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High Life Aboard Soprano

A CENTURY OF SHIPBUILDING EXPERIENCE, TRADITIONAL VALUES OF CRAFTSMANSHIP, THE LATEST TECHNOLOGIES AND THE FINEST EQUIPMENT AND FITTINGS ARE WHAT THE HAKVOORT SHIPYARD NAME stands for. Now, the sleek motor yacht Soprano, a long-range ocean cruiser launched on 7 April, is the first yacht Hakvoort has built with the Lloyds Register Green Passport, complying with the requirements of IMO resolution A.962, and built to Lloyds and MCA specifications.

aving mastered the entire building process in steel, aluminium and wood, Hakvoort has gained a reputation for guaranteeing best in class quality. Placing luxury and comfort at the fore, the yard builds motor yachts and sailing yachts of up to 65m in length at its purposebuilt Dutch facilities for major refits, located on the shores of the IJsselmeer lake about 12km north of Amsterdam.

Passing down skills and expertise from generation to generation, Hakvoort is committe to delivering nothing short of the best, and 38.25m luxury motor yacht Soprano is a shining example of just that.

Nautical at the Fore

Designed with a displacement-type hull shape, Soprano features a flared V-section in the bow, large overhangs, a moderate deadrise amidships and a cance stern. Her exterior has been designed by Diana Yacht Design, also responsible for the naval architecture, and the classic nautical interior is from the boards of Felix Buytendijk.

Soprano was sold in October 2014 by Ocean Independence, who also provided full project management services and will be acting as operational manager from delivery via their dedicated company Ocean Management.

Ample Space

The first yacht to be delivered by Hakvoort with the Lloyds Register Green Passport, Soprano is ideal for global blue water cruising. En suite accommodation for guests is found on the lower deck, comprising a VIP stateroom and two generous double guest staterooms, one of which has been fitted with a Pullman berth, while the owner's suite, located on the main deck, comprises a stateroom with king-size bed, desk, sofa, ample storage space and a bathroom forward.

The main lounge has two sofas in an open plan arrangement including the dining area, which centres on a table for ten guests, and the beautiful open aft area features built-in seating with a teak table.

Tenders and Toys

A foldout platform on starboard is recessed into the side of the hull, giving generous and stable access to the water, as well as to tenders and toys, while on the bridge deck is another lounge area which leads out on to a delightful open aft area with al fresco dining. The aft bridge deck also houses the main tender when on passage while the fore main deck features a laser sailboat and the MOB tender.

A wealth of open space for sunbathing abounds on the sun deck, in addition to another built-in seating area with teak table, and a large whirlpool bathtub forward accommodating four to six people.

The captain's cabin is found aft of the wheelhouse and the crew accommodation below is exceptionally spacious and well-fitted. Crew quarters include a well-equipped mess, three comfortable cabins and smart passages to storage areas and technical spaces. Available for charter in the Mediterranean through Ocean Independence, the yacht provides ample accommodation and amenities for ten guests and seven crew. With her attractive profile, classic lines and built to the highest standards by Hakvoort Shipyard, Soprano boasts plenty of personality and is the perfect yacht to relax with family and friends.

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