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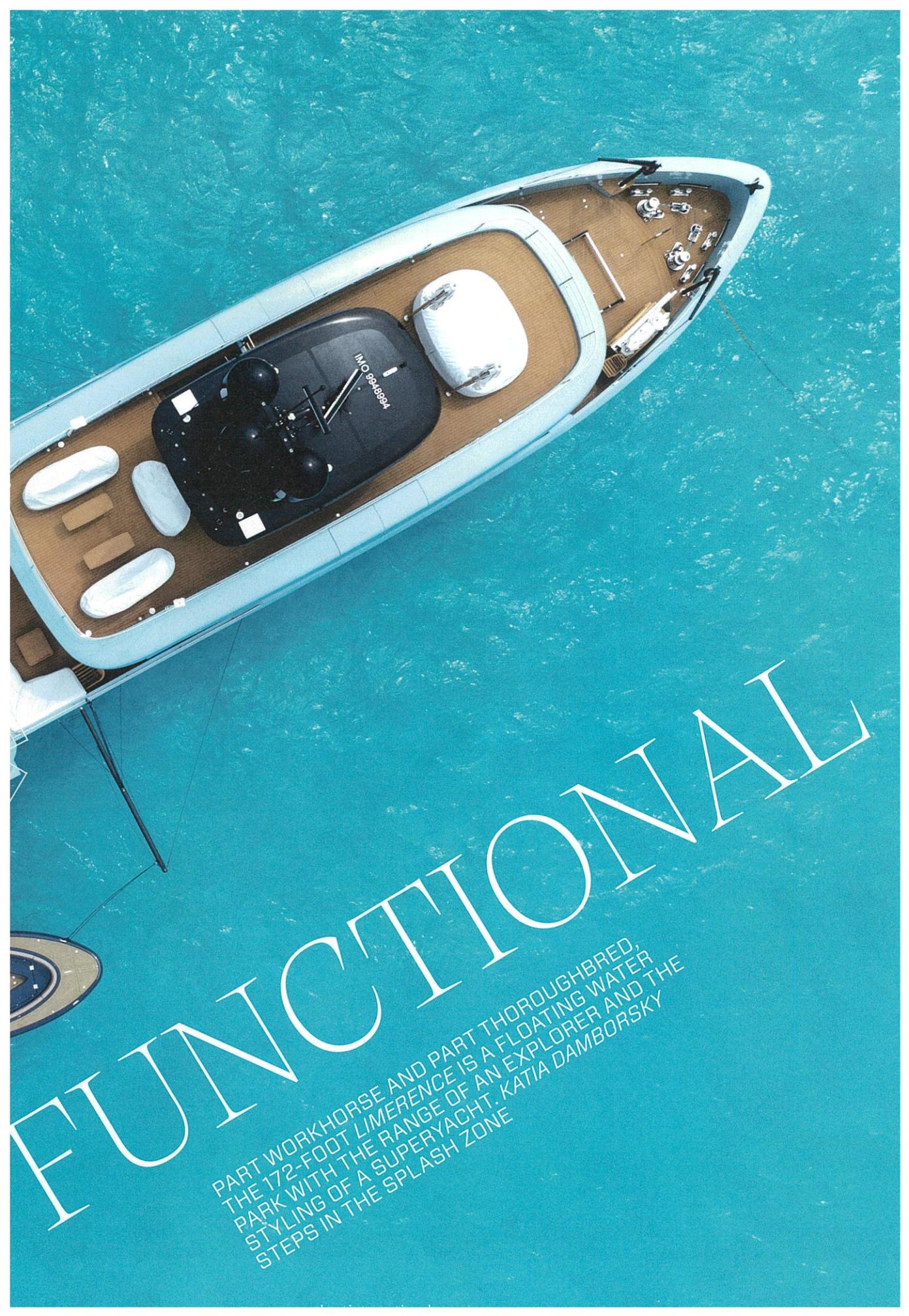
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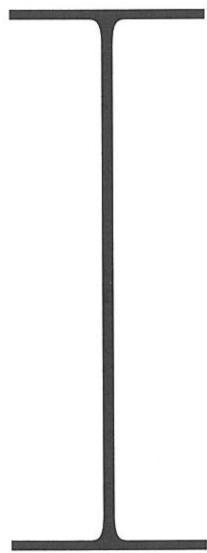
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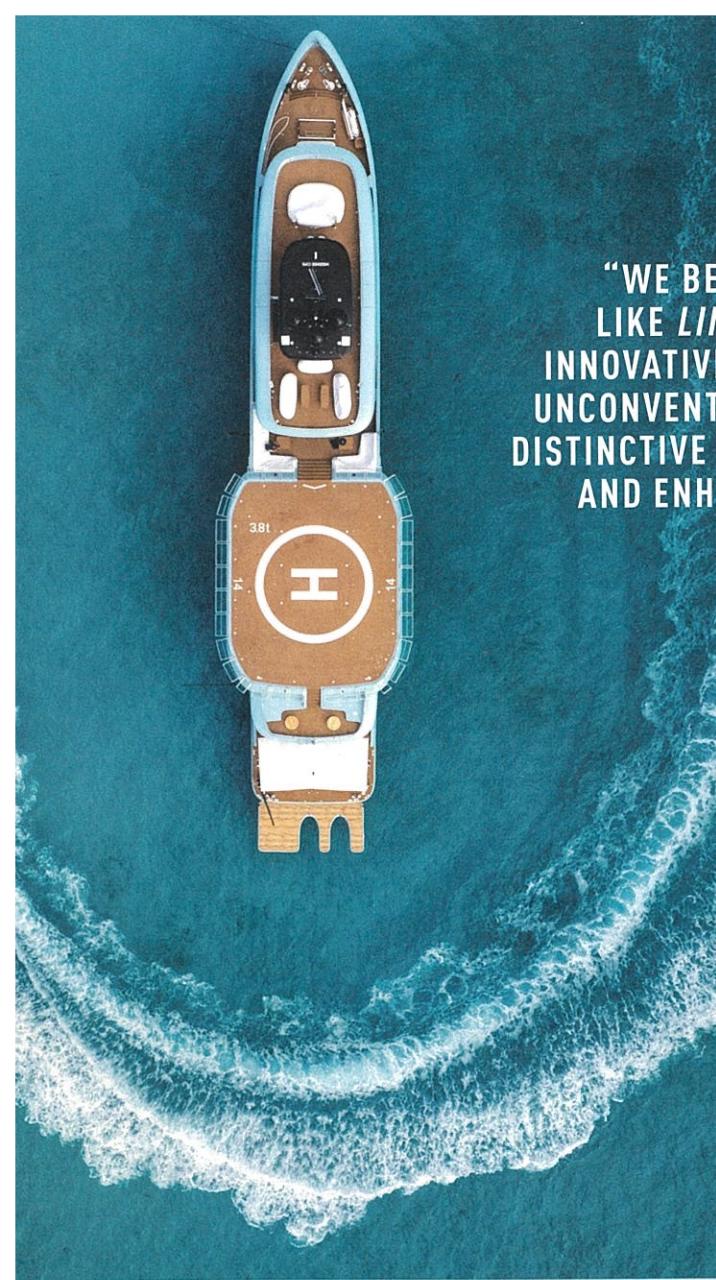
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THE 172-FOOT LIMERENCE IS A FLOATING WATER
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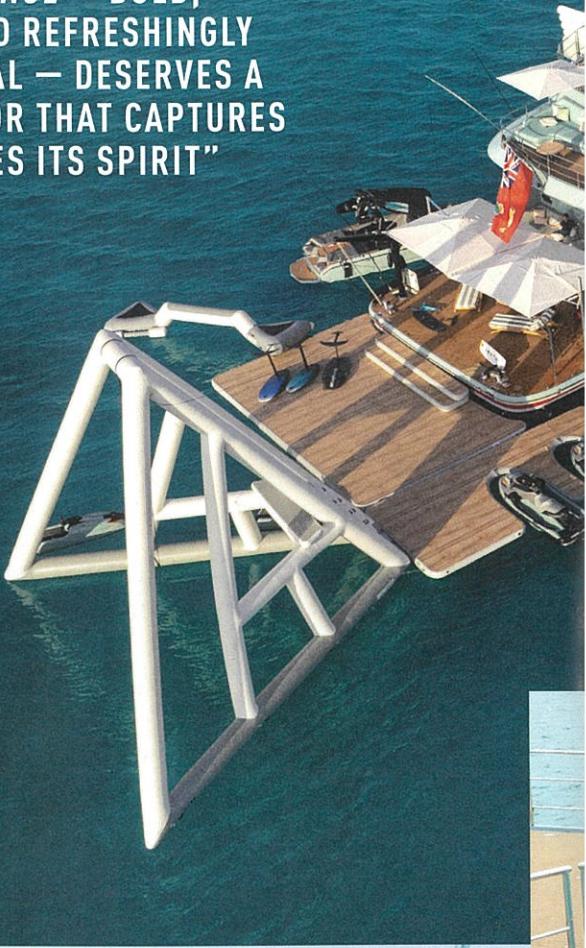
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If you asked a die-hard watersports enthusiast to dream up a treasure chest of every water toy, nautical gadget and ocean accessory they could want, it would probably look like *Limerence*'s toy garage. The watersports center sits on the yacht's main deck – where you'd normally expect a main salon – and it's packed with stacks of paddleboards, jet boards, E-foils and surfboards, along with dive sets. The walls brim with high-grade fishing poles, spearguns, pristine rash vests and high-end snorkel masks. In the aft deck overhead, the yacht carries an RS Tera sailing dinghy and an RS CAT sailing catamaran. She also has three tenders, including a muscle-bound Ski Nautique GS20 dedicated solely to wakeboarding and waterskiing. Her arsenal of inflatables could rival the TV show's *Wipeout*'s obstacle course.

"There's pretty much nothing more you could add," says Captain Richard Craven, who commands the yacht and oversaw her build. "We were incredibly privileged – the owner gave me free rein to order any toys we wanted."



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Azure Yacht Design & Naval Architecture began developing *Limerence*'s concept in 2021, working closely with her owner and Alia Yachts.

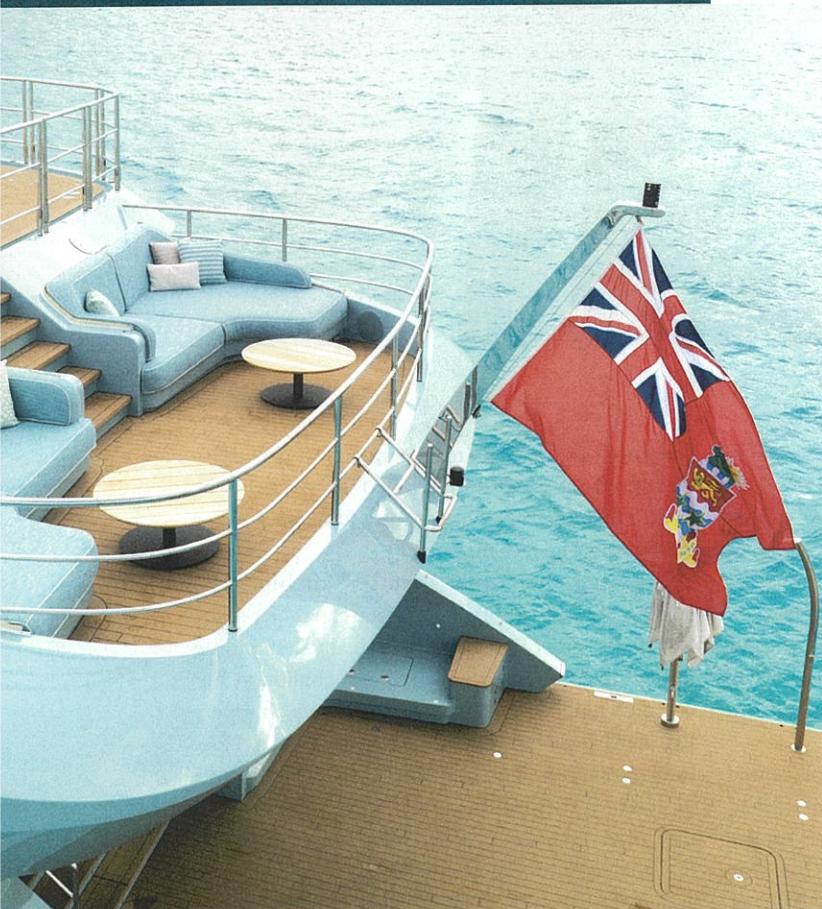
"From the outset, the brief was to introduce a revolutionary yacht that offers the tender and toy storage capacity typically found on an 80-meter-plus (262ft) vessel, high-end guest accommodations and a huge sweep of entertainment features," designer Marco Boscarino says. "The real challenge lay in delivering all that within a sleek 172-foot platform without compromising the refined aesthetic of a genuine superyacht."

Limerence aimed to evolve the support vessel concept by moving away from the traditional explorer look. Instead, she delivers the same functionality "in a design that rivals high-end superyachts in both comfort and attention to detail."

"From layout definition and exterior design to the meticulous selection of tenders and toys — including a one-of-a-kind inflatable water park — our team was involved at every step," Boscarino adds. "Bringing this concept to life wasn't without challenges. Each stage, from first sketches to final delivery, demanded collaboration and teamwork across all parties.

"Managing the development of this remarkable project has been an extraordinary journey. And now, seeing *Limerence* in action — her guests and crew enjoying all her special features — is truly rewarding."

Below: added during construction, a balcony overlooking the main deck gives guests another elevated spot to watch the watersports



When not in use, the helipad serves as a sports court for basketball, pickleball and volleyball, or as an outdoor movie theater at night.



Superyacht *Tenders and Toys* outfitted the yacht and clearly “fun” was the directive. However, *Limerence* is more than just a floating entertainment hub. *Christie Yachts*, her central charter agency, calls her an “adventure yacht” with expedition capability. Hanks to a 4,000-nautical-mile range. Her builder, *Alia Yachts*, a yard known for building innovative vessels (see for instance the 148-foot award-winning *IAN*) describes her as “a new concept” born from the blueprints of a shadow vessel.

“From the outset, the owner and our team wanted something that could handle extreme operations,” *Alia Yachts* founder Gökhan Çelik says. “As the project evolved, it became increasingly clear this wasn’t just going to be a support vessel.” During

the four-year design and construction process – starting from a blank sheet in 2021 – *Alia* saw the “value and flexibility” in turning *Limerence* into a standalone superyacht.

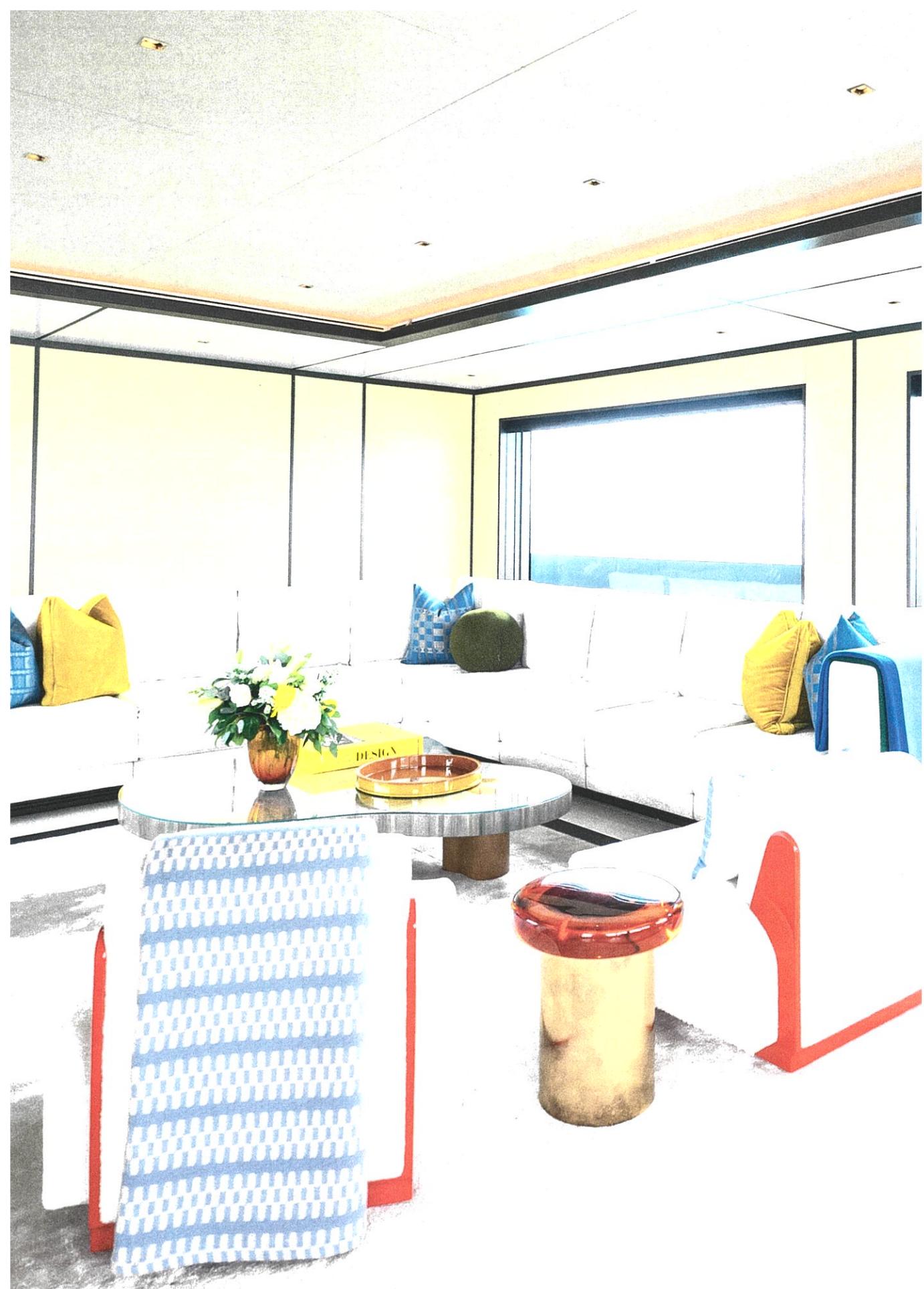
Creating that “dual identity” of high-end superyacht luxury and commercial capability made *Limerence* “one of the most technically demanding builds” in *Alia*’s history. One major challenge: her certified helipad, which can handle large choppers like an Airbus H145 or Bell 429. The crew can refuel helicopters stored on board from up to three tanks of aviation fuel. Midway through the build, *Alia* extended the beam over the helipad from 28 to 38 feet to accommodate a bigger aircraft. The extra space doubles as a basketball, pickleball and



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volleyball court. Hanging off the aft, a small balcony holds two sets of tables. “We added that during the build,” Craven says. The change lets some guests shoot hoops while others relax with a drink overlooking the ocean.

Of course, when the helipad’s in use, playtime pauses. “The helipad was crucial because the owner enjoys flying,” Craven says. He notes that “all the crew have done multiple flights as well as additional training on top of the standard training.” He emphasizes the importance of taking helicopter ops seriously. “Sometimes on yachts it’s hard to instill that in a crew if they’re doing one flight a month, but because we handle heli-ops regularly, it’s brought everyone up to a really professional standard.”

The crew is one of *Limerence*’s biggest charter selling points Will Christie says. “The crew aboard *Limerence* are a close-knit team, all passionate about watersports. Their natural enthusiasm and expertise make them ideal guides and instructors for guests looking to dive into adventure.” Craven agrees, adding that they can wear multiple hats. “With 12 crew members and this many toys, everyone has to do a bit of everything and get stuck in. This crew really pulls together.”

It’s an important skill when setting up the inflatables — which include a 440-pound tower swing — or reconfiguring two cabins between double and twin setups. Both can take up to three hours, but teamwork can cut that in half.

Limerence also caters to the charter market with crowd-pleasing extras. The main deck aft can

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All guest accommodations are on the main deck, including the owner's cabin (top left) and two twin-bed cabins that convert into doubles. The guest bathrooms are adorned in bianco Carrara marble.

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ransform into a full-scale party zone, hosting \$110,000 worth of Panasonic professional-grade sound systems with laser lights, strobes and disco walls for a true superyacht bash. The swim platform can seat 16 for an elegant waterfront dinner.

But the surprise hit? The pizza oven. "Of all the money we've spent, the most unexpectedly popular thing on this boat is the pizza oven," Craven laughs. At a Miami event, UFC British fighter Patrick 'The Baddy' Pimblett came aboard after a big win. He and his team loved it," Craven says.

So far, the yacht has cruised in US and Mediterranean waters, but the owner plans more far-flung adventures that will prove her explorer credentials. "This summer we're in the Mediterranean, then she'll go to the yard to add a jacuzzi on the sundeck," Christie says. "After that, he'll spend the winter in the Caribbean, the Bahamas and possibly Costa Rica."

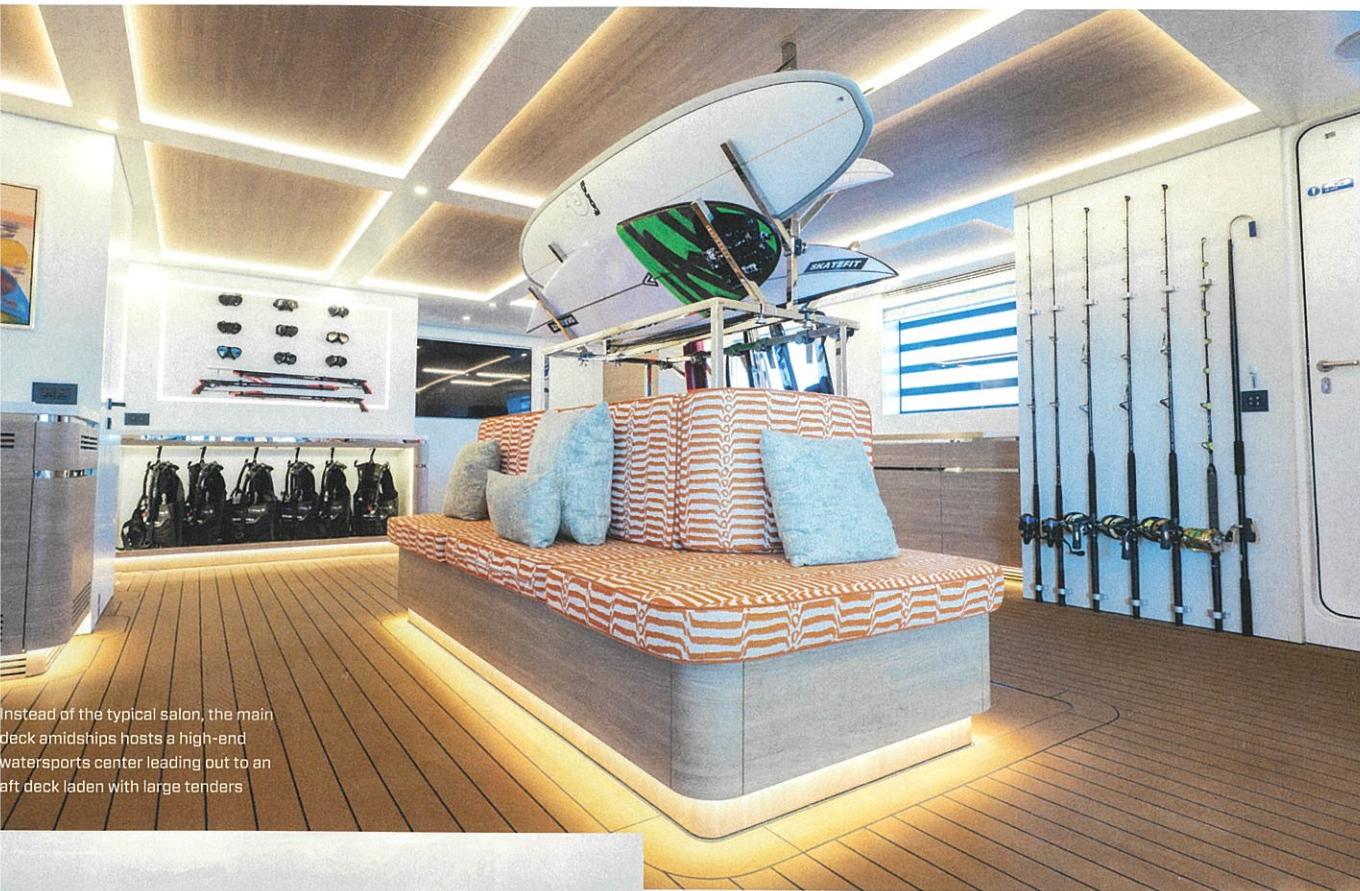
Limerence sleeps six guests in three cabins (two convertible between doubles and twins) and can host two children on a pull-out sofa bed. The oversized owner's cabin sits forward on the main deck, offering both luxury and comfort, as do the yacht's social spaces. In the place of a main deck salon is the toy garage, leaving the sky lounge — just



Limerence's fleet includes a Wajer, an Xtender RIB, a Ski Nautique and Jet Skis, plus a sailing dinghy and catamaran







Instead of the typical salon, the main deck amidships hosts a high-end watersports center leading out to an aft deck laden with large tenders



ft of the wheelhouse – to serve as the primary gathering spot close to the action.

Alia's outfitting department and Turkish design studio CT Mimarlik followed a brief for an understated interior with elegant touches. The owner brought in his own designer – Michael Smith Inc, famous for the White House Oval Office – to add his signature style.

It would have been easy to focus on *Limerence*'s playful personality and overlook her interior details, but her design feels distinctly high-end. "We own our own interior outfitting company, which has won several awards over the years. Their contribution to this project was crucial," Çelik says. Craven agrees. "Alia's interiors have been phenomenal. The workshop is the size of two football fields, and they do everything in-house."

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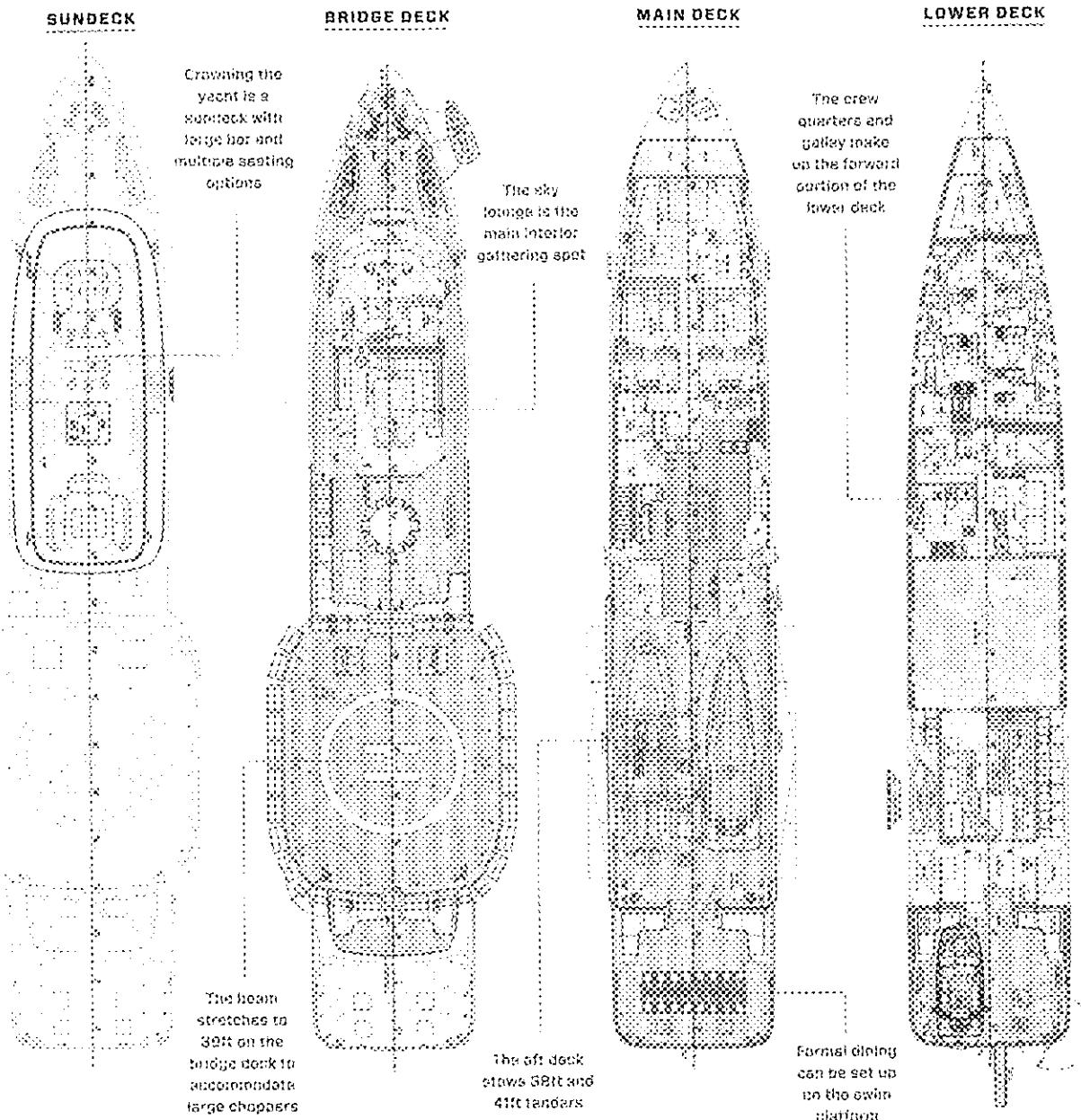
On the outside, *Limerence*'s bold hull color is an Azure signature, seen on other Azure-designed yachts like 191-foot *Pink Shadow* (green) and 247-foot *Kenshō* (metallic blue-green). "We believe a project like *Limerence* – bold, innovative and refreshingly unconventional – deserves a distinctive color that captures and enhances its spirit," Azure director Onne Logger says. "A strong, well-defined color identity is essential for highlighting standout projects and helping them leave a lasting impression." At anchor, *Limerence* will be even more recognizable for her massive inflatable water park.

Ask any yacht owner why they got into yachting, and most will say one thing: fun. "Fun" may mean different things to different people, but nearly all owners agree that superyacht life is about embracing the ocean. With her endless list of toys and a focus on venturing off the beaten path, *Limerence* puts enjoyment front and center without sacrificing style or design. ■

SPECS

LIMERENCE

ALIA YACHTS



LA 17'2" 3"	Stabilizers	Tenders 38' Water 38' 41' Xtender	Naval architecture Diana Yacht Design	Builder/year Alia Yachts/2025
VL 169' 5"	Water 620 ft3 (at rest)	Exterior styling Ski Nautique GS20	Exterior styling Azure Yacht Design	Address Antalya, Turkey
am 20'3"	Speed max/cruise 15/10 knots	Owners/guests 8	& Naval Architecture Michael Smith Inc	Phone +90 242 253 5951
raft 8' 6"	Range at 10 knots 4,022 nm	Construction Steel hull; aluminum	Interior design Alia Yachts	E-mail contact@aliayachts.com
ross tonnage 296T	Fuel capacity 18,611 gallons	superstructure CT Mimarlik	Classification Michael Smith Inc	Web aliayachts.com
engines 2 x 970kW	Freshwater capacity 10,567 gallons	Lloyd's Register		
sterpiller C32				
generators 3 x 86kW				
sterpiller C4.4				

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TOTAL NUMBER OF
PROJECTS CURRENTLY
UNDER CONSTRUCTION
AT ALIA YACHTS, ALL
BETWEEN 105'7" AND 238'7"