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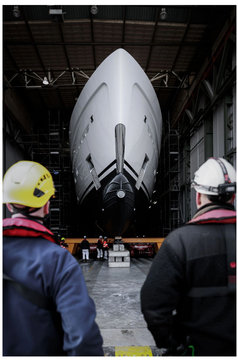
Our Year in Review

What a year 2023 has been. From launches to deliveries, arrivals to departures and events at our shipyards to those on shores afar. It certainly has been a busy one with some historical moments in our yacht building legacy along the way. Let's take a look back at our year as we celebrate all the key highlights from the last 12 months.

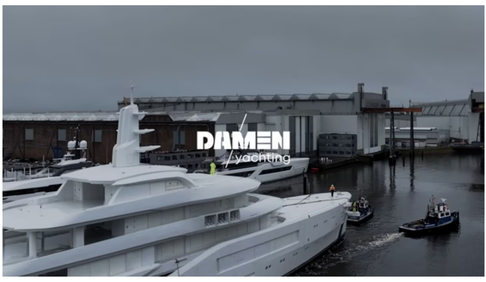


Launches to Remember

Launches have played a big role in 2023 with many firsts hitting the headlines. The first ever SeaXplorer 58, the first YS53 and the first Amels 80 all hitting the water for the first time. In addition, we celebrated two Amels (an Amels 242 and an Amels 200) launching on the same day ahead of delivery and another Amels 60 launching before she leaves the yard anytime soon! But the launch that none of us will forget was that of the almighty 120-metre Amels Full Custom.

Arrivals to Admire

After making the most impressive of splashes, the arrival of our largest Amels in build to date is a moment that not many will forget in hurry. A much-anticipated moment that didn't disappoint as the 120-metre Amels superyacht made her way into the waters around our Vlissingen City yard. A moment which could only be equalled in excitement with the arrival of the first Amels 80. The start of a new era for the 80-metre next generation Amels Limited Editions fleet.



Deliveries Installing Pride

We have also enjoyed the most special of all milestones for our clients. The moment when the build journey comes to an end and voyages of discovery lie ahead! This year we have been delighted to see YS 7512, the SeaXplorer 58 PINK SHADOW and the third Amels 60 all be handed over to their Owners. We wish them all fair winds and following seas!

Events Bringing Us Together

Whilst it's been one of the busiest years yet with our yachts, events have also played a big role in bringing us together with our industry friends, colleagues, clients and fleet. We were delighted to showcase our yachting portfolio at the Dubai Boat Show, Palm Beach Boat Show, Monaco Yacht Show and FLIBS. We were also the proud sponsors of the London 2 Monaco bike ride in collaboration with the Blue Marine Foundation, Explorer Yacht Summit, ACREW Awards and Superyacht Times Party, organisers of our annual Crew King's Day Event and annual Women in Yachting events. It was also great to bring back our Captains Classic Car Rally and support our #loveeuroceans campaign with a quayside clean up. Icing on the cake was having the Amels 60 COME TOGETHER bring home an award at ISS awards in Fort Lauderdale and win a Neptune at the prestigious World Superyacht Awards.

We are Damen Yachting

All of the milestones and activities which took place in 2023 have been made possible thanks to everyone involved at our yard and with our fleet. Not just all of our Damen Yachting employees but those teams we work with on a daily basis.

Our dedicated co-makers, the crew on board our yachts, the Owners' teams and all the brokers we work with worldwide. Thank you to everyone for making this such a special year!

Evolution is in our DNA

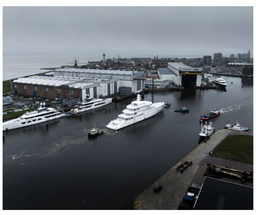
New Amels in Town

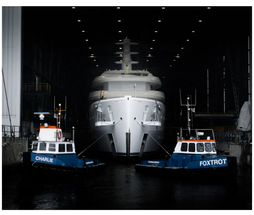
A new Amels Limited Editions era has begun! The first Amels 80 is now at our main shipyard in Vlissingen for outfitting ahead of her delivery in 2025. A major milestone not only for this first 80-metre Limited Editions but also for everyone involved in this next generation Amels superyacht.

Making an Entrance

It was a warm welcome for the much-awaited arrival of this first Amels 80 on a cold Dutch day! As she headed into the waters around the shipyard, it was a question of just one lock through from open water. A grand entrance following her launch at our Damen Shipyard in Galati a few weeks ago and there was a great turn out to celebrate this milestone moment.

"Decades of Amels pedigree, experience and knowhow have fed the creation of the Amels 80. Her arrival at our shipyard in Vlissingen marks a key moment in the history of our Amels Limited Editions legacy and for all of us involved in the build. We cannot wait to see her evolve and transform." Rose Damen, Managing Director.





The Story Begins

As the Amels 80 now moves into the next phase of her build, evolving from concept to reality, we will be taking a look deep into the DNA that flows through this next generation 80-metre Amels Limited Editions.

Romke van der Linde, Project Manager Damen Yachting:

"What makes the real difference is that this is a build at the heart of which are the people. Each of whom bring their own experience, own evolution in their craft and their own story. The people who each write a chapter or a verse in this evolutionary journey. Ultimately shaping the Amels 80 into the yacht she will become."

Evolution is in our DNA

With outfitting now underway, the next chapter in the story of the Amels 80 begins. As her own build DNA develops with each detail applied, reflecting not just our skills but also the wisdom passed down through time. With the sense of tradition and craftsmanship that has defined every Amels to date and continues to do so. A celebration of the past, a tribute to the present, and a promise to the future. Join us on the journey as we follow the evolution of the Amels 80.

Amels 80 at a glance

- Length overall: 80 metres (261 ft)
- Beam: 12.5 metres (41 ft)
- Gross Tonnage: 2,175
- Guests: 14 in 7 suites
- Exterior design – Espen Øino International
- Interior design - Sinot Yacht Architecture & Design
- Naval Architecture – Damen Yachting

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Damen Yachting Introduces

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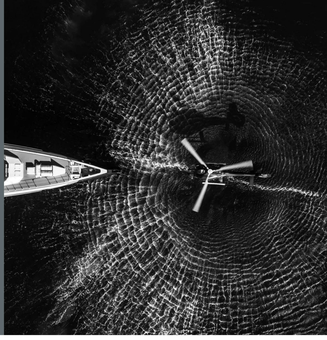

The untold stories of our Yacht Support Owners

No boundaries, no limits, just endless horizons. That's what Yacht Support ownership is all about. But we don't want you to just take our word for it. It's time to hear it from those Owners at the helm as we go where no other yacht building shipyard has gone before. Welcome to Yacht Support Insider!

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Exclusive Series

In our all-new exclusive series, our Yacht Support Owners welcome you on board to show you everything that they use their vessels for. From pursuing their passions to delivering disaster relief, our Yacht Supports are at the heart of these Owners' unique and untold stories. An extraordinary chance to find out more about yachting Ownership and the people behind the names.

Thrill of the Chase

Throughout the series we will take a deep dive into what motivates these Owners to push boundaries and take on the world on their own terms. What drives them, where their passion lies and why the versatility of the Yacht Support platform enables them to chase their dream. Their individual stories told first hand by the Owners themselves in this exclusive series by Damen Yachting.

Follow the series to find out more about Anthony Hsieh Chasing the Unknown, Carl Allen Chasing the Extraordinary, Dr Jonathan Rothberg Chasing the Gene Fleet and Tommy Allen Chasing Change.

About Yacht Support

Superyacht support is a growing phenomenon that is revolutionising luxury yachting. We are proud to be leading this innovative solution for contemporary lifestyles with 17 Yacht Supports already heading up the fleet. All stemming from the same original concept, each with their very own individual mission and purpose.

And whether that is supporting the mother yacht, carrying tenders, toys, supplies and staff, delivering disaster relief or doubling up for scientific research, they all are the result of their Owner's unique vision of yachting.

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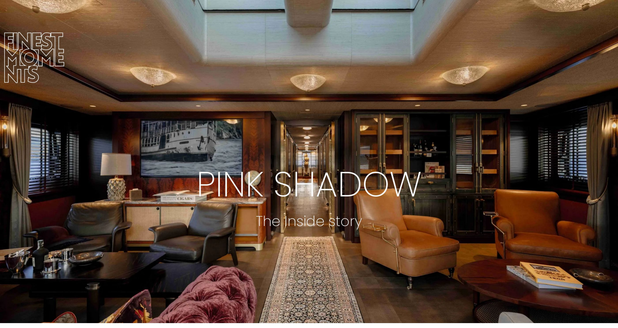
Latest Yacht Support at a glance

- Model: YS 53 – Length overall 53 metres (175 ft)
- Gross Tonnage: 499
- Guests: 8
- Exterior design – Damen Yachting
- Interior design – Damen Yachting
- Naval Architecture – Damen Yachting

More details here



PINK SHADOW

The Inside story

The SeaXplorer 58 PINK SHADOW is a yachting masterpiece that combines luxury yacht building excellence with ship building innovation and a personalised interior that tells a tale all of its own. The studio and man behind this cinematic inspired interior design, Design Unlimited's Mark Tucker, takes us on his journey through the bespoke interiors which reflect the Owner's quest for the spirit of exploration and adventure.

The mastermind behind PINK SHADOW's distinctive interior is Mark Tucker of Design Unlimited. An accomplished interior designer, building on a long-standing relationship with the Owner. Having done five boats with him, Mark really understands how the Owner uses the boat, how he socialises.

Mark Tucker

A Distinctive Vision

Unlike conventional explorer yachts, the SeaXplorer 58 PINK SHADOW was envisioned as a platform for refined sociability across the globe. The yacht's interior style drew inspiration from the film Fitzcarraldo, creating an energy that transcends the ordinary.

"We embarked on the project with a unique design brief – exploration redefined. The vibe that we went for, on the request of the Owner, was based on the film Fitzcarraldo, where a vintage steamboat embarks on a journey down the Amazon River, a reflection of the Owner's love for South America. That became the leading theme for the interior design of the yacht and as you can imagine, such a distinctive vision posed an exciting challenge."

Dynamic Spaces and Sociable Living

Throughout the interior, the importance placed on creating distinct areas for both solitude and socialising is both visible and yet subtly blended to ensure a smooth flow and natural feel. The layout has been meticulously crafted to allow guests to curate their own onboard experience, whether that be seeking quiet moments or vibrant social interactions during extended periods on board.

"If you are on the boat for a longer period of time, whether you prefer solitude, socialising, or something in between, the choice is yours. It's your space to make and enjoy as you please."

Innovative Flexibility

The flexibility within the SeaXplorer design platform created the perfect canvas for both Mark's and the Owner's evolving design wishes. A trait particularly noticeable with the incredible Beach Club which has become a versatile space for living and entertaining.

"When we first started to work on the project the boat was actually slightly shorter. She was 55 metres. For this client, we extended the platform to 58 metres and that gave us a much better swimming area. It wasn't just about launching dinghies or tenders off the boat; it was more about how you could use that space for living and partying and accessing the boat."

Mark Tucker

Creative Customisation

PINK SHADOW's interior became a canvas for pushing design boundaries. Despite joining the project in its later stages, as is customary with the Damen Yachting SeaXplorer on-spec build approach, Mark revelled in the joy of customisation.

"The layout was sort of defined when we stepped in, but we had flexibility within it, within the confines, once you move away from the structure, the elements of the boat. The yacht's ample volume allowed for flexibility, enabling our team to tailor the interior to the Owner's preferences. The collaboration with Damen Yachting played a crucial role in realising the vision within challenging timeframes."

Tropical Vibes

Much of the custom interiors draw inspiration from the theme of the film Fitzcarraldo. Details and areas throughout tell a story about the tropical vibes of the Amazonas, and the Owner's global explorations. The subtle nuances, from the rainforest floor to the treetops, unfold as a journey in themselves.

"When you move throughout the boat, there are all these themes. It is very subtle. You have to live it, experience it, it all has to do with going down into the rainforest, into the water, be with the fish and the crocodiles. One of my favourite features is The Amazonas bar, with its bespoke hand-painted De Gournay wallpaper and plush daybed. In fact, it's the Beach Club where the interior story really comes into its own. The pool's connection to the water further enhances the immersive design of the area, making it the focal point that captures the attention of anyone approaching the yacht. The Beach Club can also transform into an intimate sanctuary, with cozy corners, a pulsating disco with a glistening disco ball, casting captivating reflections, or both. A magical place for a party."

Beyond Expeditions

Explorer yachting isn't just about visiting extreme or cold climates. PINK SHADOW is an explorer yacht destined to journey within tropical waters.

"PINK SHADOW is designed for adventure, focusing on warmer climates and tailored to the Owner's preferences. This unique approach to exploration adds a layer of intrigue to the yacht, showcasing a different perspective on the traditional explorer badge."

PINK SHADOW at a glance

- SeaXplorer 58 (58.00 metres / 190ft)
- Delivered in 2023
- 1,090 GT
- 12 guests, 17 Crew + Captain
- Interior design by Design Unlimited
- Exterior design by Azure Yacht Design
- Naval Architecture by Damen Yachting

More about PINK SHADOW here

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The Art of Coffee

Rob Clarijs, owner of local coffee company De Zeeuwse Branding, spills the beans on the inspiration behind bringing the universal coffee ritual closer to home.

"Zeeland is my heritage, that's what I want to put on the map. And always in a positive way. To give people something that they associate with the best quality coffee in the region."

The ritual of a cup of coffee. Every country has its own, every person too. A moment in your day, that signifies something. Waking up, the end of a dinner, time out, meeting a friend or even a workplace custom. A cherished part of daily life for many and a simplicity that has come to mean so much more. Something that Rob experienced first-hand triggering an entrepreneurial flair and a love for the art of coffee.

Local Living

From the beginning, it was Rob's intention to put Zeeland on the map. To create a local community through his coffee. Finding inspiration visiting cities all over the world, Rob was determined to bring the ritual of coffee back to the place where he came from, proudly connecting with his roots.

"The idea for Zeeuwse Branding originated at the beach in Zeeland when I was really craving a specialty coffee but couldn't find a decent coffee bar or roastery. While looking out at the water, I had an epiphany, maybe I should just start my own coffee brand and call it Zeeuwse Branding."

From roasting to packaging, Rob maintains high standards. He prefers to work with clients that are, like him, inspired by beauty and uniqueness, new and different things.

Closely Connected

Rob's love of coffee and its power to create connections dates back a little earlier. It was during his internship in Copenhagen, Denmark, that Rob first experienced just what the ritual of going for a coffee could mean. Visiting the local café in this Danish town on his own, he felt unrooted, a bit lost. Until the barista asked him the next time he visited, "You want an Americano with an extra shot, don't you?" And then, out of nowhere, Rob suddenly felt very much at home, connected.

"The simple act of drinking coffee brings us together. No matter where you go in the world, coffee is a ritual that connects people."

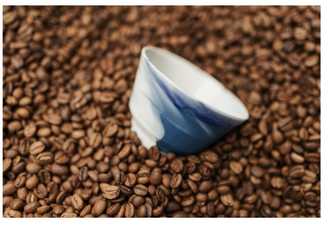
"It is a symbol of hospitality, friendship, and community. Whether you are enjoying a cup of coffee with friends or sipping it alone, you are part of a global community of coffee lovers. So the next time you take a sip of coffee, take a moment to appreciate the connection it brings."

Heating Up

Before starting up for himself, Rob earned his coffee stripes working at a local coffee bar. A place that helped turn his sea inspired coffee idea into reality.

"I remember the first coffee I ever roasted. I borrowed my mother's car and drove to the port of Antwerp to pick up the coffee i purchased with all my savings. I was allowed to operate the coffee roaster at the roastery where I worked, and that is where I roasted my very first coffee."

Rob paired up with Studio Jorn van Stein to design a personalised cup to enhance the taste and aromas of the coffee drinking experience.



Ritual Roots

From the way the beans are roasted to the method of brewing, coffee lovers bond over their shared appreciation for the intricate details of the process. After receiving his first large order from a local café, Rob started his own coffee brand. Roasting his coffees - from all over the world - but now at his own coffee roastery. Forever rooted by the rituals of coffee.

"I still take an Americano in the morning, I have established a daily ritual. It is hand poured and is called slow coffee, which is for the coffee obsessed, like me. It's very specific, light and fruity. The purest form to experience coffee."

You can find De Zeeuwse Branding online at dezeeuwsebranding.nl

Latest News

Catch up on Damen Yachting's Latest News in this final issue of Finest Moments Digital for 2023.

ENTOURAGE and PINK SHADOW:

Finalists for BOAT Design & Innovation Awards 2024!

Our exceptional Amels 60 ENTOURAGE and SeaXplorer 58 PINK SHADOW have been nominated for multiple categories at the upcoming BOAT Design & Innovation Awards taking place at the 2024 Superyacht Design Festival in Kitzbühel on January 28, 2024.

Read more

Meet the first Amels 80

Already making waves in yachting is the next-generation Amels 80.

Safely transported to the Netherlands for outfitting, she will remain in her build shed until her 2025 completion date. The first Amels 80, designed by Espen Øino, highlights the flexibility of the Amels Limited Editions with a custom interior by Sinot Yacht Architecture & Design.

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74m Amels 242 and 60m Amels 200 launched in one day

In early November, we marked a historic moment with the simultaneous launch of two new superyachts: the 74-metre Amels 242 and the 60-metre Amels 200.

Both yachts feature timeless exteriors by Tim Heywood, a hallmark of the series, and offer owners the flexibility to personalise interiors, with Winch Design chosen for distinctive aesthetics. The eighth Amels 242 boasts a striking exterior with a Flag blue hull and an Oyster white superstructure, deviating from the traditional all-white style.

The fourth Amels 200 stands out for its Owner's customisation choices, featuring a Main Deck balcony and exterior bars on every level.

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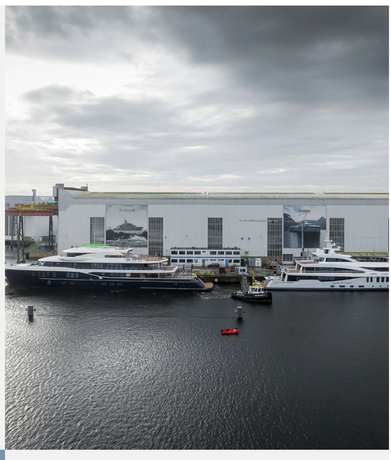

Third Amels 60 delivered

The third Amels 60 superyacht, named KHALIDAH, has been proudly delivered to her Owner. Currently berthed at the Amels Headquarters in Vlissingen City awaiting her onward itinerary, the 60-metre Limited Editions yacht boasts custom interiors designed by Winch Design, creating a home-like atmosphere with light materials, wood accents, pops of colour, artistic elements, and advanced lighting and entertainment solutions.

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