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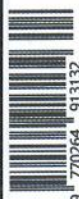
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On Board

Revealing the latest news, trends and tech

Steady as she goes

Yard workers held their breath as Royal Hakvoort's Project Asia eased out of the construction shed in the northern Netherlands, says *Katia Damborsky*



● The 61-metre superyacht known as Project Asia launched without a hitch into icy waters at Royal Hakvoort's site in Monnickendam. Like previous 60-metre-plus yachts launched this way at the shipyard, she's yet to have her top deck installed. Moran Yacht & Ship oversaw Project Asia's construction, marking the seventh new-build

project between the brokerage firm and the Dutch yard. Sinot has helped both interior and exterior design, which include a sundeck pool and lower deck wellness centre. The yard has two other yachts under construction, including a 65-metre that will make the same squeeze out of the shed in 2025. hakvoort.com



Design & Innovation Awards

The 2024 winners were revealed during the Superyacht Design Festival

The ever-increasing number of entries shows the BOAT Design & Innovation Awards to be growing in popularity, especially in the interior and exterior categories. Where entries may have fallen short this year is in the Eco category. We encourage the industry to increase its focus on more comprehensive environmental considerations and to go beyond IMO Tier III compliance.

The judges were able to see many of the nominated yachts, and worked hard to do justice to the impressive level of design by also reviewing the all-important owner, builder and designer statements, photos, renderings, layouts and videos when available.

There always is an element of personal taste when it comes to aesthetics, but our judges consider criteria that evaluate objective measures – for instance, how closely a yacht meets its mission or how well it caters to guests and crew on the operational side.

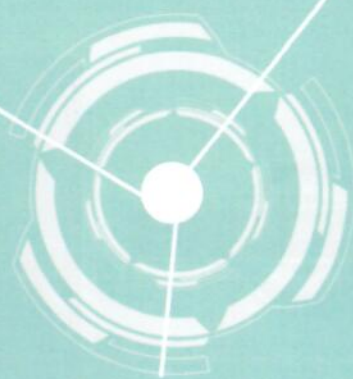
This said, the “innovative” part of these awards is becoming more relevant than ever, and the judges look for features that leave a lasting impression and move yacht design forward. This led to a few animated discussions around the decision table.

We thank our judges, all of whom volunteer their time, for their dedication. We also appreciate designers and shipyards for submitting their work and, in many cases, allowing us to peek behind the curtain.

Let these awards inspire ever more interesting yachts.

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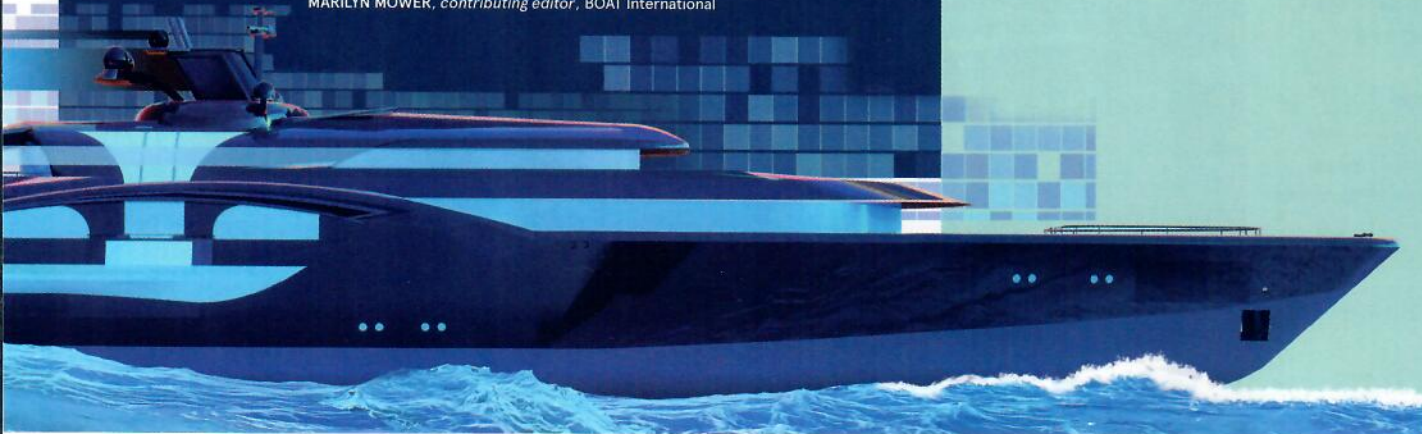
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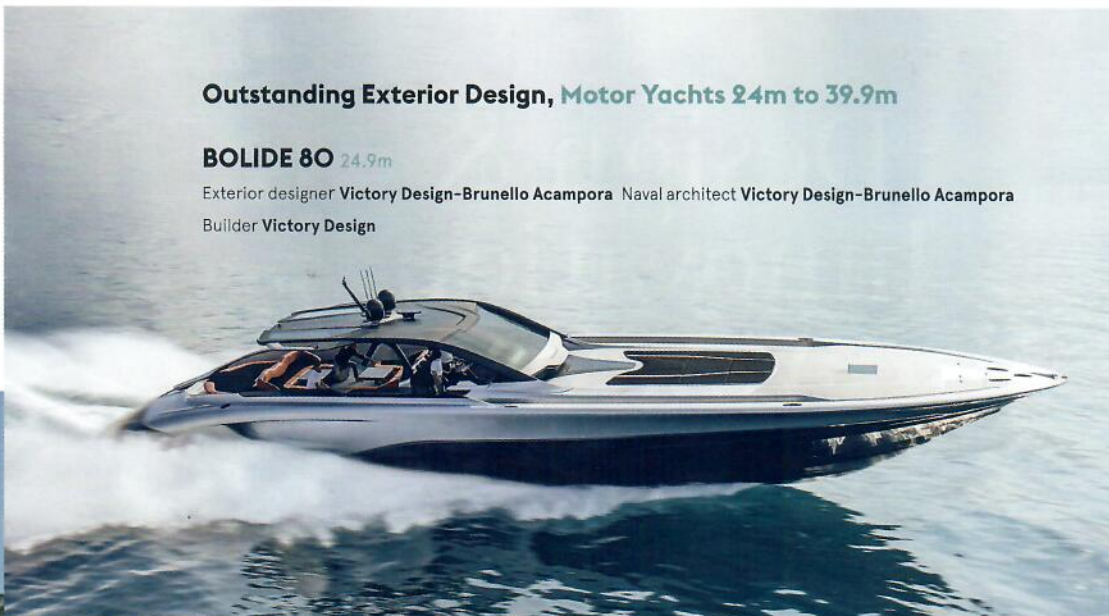


WINNERS

Outstanding Exterior Design, Motor Yachts 24m to 39.9m

BOLIDE 80 24.9m

Exterior designer **Victory Design-Brunello Acampora** Naval architect **Victory Design-Brunello Acampora**
Builder **Victory Design**



Outstanding Exterior Design, Motor Yachts 40m to 59.9m

▲ **PINK SHADOW** 58m

Exterior designer **Azure Yacht Design** Naval architect **Damen Yachting** Builder **Damen Yachting**

Outstanding Exterior Design, Motor Yachts 60m and above

► **LEONA** 80m

Exterior designer **Unique Yacht Design** Naval architect **Unique Yacht Design** Builder **Bilgin Yachts**



Outstanding Exterior Design, Sailing Yachts

▲ **SARISSA** 59.7m

Exterior designer **Malcolm McKeon Yacht Design** Naval architect **Malcolm McKeon Yacht Design** Builder **Royal Huisman**

THE JUDGES

CRISTINA DE BASTO, VP, De Basto Designs JOSEPH FORAKIS, founder and president, Jozeph Forakis Design CHRIS GARTNER, yacht captain CLAIRE GERMAN, managing director, Design Centre Chelsea Harbour



**Best Interior Design,
Motor Yachts 499GT and
below, 39.9m and below**

▶ **MAIORA 35 EXUMA** 35.2m

Interior designer **Next Yacht Group**

Naval architect **Next Yacht Group**

Builder **Next Yacht Group**

**Best Interior Design, Motor
Yachts 500GT and above**

▼ **ENTOURAGE** 60m

Interior designer **Burdifiek** Naval

architect **Damen Yachting** Builder **Amels**



**Best Interior Design,
Sailing Yachts**

▲ **SARISSA** 59.7m

Interior designer **Liaigre** Naval

architect **Malcolm McKeon Yacht**

Design Builder **Royal Huisman**

**Best Interior Design,
Motor Yachts 499GT
and below, 40m and
above**

▶ **ACE** 44.3m

Interior designer **M2atelier**

Naval architect **Diana Yacht**

Design Builder **Conrad Shipyard**



FABRIZIO GIUGIARO, president and creative director, Giugiaro Architettura TIM GOSLING, director, Gosling CYRIL LE SOURD, co-founder, SPARK Marine



Best Naval Architecture, Semi-Displacement or Planing Motor Yachts

◀ OCEANIC 143 43.5m

Naval architects Giovanni Senatore-Canados/Arrabito
Naval Architects Builder Cantieri di Ostia-Canados



Best Naval Architecture, Displacement Motor Yachts

JOINT WINNERS

▶ ACE 44.3m

Naval architect Diana Yacht Design Builder Conrad Shipyard

▼ MILELE 45.2m

Naval architect Van Oossanen
Naval Architects Builder Royal Hakvoort Shipyard



Best Naval Architecture, Sailing Yachts

SARISSA 59.7m

Naval architect Malcolm McKeon Yacht Design
Builder Royal Huisman



THE JUDGES

SABRINA MONTELEONE-DINO, founder, Sabrina Monte-Carlo MERFYN OWEN, partner, Owen Clarke Design GUILLAUME ROLLAND, director of yacht design, Llaigre



Best New Series

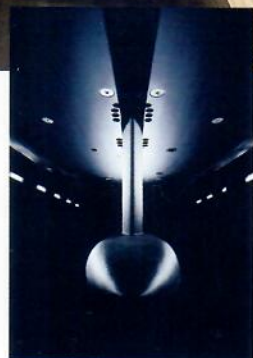
◀ CONRAD C144S 44.3m

Builder **Conrad Shipyard**

Naval architect **Diana Yacht Design**

Exterior designer

Reymond Langton Design



Eco Award

▲ SARISSA 59.7m

Environmentally sensitive
power and operation

Builder **Royal Huisman** Naval architect
Malcolm McKeon Yacht Design



Outstanding Lifestyle Feature

◀ INFYNITO 90 27m

All-season terrace

Builder **Ferretti Group**

Naval architect **Ferretti Group**

Exterior designer **Filippo Salvetti**

Interior designer **Ideaeitalia**



Innovation of the Year

SARISSA 59.7m

Forward-facing, retractable electric propulsion Developer
Royal Huisman Naval architect Malcolm McKeon Yacht Design



Tender of the Year

IOIO 11m

Builder Tenderworks
Naval architect AllSeas Design
Exterior designer
Espen Øino International



Lifetime Achievement Award

FRANK MULDER

Founder of
Mulder Design



As is true of many top naval architects, Frank Mulder's career began in a shipyard, in this case Amels as assistant yard manager.

Two years later he was lured away by Damen as head of high speed ship design. Brashly, at age 28, he opened his own firm to specialise in high-speed commercial and navy projects. Fast boats got him noticed, but his proximity to the Heesen shipyard in Oss brought him his first yacht in 1981. He had already drawn six yachts for Heesen, including the well-received *Tropic C*, when he received a call from MTU's sales director, advising him he would be called by an American named John Staluppi who had bought three engines and needed an architect to design a yacht around them.

"He asked me if I could design a yacht that would go 50 knots. I decided theoretically, yes. But if it turned out to be impossible, he would just owe me a design fee. If we calculated it was possible, he would agree to build the boat," Mulder recalls.

From that conversation, the all-aluminium, record-breaking 40.2-metre *Octopussy* was born, followed by a string of eight more iconic yachts for Staluppi, including *Moonraker* – his first yacht designed on a computer in 1991 – *The World Is Not Enough* and most recently the Benetti *Spectre*.

With a thousand of the company's designs launched, Mulder's career is unparalleled. Many of the large boats were built in fibreglass at production yards like Gulf Craft, Moonen, Cheoy Lee and Vicem. But there were also custom projects, such as *Blue Sky* for Codecasa, *Blowzy* at Heesen, and 200 commercial ships.

In 2022, Frank Mulder stepped down, leaving the helm of Mulder Design to his son, Bas, who graduated from the same naval architecture school as Frank and is now leading the family business into the future.