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HAKVOORT BV

# Following a noble tradition



Over 100 years of shipbuilding experience, ultra-modern technology and the best possible equipment and fittings are the ingredients that make Hakvoort luxury yachts worthy of the name.

Fifteen kilometres north-east of Amsterdam lies the picturesque fishing village of Monnickendam. Its harbour's edge, facing the IJsselmeer lake, is home to the yard of Hakvoort BV – one of the Netherlands' most successful yacht-builders.

Originally founded in 1880 by Albert Hakvoort, the company earned its excellent reputation as a commercial shipyard by constructing high-quality offshore fishing and trading vessels. As this reputation spread, Hakvoort broadened its market by adding hulls, superstructures and auxiliary structures to its programme, and delivering these to many of Holland's larger, better-known yacht-builders.

Perhaps it was inevitable that Hakvoort would expand from a principal sub-contractor to a fully-independent yacht-builder. Today, it is one of the Netherlands' busiest yards, producing up-market yachts of the highest quality. An example of this is *Storm VI*. Built in 1963, this yacht has made a number of long trips and is still in constant use by her fifth owner.

The yard's compact size belies the many workshops and the substantial workforce that are to be found within its confines. However, this is the yard that produces, amongst others, the world-famous *Striker* range of sport-fishing boats. Moreover, Hakvoort has become a recognised manufacturer of large,

luxury, motor-yachts, such as the 38-metre *Lady Alice*, which was the largest all-alloy yacht ever to be delivered to the United States by a Dutch yard.

While *Lady Alice* was a milestone in the achievements of the Hakvoort team, she was by no means a one-off project. Equally impressive was the 43-metre, twin-screw motor-yacht, *Lady Duvera*. Built in accordance with Lloyd's Register of Shipping, she has a fully-welded steel hull and is powered by two turbo-charged, after-cooled, Caterpillar diesel engines. All *Lady Duvera's* components are of top-of-the-range quality, including her interiors, which were created by Struik & Hamerslag. Just in front of the well-equipped chef's galley is the owner's stateroom, complete with a private bathroom and sitting area. A hall, with stairs leading to the crew quarters, a freezer room, store rooms

*Floating dreams: the 43-metre luxury motor-yacht 'Lady Duvera' combines classic lines and superlative quality with timeless elegance.*





and a laundry room equipped with two washing machines and dryers complete her impressive below-deck facilities. Behind the galley there is a large sitting room and dining room with, amongst other features, built-in and free-standing sofas, chairs, dining table and bar – all of sumptuous quality.

Lucky friends or associates staying in any of the four guest cabins below the sitting room/saloon can indulge themselves in many luxurious features. Each cabin has its own private bathroom, incorporating a lavatory, bidet, bath and hand basin, while the rooms themselves all contain a television, a video and a stereo system, along with free-standing chairs and a table. A lounge with a large seating area and a private bathroom are located on the aft boat-deck, behind the pantry, the captain's cabin and the wheelhouse with radio-room.

All the exterior decks are Burmese teak-planked and a large jacuzzi, complete with two seating areas, is situated on the sun-deck. More seating areas are to be found to the side and to the fore of the mast. Here, there is yet another bathroom, with sink, lavatory and shower. In short, *Lady Duvera* really does live up to the term 'luxury yacht'.

Although *Lady Duvera* is the flagship of Hakvoort's fleet, all the company's vessels – from the *Hakvoort 65* upwards – share the same relentless standard of craftsmanship. It was this outstanding workmanship that gained the company a foothold in the yacht-building industry over five decades ago – and this quality which, today, not only marks Hakvoort as a worthy successor to a centuries-old Dutch tradition, but also to a noble family heritage. ■



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