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Welcome to Monnickendam, the home of Hakvoort Yachtbuilders

Following the road northeast from the old city of Amsterdam, a traveller need drive only 15 kilometers before coming upon the picturesque fishing village of Monnickendam. Winding cobblestone streets, bordered by undulating brick sidewalks, weave past the ancient church, between rows of immaculate shops and houses, skirting the town hall, eventually finding their way to the waterfront. It is here, on the harbor's edge, facing Holland's inland sea, the IJsselmeer, that Hakvoort BV, one of the Netherlands' most successful yachtbuilding yards, is situated.

History

Originally founded in 1880 by Albert Hakvoort, the company earned its excellent reputation as a commercial shipyard, building high quality offshore fishing and trading vessels. Over the years, the level of craftsmanship evident in each of the yard's products became known throughout Europe. As a result, Hakvoort BV broadened its market, delivering hulls, superstructures and auxiliary structures to many of the larger, more well-known Dutch yachtbuilders.

The Company Today

Today, Hakvoort BV is one of Holland's busiest yacht yards. Hakvoort engineers and draftsman work in concert with clients' architects to ensure that the final product is of the highest quality.

Touring the Monnickendam yard for the first time brings many surprises. Its compact size belies the many shops and impressive work force that are to be found throughout the facility. Welders, carpenters, shipwrights, electricians and painters have their own work areas, where they can ply their special trades in a controlled and well-equipped environment.

In the two main sheds, new yachts wait on the ways...yachtsmen's dreams taking form from gleaming metal and rare wood.

A brief look at the yachts that have already been built by Hakvoort in the last few years clearly illustrates the high standard for which the shipyard has become known...

There is rarely a day at any shipyard that one could call typical. The scene is constantly changing and can vary from a quiet industry to grand pagentry. From the time that a keel is laid the activity increases, each day growing more exciting as the yacht grows in size, until, with great pomp and ceremony, the finished vessel is ready for delivery.

Such a gala even was held in October of 1986, as the 38-metre DIANA - designed Lady Alice glided down the ways into the cold waters of the IJsselmeer, accompanied by a festive brass band and the cheers of hundreds of delighted guests and well-wishers.

Considered by many critics to be a benchmark for the term "yacht quality", Lady Alice is truly a showpiece. Her remarkable interior has been featured in the yachting press around the world and acclaimed as being one of the most sumptuous private vessels ever built.

The World's Finest Aluminium Sportfishing Yachts

Enduring examples of Hakvoort's quality construction and premium joinery can be found in the famous Striker range of sportfishing boats, which are built in the Monnickendam yard for clients around the world.

The popularity of the Striker range among sportfishing enthusiasts is due, in large part, to the quality of the aluminium fabrication and the beautiful, hand-finished cabinetry that is crafted in Hakvoort's spotless woodworking shop.

Striker's relationship with Hakvoort, begun in 1984, has resulted in a product that draws rave reviews from anglers and cruising yachtsmen alike. Further, it has earned the Striker company the reputation as producing the "finest sportfishermen in the world."

The World's Finest Offshore Motoryachts

In addition to their sportfishing boat production, Hakvoort has become an important builder of large motoryachts.

The Monnickendam yard was commissioned to build the 32 metre DIANA designed motoryacht Cricket to carry the owner's sportboat that is kept on the yacht's boat deck, along with a second, smaller tender.

Insomuch as the all-alloy yacht was designed to be used for long-range extended cruising, the owner and his wife wanted a liveable, informal interior. As a result, Cricket is decorated in a light, pleasing style that reflects the interiors of the owners' homes in the United States and in the Bahamas.

Cricket is the perfect island cruiser. Her speed allows her to cover long distances quickly, while her shoal draft permits her to enter places normally too shallow for most yachts of her size. In addition, her exterior, while of highest yacht finish, has been designed to keep the interior cool, while requiring little maintenance in the tropical sun.