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Bill and West Duker,
former owners of a 170ft motor yacht
and a 229ft sailing yacht

Joaquín Folch-Rusínol,
owner of a 122ft motor yacht

Barry Houghton,
former owner of a 147ft motor yacht

Roger Lean-Vercos,
former Chairman of the Judges

Victor Müller, owner of a 116ft
motor yacht and founder of the
Feadship Heritage Fleet

Jan-Eric Österlund,
former owner of a 179ft sailing yacht

Iliá Rigas,
owner of a 164ft sailing yacht

Steve Rigby,
owner of a 85ft motor yacht

Kim Schindelbauer,
owner of a 108ft sailing yacht

John Symond,
former owner of a 239ft motor yacht

Anil Thadani,
owner of a 147ft motor yacht

Paola Trifiró,
owner of a 78ft motor yacht

Harry Vafias,
owner of a 154ft motor yacht

Kim and Sebastian Vibe-Petersen,
owners of a 177ft sailing yacht
and a 170ft sailing yacht

Marco Vögele,
owner of a 111ft sailing yacht

Matthew Voorhees,
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Steve Watson, owner of a 193ft motor
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THE 2023 WORLD SUPERYACHT AWARDS: THE WINNERS

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he World Superyacht Awards are unique in that they are judged by a dedicated team of current and former superyacht owners. Our judges travel all over the world to visit the nominated yachts wherever possible, and use their knowledge and expertise to make informed judgments about each entrant. Personal inspections are supplemented by detailed dossiers on each nominee, which include photos, video, specifications, layouts and statements from the owner, designers and shipyard. Finally, voting is done by secret ballot after detailed discussions on each nominated yacht. Over the coming pages we reveal the deserved recipients of our prestigious Neptune awards...

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SEMI-DISPLACEMENT OR PLANING MOTOR YACHTS, 30M TO 34.9M

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WINNER

BLUE JEANS

Length **110' 8"** Builder **Van der Valk Shipyard** Naval Architect **Diana Yacht Design** Exterior Designer **Guido de Groot Design** Interior Designer **Guido de Groot Design**

All five yachts in this class were of a similar size, and while this made comparison easier, the high quality of the entries and their characteristics still made choosing the winner difficult. During discussion it was the less extreme vessels that drew the attention of the majority of the judges, with the fully customized 110ft *Blue Jeans*, built by Van der Valk Shipyard, being the focus of much of their attention. Their admiration of her was confirmed after the secret ballot, which she won by a significant margin. The judges admired her appearance, her spacious maintenance-friendly engine room, high-

quality build and her optimum layout. The owner had asked Van der Valk for a fast vessel with high levels of stability and maneuverability and challenged the yard to surprise him with what they could do. To meet the owner's performance needs, naval architects Diana Yacht Design drew a semi-displacement hull with large propellers positioned in tunnels to increase efficiency and decrease draft. Her interior by Guido de Groot Design was laid out in the classic manner with the master cabin well aft on the lower deck where movement is at a minimum, and a formal dining room forward on the main deck.



SEMI-DISPLACEMENT OR PLANING MOTOR YACHTS, 35M TO 41.9M

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WINNER

RUSH

Length **136' 9"** Builder **Baglietto** Naval architect **Baglietto** Exterior designer **Francesco Paszkowski Design** Interior designers **Francesco Paszkowski Design** in collaboration with **Margherita Casprini**

This was a tough class for the WSA judges. After every aspect of the nominees had been considered in detail there was no clear winner. But after the secret ballot the aluminum-hulled *Rush*, with naval architecture and build by Baglietto and exterior styling and interior design from the board of Francesco Paszkowski, the latter in collaboration with Margherita Casprini, led the field. She was the largest and also the fastest yacht in this class, topping out at 29

knots powered by three MTU 1,939kW diesels; the flank engines driving fixed-pitch propellers, with the central unit powering a Voith Linear Jet drive.

At her fast cruising speed of 24 knots, her 11,380-gallon tank provides a range of 980 nautical miles, which increases to 2,800 nautical miles at 12 knots. Elegantly aggressive exterior lines reveal a classic raised pilothouse design with spacious deck areas aloft, forward and aft. These are complemented by a fold-down stern platform that opens to reveal a compact beach club that gives access forward to an athwartships tender garage. Inside, the brief called for a traditionally laid-out interior, well illuminated by natural light, offering a "welcoming and sober style". This was achieved by Paszkowski and Casprini with gray hues and a small palette of materials. Fast, stylish and fully featured, she is a worthy winner.

