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# VSU Flagship Stella Maris' certified helideck

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For many super yacht owners, a heli deck is a must. A helicopter is without doubt the coolest toy you can add to your yacht. When thinking of a helicopter the first thing you need to be sure of is that your yacht is strong enough to support a helicopter and that it has a sufficient area to land it. Many yachts now feature a helicopter landing pad. However only a few of those are actually certified for a commercial yacht.

Italian yard VSU is aware that such certification is obligatory for all commercial yachts, and decided to draw up a project ad hoc.

There are very few megayachts with helidecks certified by the world-leading HCA (Helideck Certification Agency). The 72 meter Stella Maris, VSU's flagship, is to date, the smallest yacht to have obtained certification, and is one of only four megayachts in the world having this certification.

Such certification is carried out without compromising on anything - especially in terms of security.

Landing a helicopter on the helideck of a great yacht is a challenge and carries serious risks. Not many people know that the UK Maritime and

Coastguard Agency's Large Commercial Yacht code (LY2) has in fact been modified in the interests of greater security, and standards have been fixed to ensure security during take-off and landing, in order to keep accidents and injury to a minimum.

These standards define restrictive guidelines for some key elements in the design and operation of helideck helines which have been scrupulously followed by VSU and the whole team of Espen Øino International, the Naval Architects who designed the stunning Stella Maris.

The result of this work is an approved helideck for use by day or night whether with Side Landings or those practiced by the Royal Navy. And the cool thing is that you can land a Eurocopter EC 135 there. In fact, it is a platform where security and versatility blend to create a multifunctional area which can be used, once the helicopter has left - a fantastic sundeck by day furnished with chaise longue and pouf in line with the décor of the yacht and, later in the evening, as a spectacular location for exclusive dinners suitably illuminated to create the desired atmosphere.

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