SPRING EDITION

FINEST MOMENTS

Inspired by the Sea



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XPLORE MORE



Fun, adventure and exploration. Three words that go hand in hand with our range of luxury SeaXplorer yachts which take the superyachting experience and capability to another level. Three words put into practice over the last few weeks as the Damen Yachting team, our brokers and even our Clients all experienced what it means to Xplore more!

Regional Reach

It was during the Gulf Superyacht Summit 2022 in Dubai, when Damen Yachting was first asked the question of how to bring more superyachts to the Gulf. A challenge that inspired the team to look at what experiences the Gulf region has to offer and how the yachting solutions within the company's portfolio could really offer superyacht Owners something different. It wasn't long before SeaXplorer was on the table.







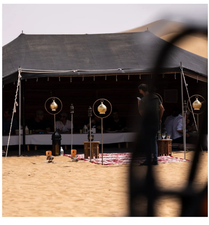
Adventure Potential

SeaXplorer soon became not only the answer but also the inspiration to putting these different types of experiences into action. The day before the Dubai Boat Show kicked off, Damen yachting put its first ever Xplore Desert Adventure into play. An event inspired by the contrasts of the city of Dubai itself and how the SeaXplorer allows the Owner to bring all the toys while exploring the region.

For this first Desert Edition, the focus was on our community of brokers in the area or attending the boat show. After a warm welcome by Managing Director Rose Damen and Sales Manager Jorrit Pilaar, our SeaXplorer Design Manager Enrique Tintore presented the group of attendees with an insight into the evolution of the SeaXplorer range. An informative and educative interactive discussion that centred around the opportunities the SeaXplorer creates to discover both water and land adventure.









Desert Action

Actions speak louder than words so this was an event that put theories of fun and adventure in the desert to the test. The next few hours were spent with an 'Xplore' of the desert dunes on the outskirts of Dubai. Guests put their off-road driving skills and nerves to the test with an ATV safari through the desert sands. As the guests raced through the dunes, everyone experienced the adrenalin packed race of an off-the-beaten-track adventure. Lunch in the desert, and an opportunity for guests to try their hand (or legs!) at sand boarding, provided the perfect backdrop to further discuss the future of luxury travel, superyacht ownership and how a SeaXplorer is the perfect yacht to take you there to Xplore!



Ready for Adventure

Whilst the team and brokers put adventure theories to the test, the latest SeaXplorer was getting ready to embark upon hers! The SeaXplorer 58 was successfully launched and went on to complete a series of sea trials ahead of her delivery in the next few weeks. When delivered, PINK SHADOW will be the third SeaXplorer out on the waters. With her Ice Class hull for safe operations in polar waters and customised configuration, the SeaXplorer 58 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.



- SeaXplorer Custom (58.00 metres/190 ft)
- Delivery in 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

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Opportunity Awaits

Amels 6003 on the Market



Amels Limited Editions have long been getting their Owners out on the water faster than the competition. A concept that has been disrupting the approach to superyacht building since it was introduced by Kommer Damen 18 years ago. Now almost 2 decades on, and even in today's current build slot battlefield, fast delivery is still absolutely on the cards. In fact, imagine being able to sign tomorrow and take delivery of a brand-new, next generation Amels 60 almost immediately.



Amels 6003 at a glance

- Amels 60 (60.00 metres / 197 ft)
- Delivery August 2023
- IRS1 GT
- 12 guests, 13 crew plus Captain
- Interior Design by Winch Design
- Exterior Design by Espen Øino
- Naval Architecture by Damen Yachting

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On the Market

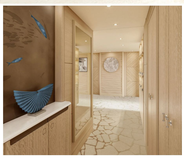
For Owners looking to get out on the water this summer, opportunities like this don't come around often. New to market and ready to set sail this August, this third Amels 60 boasts a sleek Espen Øino exterior, contemporary interiors by Winch Design and proven ocean-going naval architecture by Damen Yachting. Amels 6003 offers 60-metres of exemplary Dutch yacht building heritage, sought-after Amels pedigree and trusted Limited Editions investment value.

Charter or Private

With room for up to 12 guests and a crew of 13 plus Captain, this Amels 60 is well-suited to both private and charter use. The overall design focuses on the onboard user experience with the vast Sun Deck being one of the best features and the largest of yachts in this size range. Optimised open tender storage area on the foredeck provides room for two large tenders which are stored outside, and yet are not visible, complementing the exterior lines. The geometry of the trapezoid windows add to her unique design signature.









Owner's Suite

The spacious Owner's Suite with big windows provides a private and relaxing area extending from inside to out, maximising ocean views and use of light. The large hydraulic foldable balcony offers a private area to enjoy whilst inside attention to design detail and space is impeccable. There is a beam-to-beam bathroom and walk-in closet on the forward side.

Guest Experience

The Guest Deck with four fabulous guest suites is connected to the beach club, so guests have their own direct indoor access from the guest suites to the Main Deck and the Beach Club. All cabins sleep two and have beautiful appointed bathrooms. Two cabins are equipped each with two single beds that can easily be converted to one double bed. The Beach Club is where Amels 6003 really connects life on board to the fun, relaxation and adventure that awaits outside. This area features access to the swim platform, a sauna, steam shower and seating arrangement. There is also ample storage for water toys.







Exterior Entertainment

The Sun Deck doesn't just deliver on size. This is an area that stands out for ticking the box on every level when it comes to exterior entertainment. The windows, which are not fixed, provide a open air flow ensuring this indoor-outdoor space is as flexible in use as possible. The enlarged jacuzzi with swim jet ensures guests have the feeling and similar experience to that of a pool, there is a fully equipped outdoor kitchen with a teppanyaki grill and integrated exhaust fan and cinematic set-up for star-set film nights. There is a touch and go heli deck, which can also be used as a sun bathing area. Another option is to make use of the provisions in place for the installation of gym equipment.

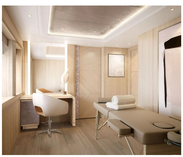


Interior Setup

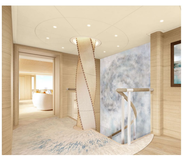
One of the features specifically of this Amels 60 are the floor to ceiling windows, allowing for natural sunlight to flood in and offering mesmerizing panoramic views. A deviation from the original Amels 60 design and one that complements the Winch Design interiors beautifully. The staircase area boasts a beautiful wall decoration handcrafted out of resin. A blue ocean wave artwork realised in layers of blue and pearl tramazite resin and liquid metal inlays.

Finest Moments

Amels 6003 truly offers those looking to get out on the water, discover coastlines near and far and spend time with family and friends on their own terms, everything they need. A place to enjoy their Finest Moments on board this summer. A unique chance that doesn't come along often but one where opportunity absolutely awaits.









Culinary Roots In the Lasloods



Standing quayside at Damen Yachting you'd be forgiven for assuming that the small island opposite, with its large industrial warehouses, was nothing more than a hub for Vlissingen's local fishing activities. Afterall, who would suspect, that hidden within a former steel construction hall, you would find one of the area's most unique dining experiences.

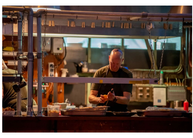
Pairing Up



Fine dining and culinary excellence are synonymous with life onboard but sometimes many of the best gastronomic adventures start a little closer to home. Dutch duo Chef Michel Louws and Event Specialist Louk Peperkamp explain why returning to your roots and pushing boundaries can lead to a whole new level of dining delight.

Challenging Expectations

For Michelin star Chef Michel Louws this industrial, bold setting delivers exactly what he is looking for to push people out of their comfort zone when it comes to expectations with cuisine. For him and his wife Marianne van Dimbergen, the Lasloods becomes their home and kitchen for the summer months. A pop-up restaurant like no other where they can challenge their guests and Michel's chef skills, by serving a twelve-course tasting menu, using only the best, locally sourced, seasonal products.



Michel:

"We came up with the concept here, basically to put into practice what we want to eat and how we like to eat. The essence of it is all about sharing the food with the people you love. One of my dishes popular amongst the locals here is cured beetroot, smoked eel and apple, which is very well liked, the people of Zeeland know smoked eel. But ultimately it's the experience we want you to take away. We want you to remember it."

Louk:

"We are one of the few in Zeeland that transform these kinds of places into unique locations. I grew up in Vlissingen, I am proud to work here. I've been organising events in abandoned warehouses at former shipyards and monumental factory spaces for more than twelve years. We've seen everything from dance parties to conferences to the ultimate dining experience."



Inspired Ingredients

The location alone is prime for any chef looking for the best in local ingredients. Zeeland is known worldwide for its high standard of local produce, specifically shell fish and seafood, but for Michel the inspiration runs deeper still.

Michel:

"Inspiration can come anytime, anywhere. Often just while being outdoors, seeing vegetables growing, it triggers me creatively. But there is more to it. We try to source products that are not harmful to the environment. I would like to do more with vegetables, with sustainable produce rather than always fish or meat. That works here at Lasloods, guests react very positively to our vegetable dishes."











Michel:

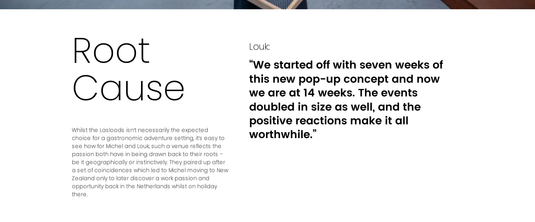
"When I first arrived in New Zealand it was basically stepping back 20-25 years from a culinary point of view. It's caught up in the last ten years but it's challenged me as a chef. Made me think and work differently and that makes what I bring to the Lasloods dining experience so unique. The location only serves to enhance that."

Root Cause

Whilst the Lasloods isn't necessarily the expected choice for a gastronomic adventure setting, it's easy to see how for Michel and Louk, such a venue reflects the passion both have in being drawn back to their roots – be it geographically or instinctively. They paired up after a set of coincidences which led to Michel moving to New Zealand only to later discover a work passion and opportunity back in the Netherlands whilst on holiday there.

Louk:

"We started off with seven weeks of this new pop-up concept and now we are at 14 weeks. The events doubled in size as well, and the positive reactions make it all worthwhile."



Local Life

For Damen Yachting the Lasloods is not just a neighbour across the water, it has been the home to many milestone celebrations throughout the years making it an important location for the team, the crew, our clients and even launch parties. A connection that dates back years and one that celebrates a shared passion for embracing locality.

Louk:

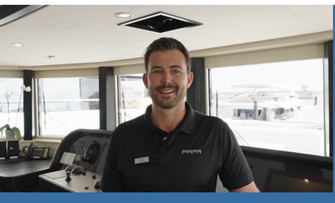
"We source everything locally and our team is from Zeeland as well. Staying loyal to our heritage works both ways. Many companies in the region organise their business events with us. Like Damen Yachting. Having a neighbour who likes to throw those kind of parties is really cool!"



Captain's Call

In Dialolgue with Captain Olly Lewis

Currently finalising a successful winter charter season in the Caribbean, the Amels 180 PAPA is getting ready to head back across the Atlantic Ocean for her Mediterranean summer 2023. Repeat Amels fleet Captain Olly Lewis brings us up to speed about why he again would cross the ocean in a heartbeat on board of PAPA.



"Would I do it again? Absolutely, in a heartbeat! I really enjoy the ocean crossings. And to do it on an Amels hull and know you are 100 percent safe, absolutely, in a heartbeat."

Olly Lewis

Watch the interview to hear first-hand what Captain Olly's experience meant to him.

Olly joined PAPA at the beginning of 2022 in Thailand, after she already cruised extensively in Asia. His first task was to relocate the yacht from Thailand back to the Amels shipyard in Vlissingen for some refit and warranty works ahead of her busy Mediterranean charter season. It was a passage of 8,500 nautical miles, taking up to 42 days with some unseasonably rough weather for the majority of the crossing.



Rock solid

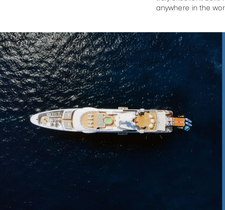
"These Amels yachts have exceptional seakeeping capabilities. During the trip we encountered some pretty serious head seas, some substantial beam seas and some rather large following seas, so we had everything thrown at us. But not one of those sea conditions stopped us making forward progress. In true Amels form, the boat was rock solid. If anything, the crew were giving up before the boat. That is normally what happens. She delivered us safely to Holland, without issue. Yes, we reduced some speed and we altered course accordingly, but she took everything that was thrown at her and we still slept in relative comfort knowing we were on a rock solid ship."

– Olly Lewis

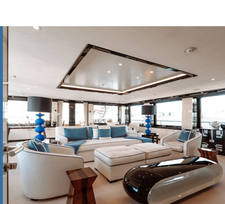


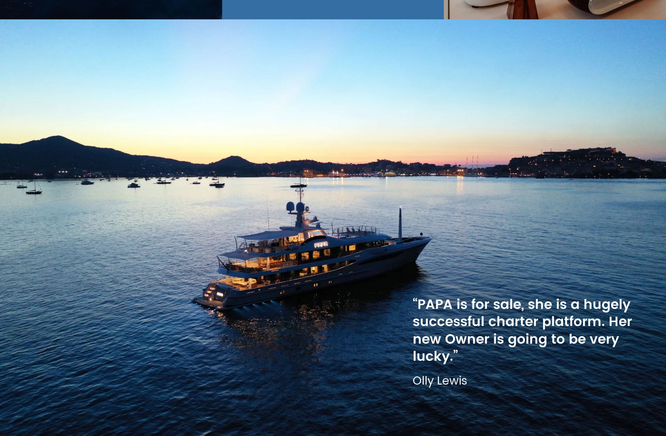
Global cruiser

PAPA is a 2019 Amels 180 with a 5-cabin configuration, sleeping a total of 10 guests, and able to cruise with 12 guests. Hull number 23 of the Amels successful series, she offers a hugely successful charter platform, is a proven global cruiser and has that typical Northern European/Dutch pedigree of a really truly excellent built. With 13 crew, a steel displacement hull and global capability PAPA is able to go anywhere in the world.



- Amels 180 (55.00 metres / 180ft)
- Delivered 2019 (Refit 2022)
- 671 GT
- 12 guests, 12 Crew plus Captain
- Interior Design by Laura Sessa
- Exterior Design by Tim Heywood
- Naval Architecture by Damen Yachting





"PAPA is for sale, she is a hugely successful charter platform. Her new Owner is going to be very lucky."

Olly Lewis

Pied-à-Mer

Port Vauban, South of France. The name is as elegant as the sun kissed town itself. In arguably the most attractive marina in the world and now with a fully refitted marina, this is a place that is redefining a place for superyachts and their Owners to call home.





The Homeport of Yachting

With berths up to 160 metres, the new state-of-the-art facilities at the marina elegantly combine heritage and modernity. A product of vision and legacy, uplifting the long-standing yachting tradition of Antibes. A terrestrial 'home at the beach' providing easy access to sensational cruising grounds, as well as all of the benefits and amenities of the exceptional marina.

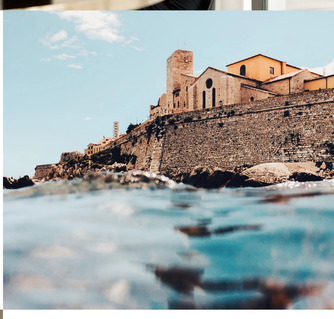
Customer relations lie at the heart of Port Vauban. Clients are cared for by a dedicated team who provide support with their range of high-end, top-quality services. Combining concierge, amenities, technical services and events, this is a port dedicated to providing a distinctive experience.

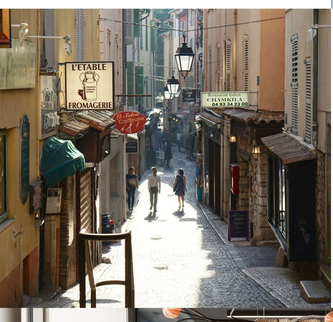


Rich Heritage

It is easy to see why the natural geography of Port Vauban has had a tremendous impact on its history. The harbour is formed of successive layers of sediments. Surrounded by sea and mountains, it was the Greek seafarers who first began turning the southern corner of the Bay of Angels into a trading post known as Antipolis. During the fourteenth century, the King of France realised the military importance of the port on the border of France and Savoy.

From the founding of Antipolis to the modern transformation of the port via the fortifications added from the sixteenth century, and the series of urban and port revolutions, Port Vauban has had multiple identities, which is reflected in its rich heritage.

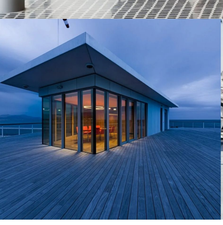




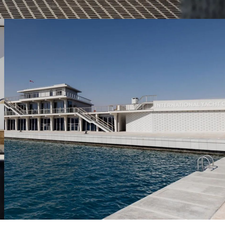
Perfectly Provençal

Port Vauban adjoins the old town of Antibes, featuring its famous mesmerising Provençal scenes and artsy atmosphere. Just minutes away from the port, the gorgeous, cobbled streets of Antibes, festooned with flowers and sidewalk cafés and bistros, are the perfect location for a morning stroll, combined with a quintessential espresso and top of the line people watching. An ideal moment to visit is Chateau Grimaldi, where Pablo Picasso lived for six months in 1946, and which is now the Picasso Museum.









Superyacht Lifestyle

Seasoned yacht Owners are familiar with the benefits of waking up to the scent of the sea and the calming sound of water gently lapping at the shore. In Port Vauban, Owners now have the unique opportunity to make their exclusive berth their home. One of the facilities available to them is the new yacht club and its helipad, designed by Phillipe Prost, recent winner of the highest French distinction for architecture.

The helipad offers seamless passage to and from the airports of Nice, Cannes and Monaco, as well as further afield. In fact driving the fastest GT and Supercars at the Formula 1 racetrack of Paul Ricard, country club vibes at the Polo Club of St. Tropez or getting away to the mountains of Gstaad for the day are all just a helicopter ride away from Port Vauban.



On the Road

2023 is fast becoming the year of live events! Something we have all missed greatly over the last few years. We may have become accustomed to digital networking but let's face it, nothing beats meeting or catching up with clients, crew, industry colleagues and friends in person. Here are the highlights of this year so far – and there have been a lot!



Superyacht Design Festival

In February we swapped the usual yachting event locations to join Boat International in the mountains of Cortina for the Superyacht Design Festival. An inspirational few days focused on the latest trends and innovations in yacht design, a celebration of the latest and greatest our industry is working on and above all a welcomed chance to kick off the year with industry partners, co-makers and fellow yacht builders.

"Stepping away from the usual boat show settings really created space and time to catch up properly with those who we need to speak to most and yet boat show schedules never allow." Rob Luijendijk, Director Sales and Product Design Damen Yachting.

Dubai Boat Show



Early March was host to our largest ever presence at the Dubai International Boat Show and saw the introduction of our revised show styling which truly reflects the values that run to the core of Damen Yachting. We welcomed visitors, clients and their guests across the 5 days of the show to our home away from home in the Emirates. Our showcase of detailed scale models once again demonstrated the diversity of our portfolio.

Amongst the yacht designs on display were the Amels 60 and Amels 80 Limited Editions, both of which sport exterior design by Espen Øino and feature cutting-edge technology including hybrid power and propulsion. At the same time, they retain the build process that has made the Amels Limited Editions a success. Our Yacht Support 53 proved popular on the stand, especially given the versatility it offers clients looking for fast cruising support in the region. It was however the SX 60 from the award-winning SeaXplorer range that stole the show – perhaps somewhat encouraged by talk of our private SeaXplorer Desert Exploration day which took place prior to the show starting!

"It was fantastic to see how well the entire portfolio was received at the show in Dubai but especially interesting to see the real potential of the SeaXplorer 60 for the region."

Jorrit Pilaar, Sales Manager Damen Yachting.







Palm Beach International Boat Show



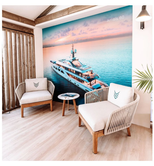
We swapped the desert for the Floridian coast later in March as we made our debut as an exhibitor within the Palm Beach International Boat Show. Our team welcomed visitors from around the world and showcased the Damen Yachting portfolio with a series of detailed scale models. Represented by the models were examples of the Amels superyachts, the award-winning SeaXplorer explorer yachts and the Yacht Support Vessel range.

"We are always very excited to be in Palm Beach. The boat show was a great event as usual, with plenty for visitors to see."

Jan van Hogerwou, Commercial Executive Damen Yachting







Women in Yachting

During the Palm Beach International Boat Show, we were delighted to host the first US Edition of Damen Yachting's Women in Yachting events. An initiative first introduced back in 2019, this US Edition of Women in Yachting follows up on previous events held around the world bringing together leading females in the industry. With its three core values of Ownership, Inspiration & Diversity, Women in Yachting provides a platform where experiences can be shared, and stereotypes are broken down. A huge thank you to all the ladies who attended the event, making it a great success.







Latest News

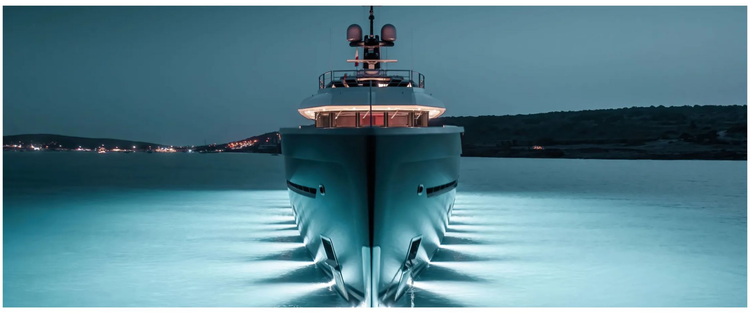
Third Amels 80 sold

We are delighted to confirm the sale of the third Amels 80 scheduled for delivery to her new Owner in 2026.

Project Zurich features exterior design by Espen Øino and will be customised with a number of spectacular unique features. The Owner has appointed a well-known design team for the custom interiors and all details remain confidential.



World Superyacht Awards Finalists



Congratulations to the Amels 60 COME TOGETHER and the Amels Full Custom ENERGY which have both been named as finalists in the 2023 World Superyacht Awards.

Each year, the World Superyacht Awards recognise the ingenuity and craftsmanship of the most remarkable superyachts from across the world. The globally acclaimed event, known for its credibility and prestige, is distinguished from all other yacht awards thanks to a judging panel comprising current and former superyacht owners. COME TOGETHER is a finalist in the 500-1499 GT displacement motor yachts category, while ENERGY is a finalist in the category of 1500 GT and above. The winners will be revealed in Istanbul, Turkey on 19-20 May, 2023 and we wish them both the very best of luck.



Amels 60 ENTOURAGE Sets Sail

The Amels 60 ENTOURAGE set sail earlier this year following delivery to her Owner ready to embark on a busy Caribbean charter season.

Previously known as Project WITCHCRAFT, this second Amels 60, with exterior design by Espen Øino and custom interiors by Burdifilek, stands out for her fresh, bright exterior colour scheme and differentiating window styling. A design adaptation allowing maximal light to flood the monochromatic interior notable for its sense of serenity. We wish her Owner and crew fair winds and following seas as they enjoy their Finest Moments on board. ENTOURAGE is available for charter through Moran Yacht & Ship who were involved throughout the build on behalf of the client.



Third Amels 60 Launched



On March 3rd, the third Amels 60 was successfully launched in Vlissingen ready to undergo final outfitting in preparation for her completion.

The Amels 60 series is a testament to Damen Yachting's vision for the future of superyachting. The design combines generations of heritage with the latest developments, forming a bridge to the yachting world of tomorrow. Next to her distinctive, elegant lines, designed by Espen Øino, she boasts hybrid power and propulsion technology for both sustainable performance and improved on board comfort. This Amels 60 features beautiful custom interiors by Winch Design.