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What has been a highlight for you when working with Van der Valk?

HM: Diana Yacht Design started working with Van der Valk, building hull number 122 for the first time. Jaron Ginton did the naval architecture and we were responsible for the construction and engineering.

With Guido de Groot the designer of the exterior and interior, the design team was all Dutch, making the communication very easy. What we particularly liked was the enthusiasm and experience at the yard.

Like our office, the team is relatively small, but very hands-on and experienced comparable to our team. Decisions are made quickly and 'half a word' is needed to come to a workable solution for a problem. This speeds up the process of the engineering and the build time of the aluminium hull and superstructure.

HM: After the 122 we did some smaller projects together like a bimini and concept study. The next new design was the BN127. The same companies teamed up and in record time the design was finished and the building time was also reduced by some months. For us this was a real challenge but a great achievement for the whole team. Short lines, not wasting time and communication were key to this success.

We really like working with the Van der Valk team as we speak the same language. Not only literally but we have the same work ethic. We want to go ahead, challenge ourselves and do what we like most; designing and building beautiful yachts. I hope we are able to raise the bar together and work even more efficient and faster by reducing hours and increasing quality.

At the moment we are responsible for the engineering of five projects at the yard. This requires organisation and planning to get all the information to the yard and sub-contractors to be able to deliver in time. It is a real pleasure to work together and I hope we can for many more projects to come.