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The world's top boat designers descended on Cortina d'Ampezzo for the SUPERYACHT DESIGN FESTIVAL in February. Here we capture their views – and the spectacular Italian scenery

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in yacht design and construction?

TIM ULRICH, BEIDERBECK DESIGNS Sails will enjoy a renaissance and change, away from a sporty means of propulsion, to become a supplementary option for relaxed and quiet cruising on large and very large yachts. Noting the current trend towards ever-larger catamarans, a new type of superyacht might well develop like this.

MICHAEL LEACH, MICHAEL LEACH DESIGN New yachts will struggle to match the second-hand ones (circa 500GT) when it comes to usable guest space due to increases in the size of green technology and crew cabins.

GREG MARSHALL, GREGORY C MARSHALL NAVAL ARCHITECTS The next big revolution in yacht design will be 3D printing on a large scale. This has already begun on a limited scale with limited materials. Large 3D printers are coming online right now that will be capable of printing an entire boat out of metal. This opens the doors for extraordinary design freedom and quality improvements.

JIM SCHMICKER, FARR YACHT DESIGN The use of foils to enhance stability, comfort, speed and control will continue to be developed and deployed over a wide range of superyacht types. The benefit of significantly reduced heel angle alone improves the habitability and the whole sailing experience of owners and crew.

GUIDO DE GROOT, GUIDO DE GROOT DESIGN Creating the space on board needed for more economical and environmentally friendly propulsion and energy supply systems.

BILL DIXON, DIXON YACHT DESIGN Is the future sail-powered superyachts, that satisfy the vessel's power requirements by the free generation of hydrogen from seawater?

HANS-MAARTEN BAIS, DIANA YACHT DESIGN I feel that a great disruption will be new regulations for emissions, so we have to invent new ways of propelling and powering yachts.

JAMES ROY, LATERAL NAVAL ARCHITECTS Clients who are brave enough to take risks and invest in disruptive technologies and innovations, married with a lateral-thinking approach to design and engineering.

