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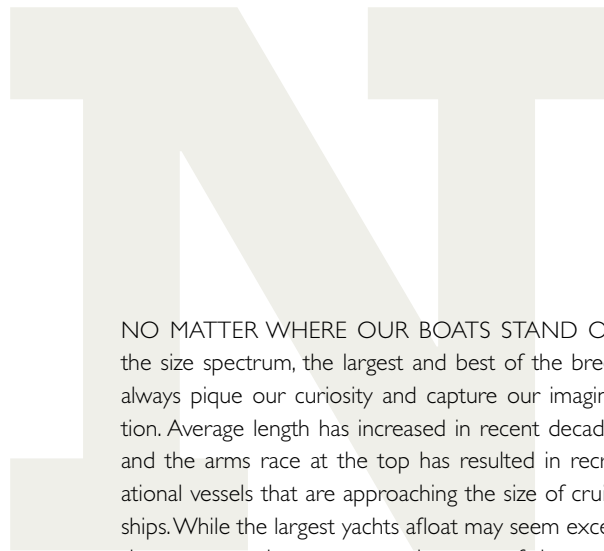


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YACHTS INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS THE 10 LARGEST YACHTS LAUNCHED IN THE PAST YEAR.



NO MATTER WHERE OUR BOATS STAND ON the size spectrum, the largest and best of the breed always pique our curiosity and capture our imagination. Average length has increased in recent decades, and the arms race at the top has resulted in recreational vessels that are approaching the size of cruise ships. While the largest yachts afloat may seem excessive to some, they represent the state of the art in design, engineering and craftsmanship. They are magnificent collaborations driven by owners with vision and executed to the highest standards by those who bring them to life.

Presenting a list of the 10 largest yacht launches of the past year is a shade subjective since the time between the first splash of the hull and the breaking of the Champagne bottle can be a year or more. For this exercise, we've included only yachts launched—meaning official technical launches, done in preparation for sea trials—between May 2012 and May 2013. Some have already been handed over to their owners, while others are in final fit-out. Another caveat: Increasing numbers of owners—particularly those building the largest yachts—require strict confidentiality at all levels of their projects. While many details and professional photography may not be available, it is difficult to conceal the profile of a yacht as large as a warship once it enters the public waterways.

With that, we raise a glass to the 10 largest yacht launches of the past year.

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STELLA MARIS

VSF launched its largest yacht so far, *Stella Maris*, in July 2012. She anchored off Port Hercule in Monaco for invitation-only visits during the Monaco Yacht Show with the owner's blessing, even though not everything was fully in place yet. Something that was, though, and was the talk of all who boarded *Stella Maris*: the glass-enclosed gardens of real houseplants on different decks. Walls

of glass also line the main and upper salons and the owner's suite (on a private owner's deck) as well. The owner was inspired by a living-space concept, based on an innovative architectural vision. *Stella Maris* gets her exterior looks from the collaboration of Espen Øino and Laurent Giles Naval Architects, while Reverberi Interior Design created the interior.

LENGTH: 236in. 7ft. (72.1m)

SHIPYARD: VSY

YEAR/COUNTRY: 2013/Italy

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