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Dear Friends,

The summer season is always a welcome moment to look outward. Our yachts are sailing, owners and crews are exploring, and our long-standing passion for perfection is being enjoyed where it belongs: on the water.

In this edition, we share a varied update from our shipyard. It is especially rewarding to see the new **Aquarius** receive significant international recognition. Following her delivery, this performance ketch has been awarded "Sailing Yacht of the Year" at the World Superyacht Awards in Venice, Italy and "Best Sailing Yacht" in Robb Report's "Best of the Best" selection. These awards are a wonderful recognition of the team's dedication and an encouragement to keep moving forward. We are especially grateful to the owners for their continued trust. Aquarius reflects what can be achieved through a shared ambition: to create a truly individual yacht, built around the owners' vision and realized without compromise.

At our Vollenhove facility, the carefully hidden 85m / 280ft **Project 410**, the world's largest sloop, is nearing the final stage of completion, while **Project 412** has reached an important construction milestone with the turning of her aluminum hull. As the second yacht in the Trident series, she reflects both proven architecture and the individuality of a fully custom yacht. Alongside her, our ready-to-build 81m / 264ft sloop SKY continues to show what is possible for owners who wish to go further and faster.

This issue also looks back with pride. In 2026, it will be 50 years since Conny van Rietschoten placed the order for Flyer followed by the Frers-designed Flyer II in 1980. The two Whitbread victories that followed remain unmatched and helped put our shipyard on the international map. For me personally, returning the original Overall Winner Trophy to the Royal Yacht Club De Maas was a memorable reminder that heritage is not something we simply preserve. It is something we continue to build on.

The same spirit of expertise and innovation is reflected at our sister company Rondal, which also celebrates 50 years. Having the expertise of Rondal day-in day-out available for our projects under construction or in refit is truly a unique value. Having Rondal's specialist expertise close at hand for our projects, whether under construction or in refit, is a distinct advantage. Through Huisfit, that same care and support continue long after launch. Our Amsterdam team supports owners and crews with refit expertise, hospitality and practical solutions for worldwide operation backed up by the shipyard's Service Department.

I hope you enjoy this summer update and I look forward to welcoming you at our shipyard facilities or wherever our paths may cross along the coastline or at sea.

Peter Naeyé

CEO, Royal Huisman





SAILING YACHT OF THE YEAR + BEST OF THE BEST

There are awards that celebrate a yacht. And there are awards that celebrate the trust, vision and continuity behind her. Aquarius received both at the 2026 World Superyacht Awards in Venice. The 65m / 212ft performance ketch was named winner of "Sailing Yachts, 40m and above" and received the overall title "Sailing Yacht of the Year". In addition, she has been honored as "Best Sailing Yacht" as part of the Robb Report's "Best of the Best 2026" selection.

These are proud moments for all involved in this remarkable family yacht, which is the successor to the much-admired 56m / 184ft Aquarius (nowadays Apsara), launched by Royal Huisman in 2018. When her experienced owners decided to create a larger yacht, the brief was not to reinvent the story, but to refine it. The new Aquarius had to retain the timeless elegance, family comfort and rewarding sailing performance of the original, with greater space, volume and capability for longer time aboard.

AQUARIUS - PERFORMANCE KETCH - 65M / 212FT - OWNERS' PROJECT MANAGER: GODFREY CRAY - NAVAL ARCHITECTURE + EXTERIOR STYLING: DYKSTRA NAVAL ARCHITECTS - INTERIOR DESIGN: MARK WHITELEY DESIGN - CONSTRUCTION: ALUSTAR® ALUMINUM - RIG + HANDLING: RONDAL CARBON RIG + INTEGRATED SAILING SYSTEM



ST. BARTHS BUCKET 2026: "IN THE SPIRIT OF THE BUCKET WE ARE ALL WINNERS!"
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 40TH BUCKET ANNIVERSARY IN 2027:
 18 - 21 MARCH.**

The same core team returned: owners' project manager Godfrey Cray, Dykstra Naval Architects, Mark Whiteley Design and Royal Huisman. The result is a modern classic performance ketch that combines refined craftsmanship with advanced technology, lightweight Alustar® aluminum construction, a Rondal carbon rig and an integrated sail-handling system.

Earlier in 2026, the sailing yacht also received the Design & Innovation Award for best naval architecture. For Royal Huisman, these awards are a meaningful recognition of what lies at the heart of every custom project: listening carefully, engineering intelligently and building without compromise.

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ALL AWARDS FOR THE NEW AQUARIUS

Best Sailing Yacht

Best of the Best 2026, Robb Report USA magazine

Sailing Yacht of the Year

World Superyacht Awards 2026

Winner, Sailing Yachts, 40m and above

World Superyacht Awards 2026

Best Naval Architecture - Sailing Yachts

Design & Innovation Awards 2026



“Just 10 months after
the contract was announced”

PROJECT 412:

UPRIGHT AND UNDERWAY

A yacht becomes real in many stages: the first lines on a drawing board, the first plates in the construction hall, the first unmistakable glimpse of her scale. For Project 412, that moment arrived when the main section of her aluminum hull rolled out and was turned upright at Royal Huisman's Vollenhove facility.

Project 412 is the second hull in the Trident series and the latest expression of Royal Huisman's expertise in XXL true-sailing superyachts. At 81m / 266ft, this contemporary flybridge schooner combines proven naval architecture with the individuality of a fully custom yacht. Her full-aluminum hull features a distinctive chine running from bow to stern, and she will be equipped with a state-of-the-art Rondal carbon rig.



PROJECT 412 - HULL #2 OF THE TRIDENT SERIES

The timing is also significant as the event took place just 10 months after the contract was announced. The hull turning marked more than a construction milestone. It also revealed the elegant proportions of the yacht and the physical scale of the project. Soon after, the bow section was joined to the main hull, bringing the full silhouette into view. The next phase focuses on onboard systems, outfitting and the many details that transform an impressive structure into a true world-cruising superyacht.

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READY TO BUILD TRIDENT 810 SERIES

The Trident series is based on the successful architecture of Royal Huisman's contemporary flybridge schooner concept. The long waterline, powerful Panamax rig and advanced sail-handling systems are designed for mile-eating performance and confident global exploration.

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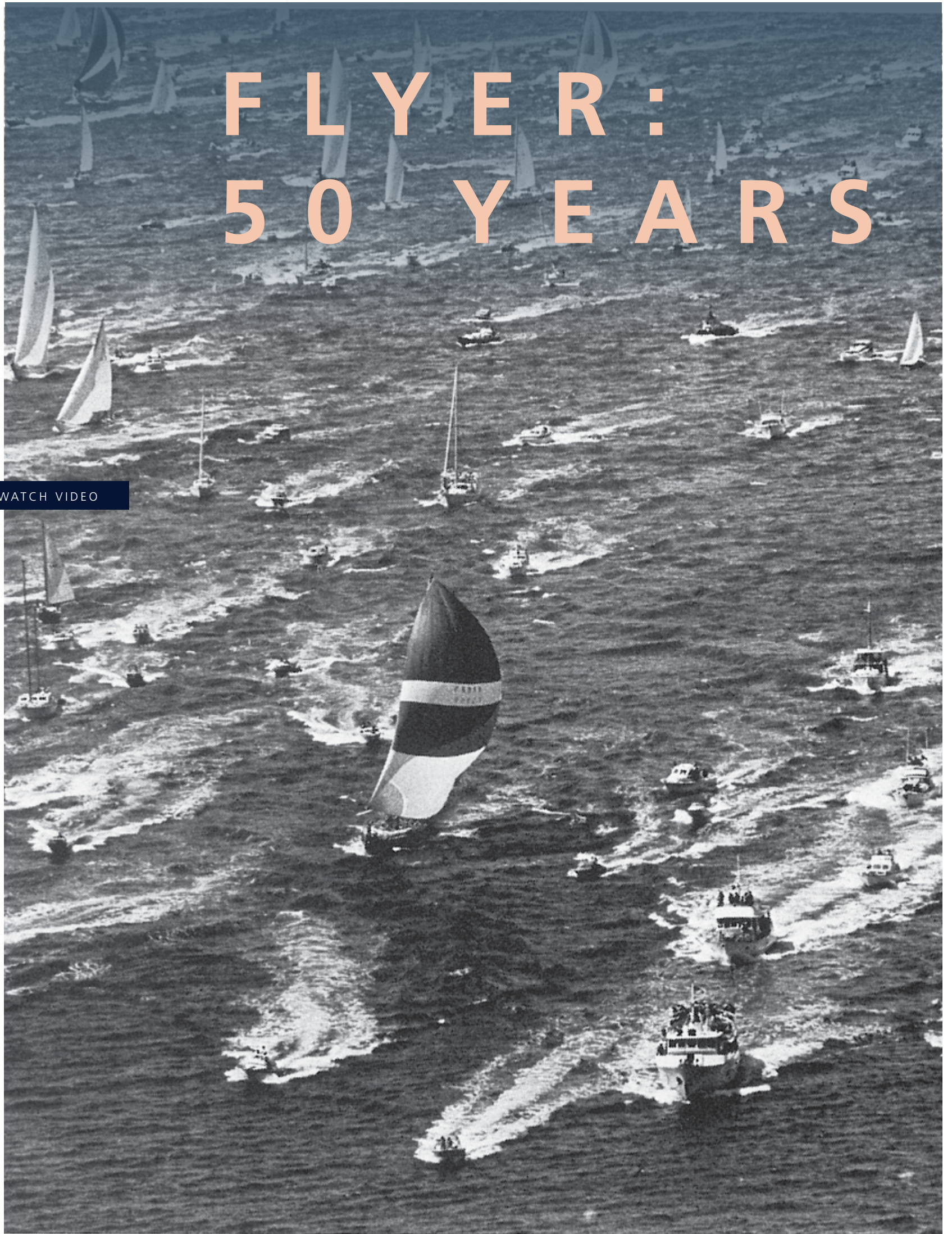
IN A NUTSHELL

- 2029 delivery for hull number three
- Proven naval architecture and in-house engineering ensuring fully redundant and reliable systems with peak shaving technology
- Effortless sail handling through a smart three-mast rig
- Tailored personalization to reflect the owner's individual vision and lifestyle
- Turnkey solution blending the reliability of proven design with complete creative freedom
- Global exploration capability designed for world circumnavigation in the most environmentally responsible way
- Brokers welcome: download brochure and please introduce your qualified clients

PROJECT 412 / TRIDENT 810 - THREE-MAST SCHOONER - 81M / 266FT
OVERALL 12 OWNERS / GUESTS - ALUMINUM CONSTRUCTION -
DYKSTRA NAVAL ARCHITECTS + MARK WHITELEY DESIGN

FLYER: 50 YEARS

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FLYER (I) - OCEAN RACER - 20M / 65FT - SPARKMAN & STEPHENS - DELIVERED 1977 - WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE WINNER

THE OCEAN RACING LEGACY THAT HELPED SHAPE ROYAL HUISMAN

In 2026, Royal Huisman marks 50 years since Conny van Rietschoten placed the order for Flyer. At the time, the shipyard was still known as Overijsselse Jachtwerf W. Huisman B.V., and the commission was as demanding as it was decisive: build a yacht capable of taking on the Whitbread Round the World Race, and have her ready to sail away on the first Saturday of April 1977.

Flyer was designed by Sparkman & Stephens and built in Vollenhove with the discipline required for the toughest ocean racing conditions. The schedule was uncompromising, but the yacht was delivered a few days ahead of time. A 10,000-mile shakedown followed, with the team refining and improving the yacht before the race. In 1978, Flyer completed her first Whitbread Round the World Race victory.

Four years later, Van Rietschoten returned with a new Flyer (II), a 23m / 76ft maxi racer designed by Germán Frers and again built by Royal Huisman. This time the result was even more emphatic. The new Flyer took elapsed-time honors on every leg, won overall on handicap and set a new course record.

Together, both Flyers achieved something still unmatched: two yachts, two editions, two overall Whitbread victories.

Their success helped establish Royal Huisman's international reputation for quality, reliability and innovation in the most demanding sailing arena. Five decades later, the Flyer story remains part of the shipyard's DNA. It is a story of preparation, teamwork and courage. It also shows how ocean racing can accelerate innovation, from strong and lightweight construction to deck equipment, rig solutions and systems thinking. The lessons learned still echo in the way the shipyard's team builds today's world-cruising superyachts.

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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, **PRINCE PHILIP**, GIVES **CONNY VAN RIETSCHOTEN** THE PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR WINNING THE 1981-1982 EDITION OF THE WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD YACHT RACE.



FLYER (II) - MAXI RACER - 23M / 76FT - GERMÁN FRERS - DELIVERED 1981 - WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE WINNER



During the 175th anniversary of Royal Yacht Club 'De Maas', the Whitbread trophies awarded to Conny van Rietschoten for both victories have been returned to his home yacht club in Rotterdam, where they are displayed in the new Flyer Room.



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THE WORLD'S TALLEST SLOOP SKY, READY FOR A VISIONARY OWNER

The headline is height, but the story is readiness. SKY is an 81m / 264ft flybridge performance sloop crowned by a 93m / 305ft Rondal carbon rig. This extraordinary air draft makes her the world's tallest sloop, but SKY is not conceived as a record for its own sake. She is designed as a complete, ready-to-build sailing superyacht for an owner who wants to go further, faster and sooner.

The collaboration brings together Royal Huisman, Malcolm McKeon Yacht Design and Winch Design. The naval architecture and exterior styling are focused on performance, balance and contemporary elegance. The interior by Winch Design creates a refined world on board, with a full-beam owner's stateroom, generous guest accommodation, wellness and watersports spaces, and strong connections to the sea.

SKY's long waterline, lifting keel, optimized aluminum structure and twin carbon rudders are intended to deliver genuine sailing performance with simple, confident control. Her deck arrangement offers open-air living on a scale normally associated with large motor yachts, while her integrated storage for tenders, toys and watersports equipment removes the need for a support vessel.

Much of SKY's design and engineering is already complete. Technical challenges have been solved, production engineering is advanced, and the yacht can still be personalized to reflect an owner's individual vision. A Spring 2030 delivery makes SKY an unusually direct route to ownership in the 80m-plus category.

SKY - FLYBRIDGE PERFORMANCE SLOOP - 81M / 264FT - MALCOLM MCKEON YACHT DESIGN + WINCH DESIGN - 1 OWNER'S STATEROOM AND 4 GUEST SUITES - ALUMINUM CONSTRUCTION - RIG AND INTEGRATED SAILING SYSTEM BY RONDAL



She also represents a more responsible alternative to comparable large motor yachts. Her hybrid power concept includes electric azimuthing propeller pods, generators and a battery bank for silent, fume-free operation and peak shaving, while sailing performance provides the purest form of free propulsion.

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“A scale normally associated with large motor yachts”

IN SUMMARY

- Collaboration of excellence: Royal Huisman, MMYD and Winch Design
- Ready-to-progress: the design has been finalized (and can still be personalized), technical challenges are solved and most production engineering is completed
- No need for support vessel: wide array of tenders, watersports / toys and equipment
- Four-year build time
- Brokers welcome: download brochure and please introduce your qualified clients





WHY BUILD AT ROYAL HUISMAN?

You have decided to commission the construction of your new superyacht. Now, you need to decide who will build this ultimate dream for you. There are many factors to consider, and three stand out:

Quality, Location, and Culture

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PASSION FOR PERFECTION

The shipyard blends twenty-first-century technology with traditional craftsmanship. Established in 1884 as a builder of small wooden boats, the company evolved into one of the foremost builders of super sailing and motor yachts in the world. On the company's 100th anniversary in 1984, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands granted Huisman Shipyard the 'Royal' warrant.

More than 140 years later, the team is renowned for award-winning luxury custom yachts, unrivaled in quality. As one client noted, "If you are shopping around, you might get something that looks like a Royal Huisman yacht, but it won't be a Royal Huisman yacht." Passion for perfection drives the team in every aspect of customer service, care, and communication.

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AERA INNOVATIONS

MAKING WIND POWER EFFORTLESS

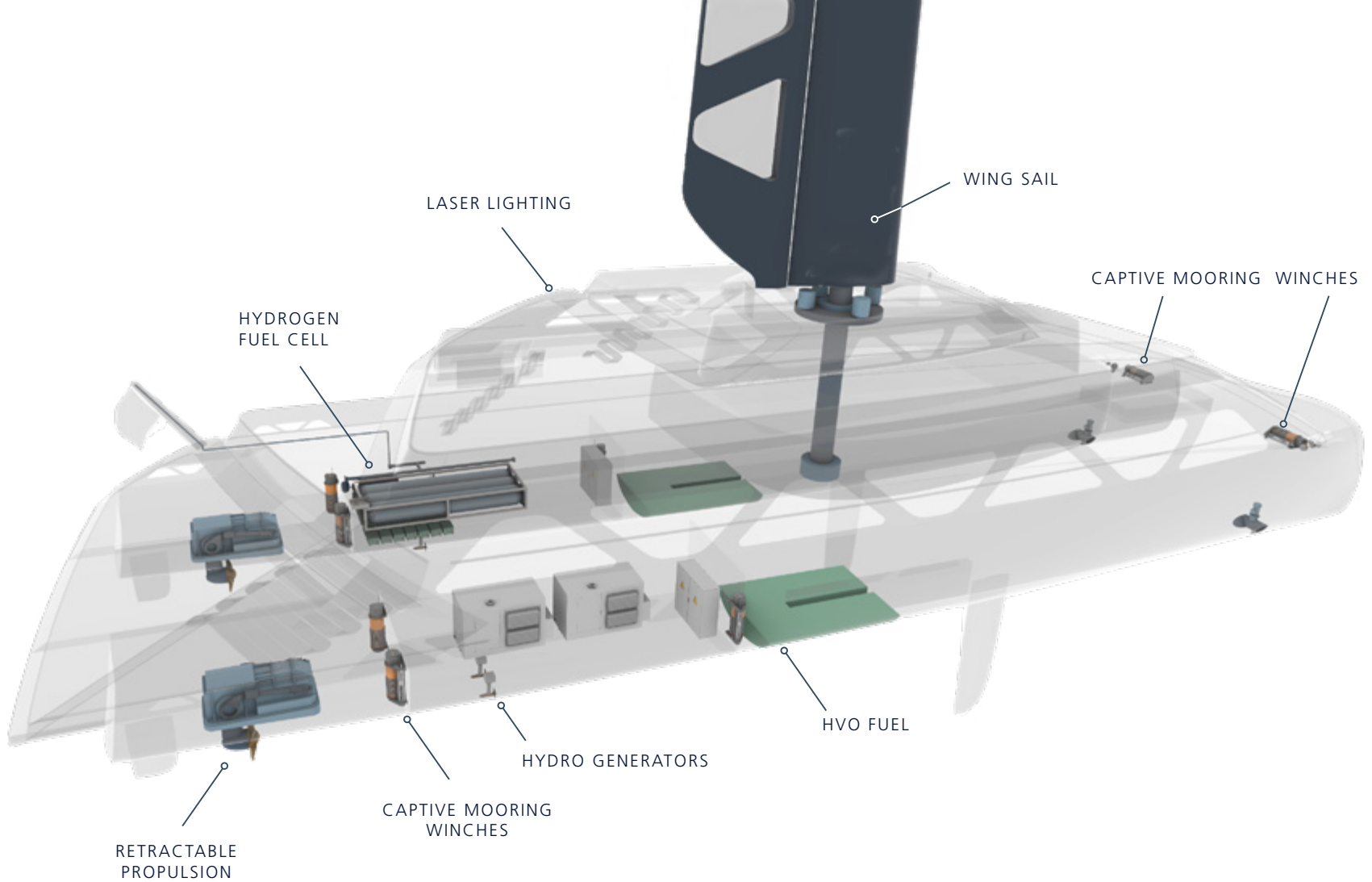
AERA is more than a concept. She is a research and innovation platform that asks a bold question: can a luxury yacht use wind, water and clean energy in a way that feels as effortless as operating a motor yacht?

At the center of the answer is the 35m / 115ft wing sail by Rondal. This 245m² / 2,640sqft unstayed wing is inspired by the world of high-performance sailing, but developed for the practical realities of luxury yachting. It rotates through 360 degrees, and uses no sheets, blocks, furlers or traditional winches.

Automation is the key to making this technology approachable. The captain enters a destination or direction, and the control system sets the wing angle and trim. Aera can begin sailing in less than a minute. The result is wind propulsion without the complexity, deck hardware and crew workload of a conventional rig.

The aerodynamic advantage is significant. The wing's airfoil has far less drag than a traditional tube mast, and a conventional rig would require substantially more sail area to achieve comparable power. Yet Aera is designed to remain calm and comfortable, with heel limited to around two degrees.

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POWER FROM THE PASSAGE

Aera's innovation does not stop with the wing. While underway, four latest-generation Rondal hydro generators can harvest energy from the water and charge the yacht's battery bank silently and continuously. This energy strategy supports AERA's wider clean-power package. A battery bank can power the hotel load silently for half a day, while a hydrogen fuel cell system can extend zero-emission operation at anchor for up to three days. Together with HVO-capable generators, retractable propulsion and intelligent energy management, Aera demonstrates as part of the shipyard's **Tidal Shift** [link] program a new direction for responsible, highly comfortable life on the water.

MARINA MOORING WITH CONFIDENCE

Rondal's vertical captive winches are featured on AERA and have also been applied on board a 100-meter Dutch-built motor yacht. The yacht's captain and owner's representative have since called the Rondal system "a glimpse into the future of mooring."

IMO regulations place greater emphasis on safer mooring arrangements for 3000+ GT and recommend it for yachts below that threshold. Rondal provides a complete and refined below-deck system with feeders and reverse disks. It can be operated remotely, which makes the securing and trimming of lines faster, safer, and more controlled.

AERA - 50M / 164FT CATAMARAN - EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR DESIGN: COR D. ROVER DESIGN - NAVAL ARCHITECT: ARTEMIS TECHNOLOGIES - WING SAIL AND HYDRO GENERATORS: RONDAL - ACCOMMODATION: 10 GUESTS + 7 CREW - GROSS TONNAGE: 499 GT



SMOOTH OPERATIONS BEYOND THE LAUNCH

THE NEWBUILD AND HUISFIT SERVICE TEAM: MAINTAINING TOP-LEVEL PERFORMANCE

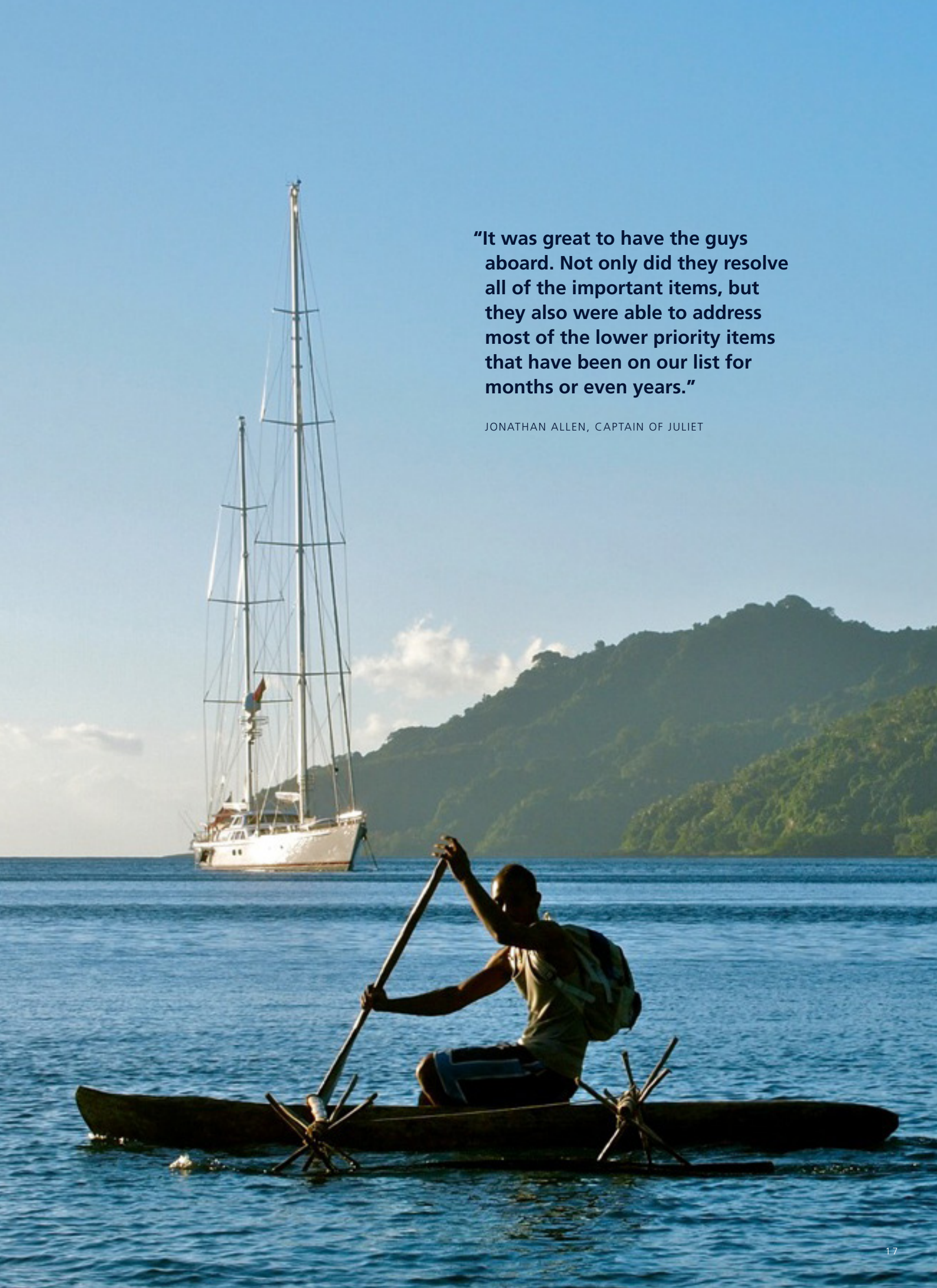
The shipyard's Service Department has grown from the same practical discipline that shapes each custom yacht: precise engineering, careful documentation and a commitment to support the vessel long after delivery. In a sector where reliability and readiness matter, a dedicated Service Department is essential. It represents the promise of the shipyard team to stand by each yacht, ensuring that the owner's experience remains seamless from day one and throughout worldwide operation.

Superyachts are technically advanced vessels, and every full-custom newbuild or refit project is by nature a one-off. Owners naturally expect their yacht to be ready when they are. Maintaining onboard systems is therefore vital for comfort, performance, safety and longevity. Minimized downtime, quick diagnostics and effective repairs help ensure that valuable time onboard can be spent with family and friends, while on-demand support from the shipyard gives crew the confidence to deliver that experience. An owner of a Royal Huisman yacht stated:

"How do I know their after-sales service is good? Because crew sing their praises."



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“It was great to have the guys aboard. Not only did they resolve all of the important items, but they also were able to address most of the lower priority items that have been on our list for months or even years.”

JONATHAN ALLEN, CAPTAIN OF JULIET



MINI Y - HUISFIT 2025 - 2026
26M / 85FT CARBON SLOOP, BALTIC YACHTS (2018)

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EXPERTISE À LA CARTE

Royal Huisman is principally known as a builder of fine custom yachts, but the same standards of expertise and craftsmanship are equally accessible for superyacht refits. Huisfit by Royal Huisman offers an extensive range of benefits and services to all superyachts in the global fleet.

The Huisfit process brings together the exceptional infrastructure, technology and in-house skills of Royal Huisman and sister company Rondal, with leading co-makers and specialists to provide a bespoke solution for every yacht. All in one competitively tailored package.

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AMSTERDAM FACILITIES

Located in the heart of the Dutch maritime services cluster, Huisfit can accommodate any yacht up to 100m+ / 330ft+. State-of-the-art facilities with three heated halls complemented by deep-water, non-tidal quays for in-water work. The berth length can be extended with floating pontoons.

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LIFE SAGA - HUISFIT 2026 - 65M / 213FT MOTORYACHT, ADMIRAL (2017)

NORTHERN CRUISING

COMBINED WITH A REFIT IN AMSTERDAM

The team welcomed motoryacht Life Saga to its facility, marking the start of a new collaboration with her US-based owners and their team. The yacht will undergo a carefully planned two-phase refit and survey program.

The first stop focused on preparing the yacht for an upcoming season in northern cruising grounds, with a series of interior enhancements and technical upgrades. Following a summer of exploration in Scandinavia, Life Saga will return to Amsterdam for her second phase.

[READ MORE ABOUT NORTHERN CRUISING](#)

JACO SPANGENBERG, CAPTAIN OF LIFE SAGA:

“It was an absolute pleasure working with the team. Throughout this first phase of the refit, their professional and hands-on approach inspired confidence at every stage of the project. ”

“Communication was clear and efficient, the invoicing process was transparent and concise, and the team's work ethic and craftsmanship were evident in every detail. Their commitment to quality and collaboration made them a valued partner in achieving our objectives...”

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ADÈLE - HUISFIT 2026 - 2027 - 55M / 180FT CLASSIC KETCH, VITTERS SHIPYARD (2005)

ADÈLE RETURNING WELL-PREPARED

THIRD HUISFIT

Adèle will return in September for her 20-year survey after her successful extensive surveys and refits in 2015 - 2016 and 2021 - 2022.

"It feels very natural to be preparing Adèle's next Huisfit project together," says Taco Zwarts of TZ Technical Support on behalf of the owner's team. "Many of the people involved are the same as during the previous refit, so the communication lines are clear and the working rhythm is familiar."

"The pre-refit meetings on a scheduled basis with the shipyard team give us confidence that the preparations, planning and supplier orders are all progressing as they should. The process already feels well aligned."

"After more than 195,000 nautical miles, Pumula has returned for her 15-year, and most technical refit yet."

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CONSIDER A NEW INTERIOR FOR A YACHT WITH A STORY?

Some yachts are too good to let go. Others represent a rare opportunity: an existing yacht with a beautiful exterior, proven platform and strong pedigree, yet with an interior that does not fully match the owner's lifestyle, taste or future plans.

For both situations, Huisfit by Royal Huisman offers a compelling answer. Available to all superyachts in the global fleet, Huisfit can renew, rebuild or completely replace an existing yacht interior with the craftsmanship, engineering expertise and project discipline expected from Royal Huisman.

Interior work can range from targeted upgrades to a full conversion. At the Vollenhove shipyard facility, the in-house joinery hall is equipped for bespoke interiors, furniture and exterior joinery in virtually any style, allowing Huisfit to revive an owner's dream and transform an existing yacht for the future.

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AWARD-WINNING ROYAL HUISMAN AND HUISFIT INTERIORS:
AQUARIUS (I), NOWADAYS APSARA, SARISSA, ATHOS, BROADWATER,
VAGRANT, ELFJE, NGONI AND MANY MORE





"Huisfit allows a yacht's soul to remain, while her interior is transformed for the future."



ATLANTIDE: A CENTURY IN THE TIDES

Quotes from an article by The Superyacht Report:

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TREADING A FINE LINE

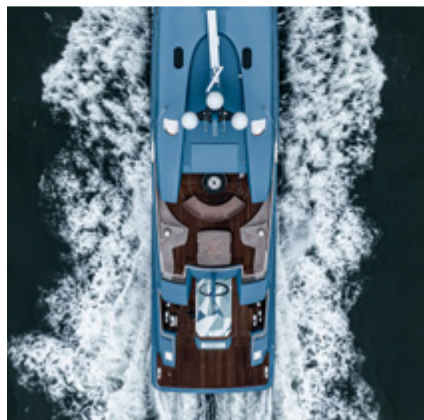
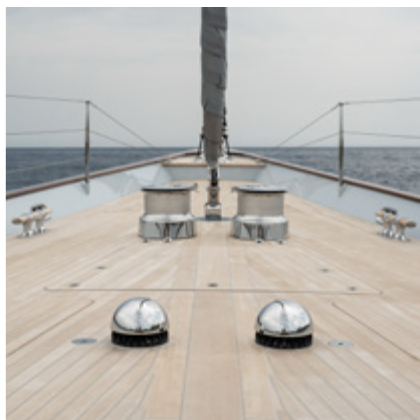
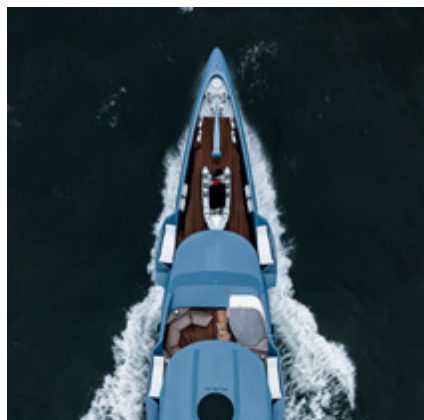
THE FUTURE OF COATINGS BY THE SUPERYACHT REPORT

You might not want to sit and watch paint dry, but as the margin for error diminishes, you will definitely want to keep an eye on how the coatings market is developing in the refit sector.

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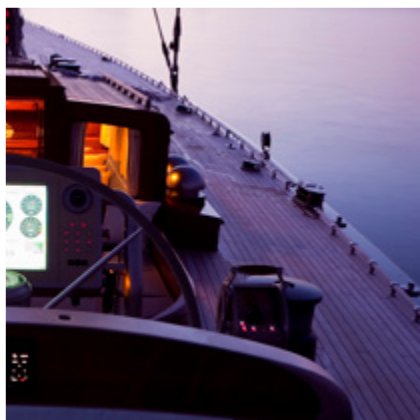
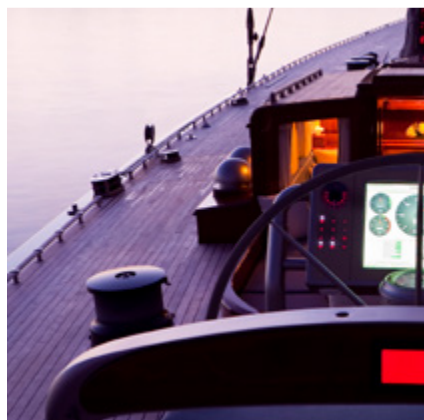


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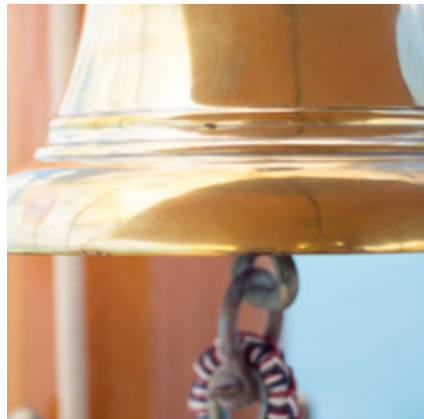


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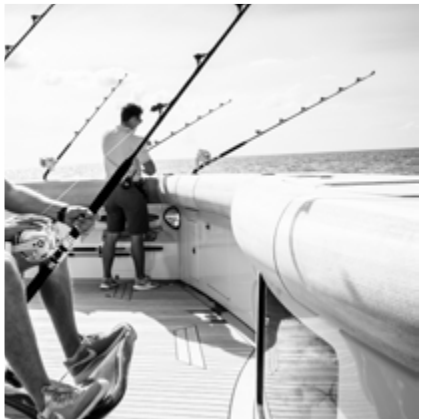
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