds with precision, culminating back in the lounge with freshly prepared friandises, completing a gastronomic voyage.

At Inter Scaldes, the journey from kitchen to table is more than just a meal; it is a story of passion, craftsmanship, and the beauty of Zeeland woven into every bite and every moment. A place where everything falls into perfect harmony.

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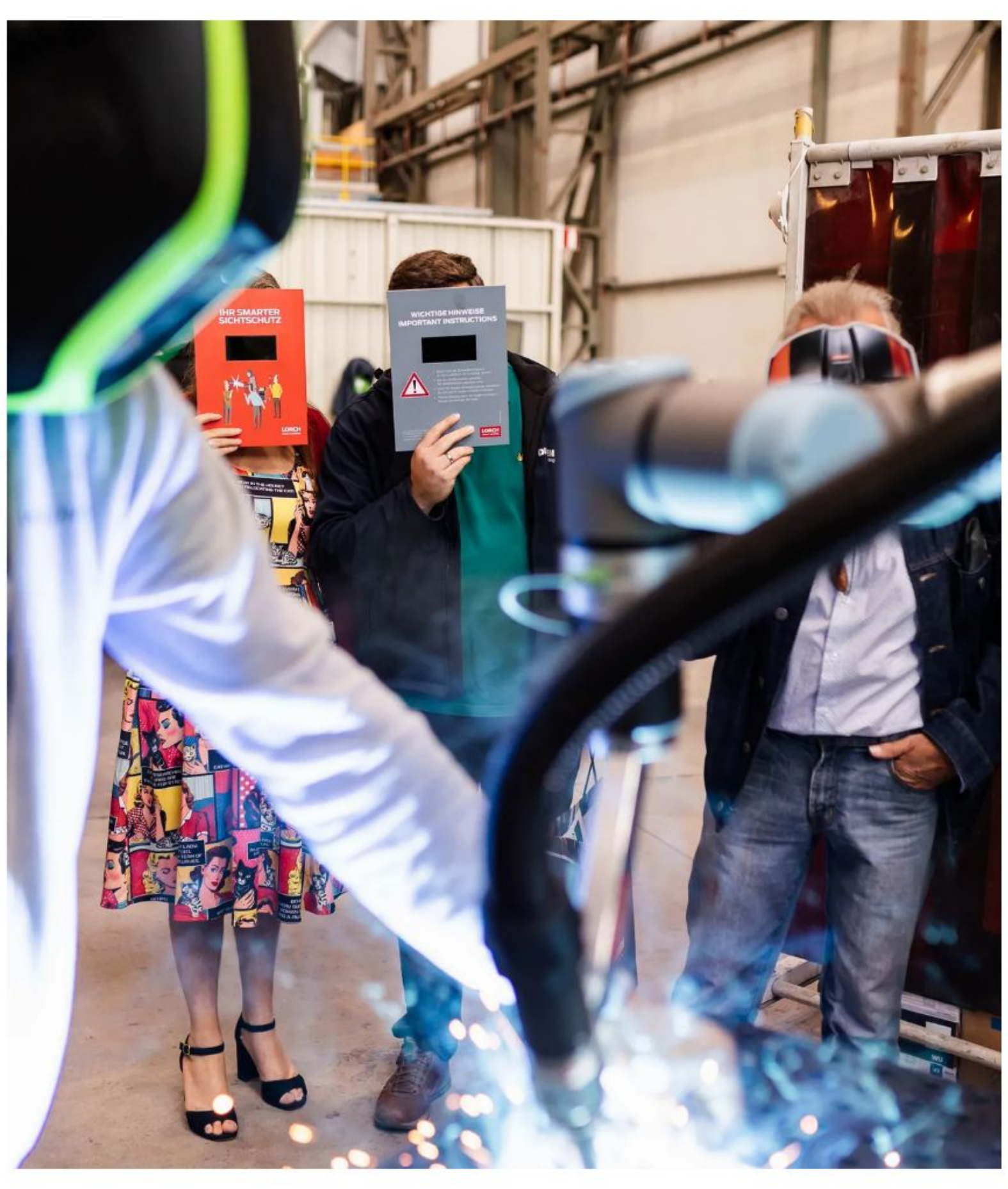
Damen Yachting Open Day 2024

A Behind-the-Scenes Experience for Our Local Community.

On Saturday, 14 September 2024, Damen Yachting welcomed around 5,000 visitors from the local community for a unique opportunity to experience the world of shipbuilding firsthand. The Open Day offered families, students, and maritime enthusiasts an exclusive look behind the scenes of one of the most advanced shipyards in the world, while also celebrating our industry and the people who make it thrive.

Open Day is an opportunity to showcase the yard and the beautiful yachts we create together to your family, friends, and everyone in the area or even far beyond. It's a great moment to show the place you proudly work every day and probably talk about at home. You can show all of that on this day! The docks at the yard are all in use, and there are yachts to admire outside along the quay. There is a fixed walking route that takes you past all the projects and through the facility. There is a real Damen Yachting street, an obstacle course for the younger guests, a food court, a fire department demonstration, and various stands set up with the help of many of our co-makers along the route.

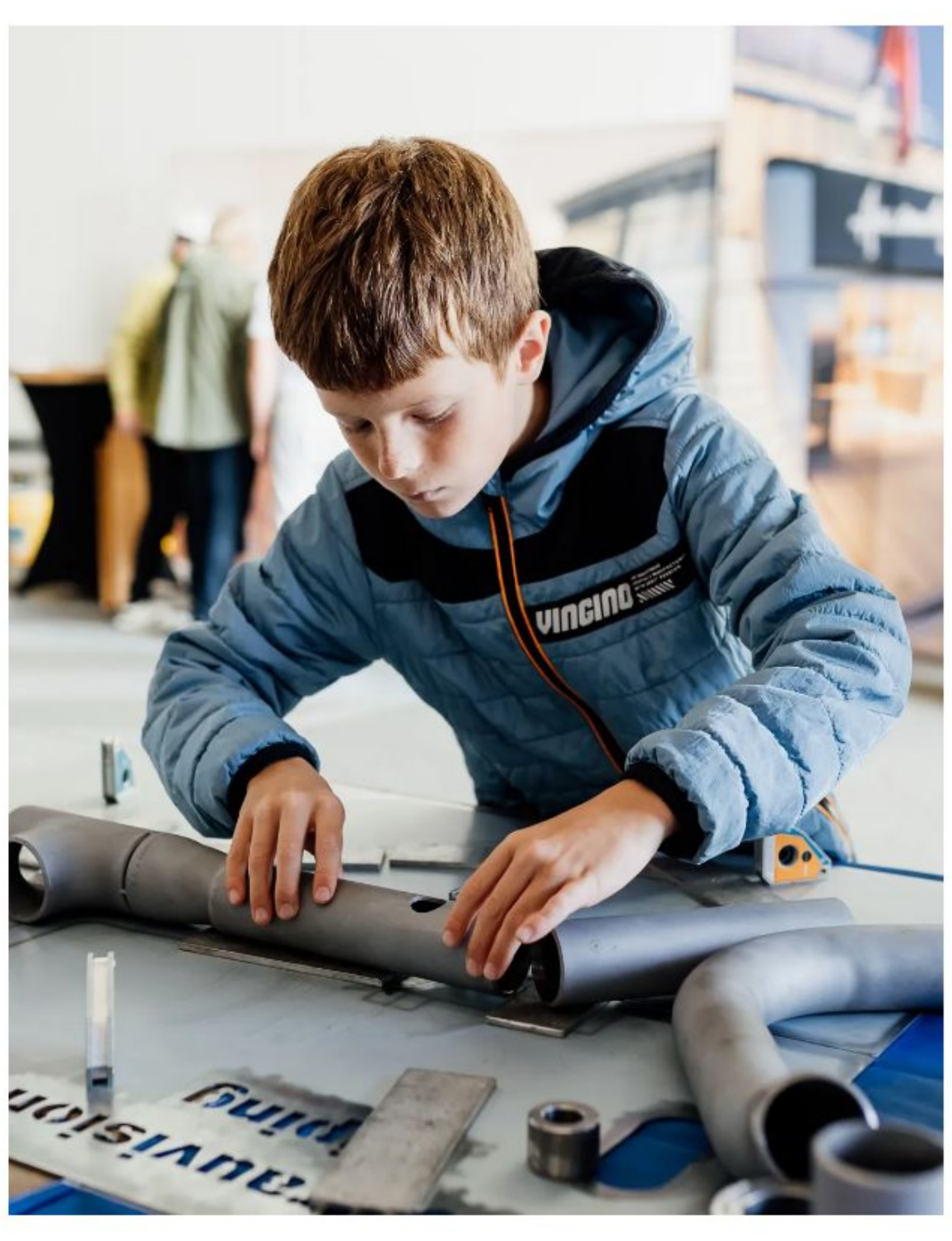


A Unique Day for the Local Community

For the residents of Vlissingen and the surrounding region, this Open Day was more than just a tour—it was a celebration of local pride. Families had the rare opportunity to explore the inner workings of Damen Yachting, discovering how our superyachts and support vessels are built. Children admired the vessels under construction, while students got inspired by the possibilities of careers in the maritime industry. The shipyard, normally closed to the public, came alive with tours, interactive displays, and demonstrations designed to make the day both fun and educational. Co-makers were present to showcase their contributions, giving visitors an in-depth understanding of the precision and craftsmanship that go into every stage of yacht-building.

Inspiring the Next Generation

A key focus of the day was on inspiring the next generation of shipbuilders, engineers, designers, and sales professionals. For students, it was a chance to see the innovative spirit that drives Damen Yachting forward and explore potential career paths. The future of our industry relies on nurturing new talent, and we were proud to offer a glimpse into the dynamic world that awaits them.



Continuing a Tradition

Although World Boating Day was officially celebrated in May, we chose to host our Open Day in September—continuing the tradition of opening our doors at this time of year. It's a bi-annual event rooted in our commitment to the local community, celebrating the shared heritage of shipbuilding and maritime innovation.

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Latest News

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

Amels 60 Sea Trial

First Sea Trial for Latest Amels 60

The sixth Amels 60 has successfully completed her first sea trials. From the dock to the deep blue, this beauty made a stunning debut out on the open water. This Amels 60 will remain quayside until her delivery later this year.

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Arrival of the Latest Amels

Latest Amels 80 arrives in Vlissingen for outfitting

The latest Amels 80 has made a successful crossing from Romania to the Netherlands. After departing from our hull-building facility in Galatz, Romania, on August 5, the 80-metre (261-foot) Amels Limited Editions yacht has arrived here in Vlissingen to join her sister vessel, which is already in the outfitting stage.

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Vlissingen to Monaco

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Our #LOVEOUROCEANS campaign continues to grow, highlighting industry efforts to protect the planet. One of these initiatives is the Vlissingen to Monaco bike ride, where our team is raising funds for ocean conservation through the Blue Marine Foundation. Currently, they are cycling over 1,000 kilometers from Vlissingen to Monaco, arriving just before the start of the Monaco Yacht Show.

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Launch of the second Amels 80

Second Amels 80 Launched

We are pleased to announce the launch of the second Amels 80 at the Damen Yachting hull building facility in Galati, Romania. This new generation superyacht is scheduled for delivery to her Owner in 2026.

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Eight Amels 60 entered the outfitting phase

Outfitting to start for next Amels 60

Another Amels 60 has entered the outfitting phase following her recent arrival at our principal shipyard in the Netherlands. Hull number eight from our acclaimed Amels 60 Limited Editions series, introduced in 2019, will now undergo intense outfitting in preparation for her delivery scheduled for 2025. She joins a number of other prestigious projects at our main Amels facilities which have seen a busy period with both a launch and delivery taking place in just the last two weeks.

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