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## EDITOR'S WORD

As the year passes its halfway point, this offers an excellent opportunity to pause, reflect on the past six months and to look forward to the remainder of the summer before the fabulous tumult of Monaco Yacht Show and the rest of the yachting season begins.

One owner who will be making the most of all that the warmer weather has to offer is the Swiss entrepreneur Clovis Défago who will be skipping his Sanlorenzo 108 *Skyline* himself and cruising along the gorgeous Croatian coastline down to Montenegro and back in July and August. We learn more about this self-starter in our interview on page 40. Moving to the sailing side, Charl van Rooy catches up with the vibrant 80-year old Jürgen Friedrich, proud owner of the stunning custom 60-metre Perini ketch *Seahawk* during this year's St Barths Bucket (p.38).

The advent of summer also means, of course, that charter is the name of the game. Our cover star for this issue, the 136-metre *Flying Fox* is the largest yacht currently offered for charter in the world (admire her in more detail in our 'In Pictures' feature on pages 36-7), and we get the lowdown on what it's really like to be a superyacht charter broker in our MYBA Charter Show interviews on page 46.

In a first for *The SuperYacht Times*, this issue's special section takes the form of our 'Refit Report' in which we approach this burgeoning market segment from various angles. Are we misusing the term 'refit' in the industry? Will Turkey become your next destination of choice for superyacht works? Why are yards investing so heavily in floating docks, synchrolifts and new facilities? Discover the answers to these and more (pp.19-24).

Finally, to get your fill of a truly beautiful big boat, turn to page 30 where we get up close and personal with the 85-metre Golden Yachts *O'Ptasia* - the largest superyacht from the yard to date and completed by the Greek builder in a record 28 months. Packed full of stylish, well-thought-out features, from her uncluttered beach house to her understated, modern interior by Studio Vafiadis, *O'Ptasia* is a yacht worth getting to know.

So take a breath, take stock and immerse yourself in this wonderful issue of *The SuperYacht Times*!

Georgia Tindale



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VSY

# 64m VSY Motor Yacht Atomic launched

The new VSY 64 hit the water on 10th June in Livorno. Now called *Atomic*, the 63.8-metre motor yacht is the third unit of the Italian shipyard's VSY 64 series, following *Sealyon* (ex: *Candyscape II*) and *RoMa*, all of which feature exterior designs by renowned designer Espen Øino.

Motor yacht *Atomic* incorporates several environmentally-friendly elements, such as a dynamic positioning system to avoid disturbing the seabed when anchoring and special filters to purify exhaust fumes. Her electric thrusters and high-powered

generators allow *Atomic* to navigate without starting her two Caterpillar 3516B diesel engines, further demonstrating her ability to harmonise with the sea.

*Atomic* features an interior design by Darnet Design and accommodates 12 guests across six staterooms. Guests will be able to take advantage of the water with an infinity pool on the sundeck aft and professional diving centre. The fire pit located forward on the sundeck provides a cosy atmosphere where guests can socialise while appreciating sea views.



CHARL VAN ROOY

## 80m Motor Yacht Excellence Embarks on Sea Trials in Germany

The latest superyacht launched by the German builder Abeking & Rasmussen embarked on her first day of sea trials as motor yacht *Excellence* was seen underway on the Weser River in mid-June. Built for an experienced repeat Abeking client, *Excellence* is the latest in a long line of custom yachts that carry the same name. Featuring exterior lines by Winch Design, *Excellence* carries her own custom limousine tenders and her aft section is used as a full-beam beach club when at anchor. Other amenities include a large swimming pool on the main deck and Jacuzzi on the owner's deck and sundeck. *Excellence* is on schedule for delivery this summer.



GULF CRAFT

## Seventh 32m Majesty 100 Delivered and Renamed Piterland II

Sold in May 2018 by Drettmann International, the seventh 31.7-metre Majesty 100 superyacht was delivered to her Russian owner on 20th June. An experienced boater and a lover of yachting, the owner has renamed the yacht *Piterland II* and travelled to the vessel's berthing location in Eastern Europe from Gibraltar upon her delivery.

The Majesty 100 model is Gulf Craft's first with a sky lounge, which allows up to 12 guests to use the yacht in almost any climate. On board, materials such as quilted semi-gloss stain, ebony semi-gloss veneer, Crema Marfil, Dark Emperador and Cappuccino Oryx marble have all been used throughout the interior.

With a powerful propulsion system and twin 1,900hp MAN engines, *Piterland II* can reach a top speed of 20 knots or a cruising speed of 12 knots, where she can cover a cruising range of 1,500 nautical miles. Gulf Craft currently has three Majesty 100s under construction, with delivery dates that extend up to 2021. In total, six models of the Majesty 100 range have been sold worldwide, including Europe and Australia.