





## 236- AND 209-FOOT VIAREGGIO SUPERYACHTS

## VIAREGGIO SUPERYACHTS' EXPERIMENTAL NEW FLAGSHIP

A WINNING FIRST LAUNCH—the Espen Øino-designed *Candyscape II* that took Best Displacement Motor Yacht 500 GT to 1,299 GT at the 2010 World Superyacht Awards—drew attention to Viareggio Superyachts (VSY), which was further affixed by its second launch *RoMa*. The burgeoning Italian builder is now at work bringing its latest steel-and-aluminum creations to life, the 236-foot flagship *Stella Maris* and the 209-foot *Duchess of Tuscany II*.

Also designed by Øino, in collaboration with Laurent Giles Naval Architects, *Stella Maris* shows off some bold design choices. Staggering internal decks—there are five decks forward and four aft—and raising the salon ceiling height to almost nine feet creates a voluminous-feeling interior. Another unique design element that lends to the sensation of more space is the use of walls of glass in lieu of solid walls in the salon and owner's cabin. (Federico Bennewitz, VSY's general manager, discussed this element from a technical point of view during the Superyacht Design Symposium.) Studio Reverberi drew up a simple but elegant interior brought to life with natural stones, light fabrics

**STELLA MARIS LOA:** 236' 3" (72m) **BEAM:** 41' 4" (12.6m) **DRAFT:** 12' 2" (3.7m) **GROSS TONNAGE:** 2,270 GT **POWER:** 2 x Caterpillar 3516B tier II **SPEED (MAX/CRUISE):** 17/12 knots

and luminous veneers. *Stella Maris* will boast a certified helideck, an exclusive guest deck and a separate owner's deck. She is slated for a 2012 delivery.

Duchess of Tuscany II is designed to be an evolution of Candyscape II and RoMa, extending the length, expanding the technical elements and improving crew comfort. The 209-footer will have diesel-electric bow and stern auxiliary thrusters and four high-powered generators in sound-insulated cabins. The laundry area has been expanded and moved to a more practical central position; storage areas also have been rearranged for improved efficiency. She is planned for a 2013 delivery.

VSY's yachts have earned RINA Green Star Plus Gold and ABS Environment Safety certifications by using recyclable materials, recovering heat from generator exhaust for hot water production, installing redundant water treatment systems and utilizing a dynamic positioning system in protected areas where anchoring is forbidden.

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**DUCHESS OF TUSCANY II LOA:** 209' 4" (63.8m) **BEAM:** 36' 1" (11m) **DRAFT:** 10' 2" (3.1m) **GROSS TONNAGE:** 1,070 GT **POWER:** 2 x Caterpillar 3516B tier II **SPEED (MAX/CRUISE):** 17/12 knots



**WITHIN WEEKS OF BENETTI INTRODUCING** its new FB 800 custom series superyacht, the first yacht—hull number FB 801—was bought by a current Benetti yacht owner.

The 164-foot flybridge superyacht will feature the unusual juxtaposition of a fiberglass hull and aluminum superstructure—an innovative combination that will give great design flexibility for customization. It also makes for a lighter yacht, with total weight planned to come in just under 500 tons. She is being built at Benetti's Livorno, Italy, yard, which specializes in steel and aluminum superyachts 148 feet and up, and is due to be launched in 2013. – KERI FULLER www.benettiyachts.it; +39 0584 3821

**LOA:** 164' (50m) **WEIGHT:** Under 500 GRT