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# Extraordinary Sophistication

*STELLA MARIS by VSY - Winner in the Power Yacht over 40 metres Category  
at The International Yacht & Aviation Awards 2015*













The 2015 award for Interior Design in the Power Yacht category was one of the most anticipated of the event's celebration on account of the many outstanding and exceptional designs to be nominated in this category.

This year's winner is Stella Maris; a spectacular 72 metre by from Italian superyacht constructors VSY. The company have won several awards in the past for many of their stunning designs and architectural masterpieces but the Stella Maris is incomparable and unrivalled.

Whilst she epitomises the edification and atonement of elegance and sophistication, Stella Maris offers tailor-designed functionality and practicality; hugely attractive considerations for any potential owner.

The project of this elite superyacht was entrusted to the expertise of the architect Espen Øino in cooperation with Laurent Giles Naval Architects. The concept was to blend traditional elements of design and layout with new variations on a theme. What ensued was a creation of architectural excellence – staggered internal decks, the increased space and light and the innovative form of the bow. The resulting layout ensures a volume, more usually seen in yachts of greater dimensions, of 2,114 GRT.

The yacht is equipped with a certified helideck, a deck for the exclusive use of guests, a separate Owner's deck and suites with a finished height of 270 cm allowing maximum space to be enjoyed. The Stella Maris also permits her guests the pleasure - and surely an exclusive novelty - of enjoying green landscapes at sea with live house plants crossing the decks.

Concepts of the internal and external spaces were interpreted in a very unconventional way to ensure a sense of originality and a bespoke experience. In the two main saloons and the Owner's cabin, there are spectacular walls made entirely of glass, thus allowing

the eye to see and enjoy beyond what would normally be a rigid barrier. The helideck and a sundeck, conceived also for evening use with suitable atmospheric lighting, are featured by essential materials and colour tones reminiscent of a Mediterranean beach which is further emphasized by the large beach area located near the water.

The interior design by Michela Reverberi is inspired by simple lines together with refined embellishments of natural stones, fabrics and veneers which spell freshness, lightness and luminosity where the external and internal ambiances merge.

Stella Maris with her split-level decks and sole to ceiling glazing is an extraordinary example of engineering sophistication and environmental responsibility whilst being ever mindful of her guest's experiences and desires whilst on board. It is truly a pleasure to consider a yacht of such manufacturing magnitude to balance elements of light and genteel beauty throughout the sturdy and imposing design.

Stella Maris is yet another example of VSY's ability to interpret the most exclusive ideas of an owner; creating leisure craft where living at sea is an unimaginable privilege and pleasure.

It is likely that Stella Maris triumphed in the Interior Design category on account of the complete synergy between Interior and Exterior design. Many of the strong elements of the exterior are emphasized and complemented in the interior, such as the vast selection of windows, the extraordinary heights and the use of light. The Interior project considered the architecture and the deeper decorative elements when plans were being conceptualised.

According to those lucky enough to have visited the yacht, including designers, media and competitors, the yacht had the definitive "wow" factor immediately perceived as they arrived onboard.

The consistency of the exterior styling; the staggered decks, the interior heights, swathes of natural light flooding in from the panoramic windows create an impressive but comfortable ambiance for all passengers.

The Stella Maris also won praise for her spaces of multifunctionality such as the main and upper saloons serving as formal meeting areas and social spaces, the live gardens bringing a sense of the land to the sea as well as the aforementioned window design allowing the stunning vistas to remain ever visible for guest choosing to enjoy the internal aspects of the vessel.

The elegance and sophistication of the interior styling is further complimented by the selection of furniture and soft furnishings which decorate the interior aspects. Furthermore, the many environmentally-friendly technologies available throughout the yacht make her a consciously aware creation, with sympathy for her surroundings.

Everything from the concept to the actualisation of this Power Yacht set her a class apart from her competitors and it is not without reason that VSY remain so successful, and highly praised, in their endeavours to create yachts of supreme standing and stellar design.

The 2015 award is of particular significance for VSY as their first yacht, the 62 mt Sealyon (ex CANDYSCAPE II) won the first edition of the International Yacht Awards in 2011. A great success both for VSY and the Interior Designer CANDY & CANDY and the awards remain an important focus for the company each year.

The Stella Maris is a yacht of exceptional beauty, power and functionality and to have won such a prestigious award only serves to enhance the many accolades VSY have achieved. A worthy winner and a company certain to enjoy many successes at the International Yacht and Aviation awards in future years.

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