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Where Luxury Meets Opportunity in the Blue Economy

As the world's largest archipelagic nation, Indonesia is blessed with extraordinary maritime wealth that not only defines our identity but also presents immense opportunities for future economic growth. Amid growing global attention toward ocean-based industries, the boating sector, marina development, and marine tourism are increasingly emerging as vital pillars in advancing a sustainable blue economy.

As a publication dedicated to the boating industry and maritime lifestyle, Boating Indonesia is committed to serving as a trusted source of information on the developments shaping Indonesia's marine ecosystem. From yachts and recreational vessels, marina infrastructure, and investment opportunities to technological innovations and policies that support the growth of the maritime sector, we strive to provide perspectives that matter to industry leaders, investors, policymakers, and enthusiasts of life at sea.

We believe that Indonesia's potential as a world-class marine tourism destination remains largely untapped.

With its vast coastline, thousands of breathtaking islands, and rich maritime heritage, the country possesses a strong foundation to become one of Asia-Pacific's leading yachting and nautical tourism hubs.

More than just a magazine, Boating Indonesia aspires to be a platform for collaboration—bringing together government institutions, businesses, investors, communities, and maritime stakeholders to foster a competitive and sustainable ecosystem.

We believe that through shared vision and strategic partnerships, the boating industry can contribute meaningfully to economic growth, job creation, and the responsible utilization of our ocean resources.

Through every page we publish, we invite our readers to navigate new opportunities, inspire innovation, and accelerate positive growth for Indonesia's blue economy. For the future of Indonesia's maritime nation lies not only in the vastness of its seas, but in our collective ability to transform those waters into a source of sustainable prosperity.

Welcome aboard, as we chart the course toward Indonesia's
blue horizon.

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BREAKTHROUGH

THE YACHT THAT CHANGED THE FUTURE





Innovation in yachting is often measured by sleeker silhouettes, more generous living spaces, or technologies that make life at sea more comfortable. Every so often, however, a yacht emerges that reshapes the course of the entire industry.



Breakthrough is one of those rare vessels. Built by the legendary Dutch shipyard Feadship, the 119-meter superyacht is far more than an extraordinary expression of luxury. It marks a defining moment in maritime history as the world's first superyacht powered by hydrogen fuel cell technology as its primary energy source—an engineering achievement that, until recently, was considered too complex for a yacht of this scale and power demand.

Breakthrough proves that the future of superyachts no longer requires a choice between uncompromising luxury and environmental responsibility. For the first time, both coexist seamlessly.

Designing a yacht of nearly 120 meters around hydrogen propulsion was never simply about generating power. The greatest challenge lay in safely storing liquid hydrogen at an extreme temperature of approximately -253°C , while preserving the comfort, elegance, and sophistication expected aboard one of the world's finest superyachts.

To overcome this challenge, Feadship developed an advanced cryogenic storage system capable of supplying a 3-megawatt hydrogen fuel cell. The system generates electricity with zero carbon emissions, producing nothing but water vapor as its by-product.

In this operating mode, Breakthrough can remain emission-free for approximately one week while at anchor or during periods of lower power demand—an unprecedented milestone in the superyacht sector.

For extended voyages, the yacht is equipped with a hybrid diesel-electric backup system, providing operational flexibility in regions where hydrogen infrastructure has yet to be established. Rather than a compromise, this hybrid approach represents a pragmatic pathway toward the maritime industry's transition to cleaner energy.

A NEW DEFINITION OF SUSTAINABILITY

For decades, sustainability in the yachting world has largely meant greater fuel efficiency or hybrid propulsion. Breakthrough elevates that conversation entirely. Rather than merely reducing fossil fuel consumption, Feadship has engineered a superyacht capable of generating its primary electrical power from hydrogen—widely regarded as one of the most promising solutions for decarbonizing the global maritime industry.

Remarkably, this groundbreaking technology remains virtually invisible to those onboard. Guests experience only silence, effortless comfort, and impeccable service while an extraordinarily sophisticated energy system operates discreetly behind the scenes. This is the essence of modern luxury: technology that is not displayed, but experienced. Unsurprisingly, Breakthrough quickly became one of the industry's most celebrated launches. The yacht earned Motor Yacht of the Year at the World Superyacht Awards 2026, Yacht of the Year at the World Yachts Trophies 2025, and multiple honors at the Boat International Design & Innovation Awards 2026, including Innovation of the Year, Best Naval Architecture, and Best Interior Design. These accolades confirm what many in the industry already believe: Breakthrough is not simply an exceptional yacht—it is a defining symbol of the next generation of superyacht design.



BEYOND OWNERSHIP

Even before her official debut, Breakthrough attracted worldwide attention. Originally commissioned by Bill Gates, the yacht changed hands before ever entering service. She is now owned by Canadian entrepreneur Patrick Dovigi, founder of GFL Environmental and a former professional hockey player.

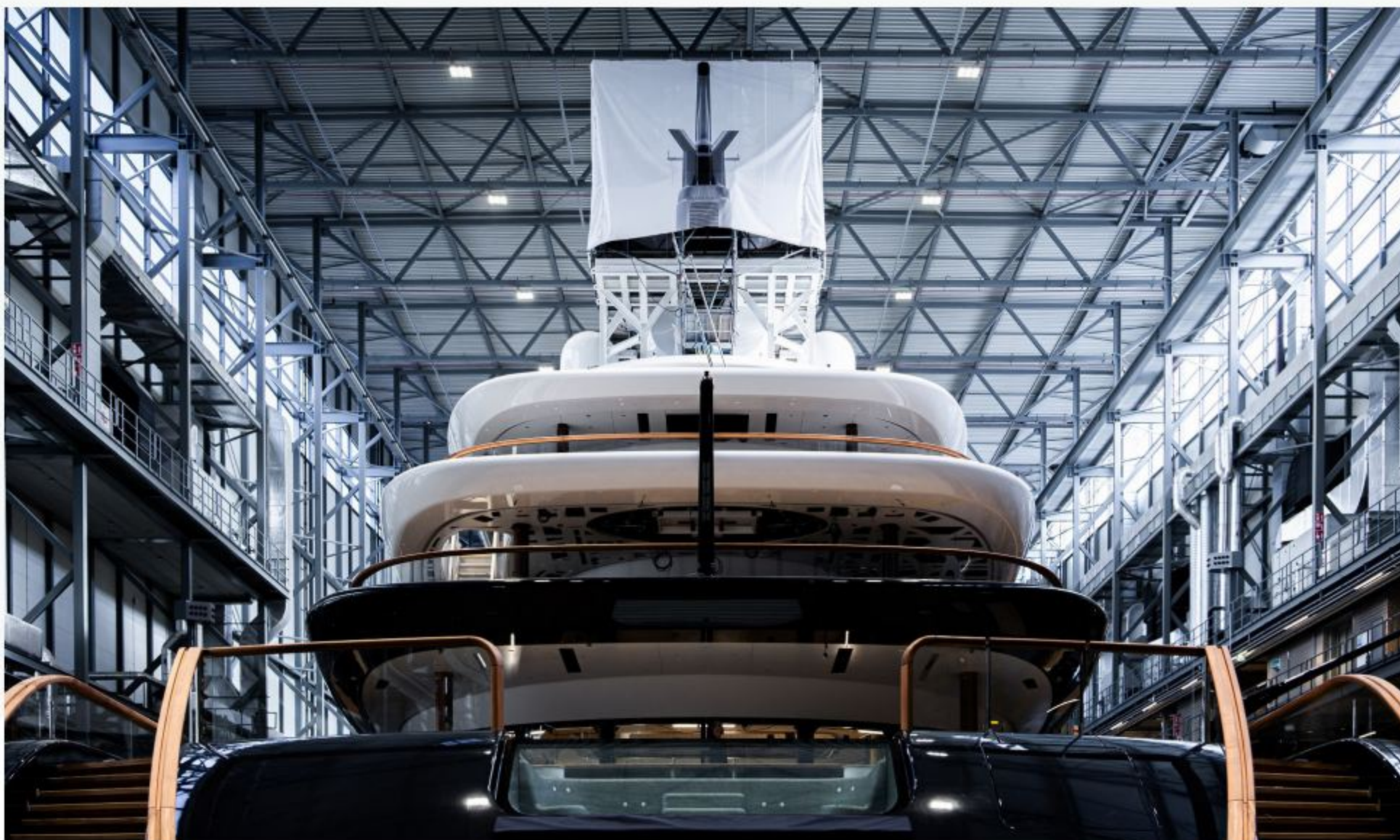
Yet regardless of ownership, Breakthrough's greatest legacy is neither its estimated value of more than €675 million—roughly US\$770 million—nor the prestige associated with possessing one of the world's most advanced superyachts. Its true achievement lies in demonstrating that the future of luxury yachting can embrace environmental responsibility without sacrificing comfort, performance, or exclusivity.

In Feadship's remarkable history, Breakthrough is unlikely to be remembered simply as one of the largest or most expensive yachts the shipyard has ever delivered. Instead, it will be remembered as the yacht that opened an entirely new chapter.

While much of the industry continues to discuss the future of clean maritime energy, Feadship has already built it. Breakthrough stands as compelling proof that genuine innovation is rarely the loudest statement. More often, it is the courage to challenge conventions that once seemed impossible.

True to its name, Breakthrough is more than a superyacht. It is a breakthrough that will inspire—and define—the next generation of luxury yachts.

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FIND THEIR TRUE HOME





Few destinations in the world of superyachting command the prestige and magnetism of Monaco. Occupying just 2.02 square kilometres, the Principality has long stood as the ultimate symbol of global luxury—a place where Belle Époque architecture, legendary hotels, Michelin-starred dining, the glamour of Formula 1, and some of the world's most extraordinary yachts come together in an almost flawless Mediterranean setting.

Yet Monaco is far more than a destination. It is the world's most celebrated stage for the superyacht lifestyle. Here, yachts are not simply vessels for travel or valuable investments. They are woven into the identity of the Principality itself, reflecting a maritime heritage that has become one of Monaco's defining economic and cultural pillars.

Each summer, as the Mediterranean welcomes an armada of magnificent yachts, Monaco transforms into the epicentre of the international yachting season. The world's finest shipyards—including Feadship, Lürssen, Benetti, Oceanco, and Sanlorenzo—become a familiar sight, their creations lining the Principality's iconic marinas.

PORT HERCULE: THE LEGENDARY HARBOUR

It is impossible to speak of Monaco without mentioning Port Hercule. The Principality's most famous marina is also one of the Mediterranean's deepest natural harbours, with a history stretching back to ancient Greek and Roman times when merchant ships sought refuge within its sheltered bay before continuing their voyages across the sea.

Today, Port Hercule has evolved into a world-class marina offering approximately 760 berths, accommodating everything from leisure craft to superyachts exceeding 100 metres in length. Covering nearly 40 hectares, with depths reaching 40 metres in its outer basin, it remains one of the few Mediterranean marinas capable of welcoming the world's largest private yachts with ease.

But Port Hercule's appeal extends far beyond its impressive specifications. A stroll along its quays reveals a panorama unlike any other: magnificent superyachts valued at hundreds of millions of dollars, luxury boutiques, elegant Riviera cafés, five-star hotels, and the timeless architecture of Monaco rising dramatically above the harbour.

Every May, the atmosphere transforms completely as the Monaco Grand Prix takes centre stage. The Formula 1 circuit winds directly around the harbour, creating one of motorsport's most iconic spectacles. Hotel balconies, yacht decks, and rooftop terraces overlooking Port Hercule become some of the world's most coveted viewing locations during Grand Prix weekend.

For many yacht owners, securing a prime berth requires reservations months—or even years—in advance. Port Hercule has also earned a place in cinematic history, appearing in numerous films, including the James Bond classic **GoldenEye**, further cementing its reputation as perhaps the world's most photogenic marina.

PORT DE FONTVIEILLE: MONACO'S MORE INTIMATE MARINA

Just minutes away lies Monaco's second harbour, offering an entirely different atmosphere. Nestled within the modern Fontvieille district on reclaimed land overlooking the Mediterranean, Port de Fontvieille presents a quieter, more private alternative to the vibrant energy of Port Hercule. Dramatic limestone cliffs provide a striking backdrop, while approximately 290 berths cater primarily to small and mid-sized yachts.

Its relaxed ambience has made it a preferred haven for owners seeking discretion without sacrificing convenience. From the marina, visitors can easily walk to waterfront restaurants, luxury boutiques, international fashion houses, galleries, and the charming streets of Monaco-Ville, affectionately known as The Rock.

The historic district is home to several of Monaco's most treasured landmarks, including the **Prince's Palace of Monaco**, the **Oceanographic Museum of Monaco**, and the **Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate**, where Prince Rainier III and Grace Kelly are laid to rest.





MARETERRA: MONACO'S NEW WATERFRONT VISION

Monaco entered a new chapter in late 2024 with the inauguration of Mareterra, a remarkable six-hectare land reclamation project situated between Larvotto and Port Hercule. Representing an investment of approximately €2 billion, the development expands Monaco's territory by nearly three percent while introducing an exceptional new waterfront neighbourhood featuring ultra-premium residences, landscaped coastal parks, a boutique marina, luxury retail, elegant promenades, and expansive public spaces overlooking the Mediterranean.

For the superyacht community, Mareterra represents far more than urban expansion.

It further strengthens Monaco's position as Europe's most prestigious waterfront destination, seamlessly connecting Port Hercule, Larvotto, and the iconic Monte-Carlo district while enriching the overall marina experience.

WHERE MARINA MEETS LIFESTYLE

What truly distinguishes Monaco from virtually every other marina destination is its seamless integration of nautical infrastructure with an unparalleled luxury lifestyle. Within minutes of stepping ashore, guests can enjoy lunch at Michelin-starred restaurants, browse haute couture boutiques, visit internationally acclaimed art galleries, or attend a performance at the **Opéra de Monte-Carlo**.

Everything is within walking distance. This is luxury in its purest form—effortless, refined, and uncompromising. Equally important is Monaco's reputation as one of the world's safest countries. Exceptional security standards, advanced surveillance systems, and discreet policing provide yacht owners with the confidence to leave their vessels berthed throughout the Mediterranean season.

MONACO YACHT SHOW 2026: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF SUPERYACHTING

After more than three decades as the industry's premier event, the Monaco Yacht Show 2026 continues to define the future of luxury yachting. Held each September at Port Hercule, the exhibition is expected to showcase around 120 to 125 superyachts, welcome more than 580 leading companies, and attract tens of thousands of visitors, including yacht owners, brokers, shipyards, designers, investors, and ultra-high-net-worth families from around the globe.

Today, however, the conversation has evolved. Where yacht length once dominated the headlines, the industry's attention is increasingly focused on technological innovation, environmental responsibility, energy efficiency, and highly personalised onboard experiences.

Leading shipyards are unveiling hybrid propulsion systems, intelligent energy management technologies, low-emission construction materials, and long-range explorer yachts capable of delivering five-star comfort while reducing their environmental footprint.

The Monaco Yacht Show has become far more than a showcase of extraordinary vessels. It is now the industry's global barometer—a place where emerging trends are revealed, strategic partnerships are formed, and the next generation of superyacht innovation takes shape.

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AIPDA TAUFIK ISMAIL: PLANTING HOPE AT THE ROOTS OF THE MANGROVES



For nearly two decades, AIPDA Taufik Ismail has dedicated his life to restoring the mangrove ecosystems of East Kalimantan. His 2026 Kalpataru Award recognizes more than environmental stewardship—it celebrates a lifelong commitment to protecting Indonesia’s coastlines, sustaining marine biodiversity, and securing the future of coastal communities.

For many people, mangroves are simply clusters of trees lining the coastline. For **AIPDA Taufik Ismail**, however, they represent something far greater. They are nature’s first line of defense against coastal erosion, the nursery of countless marine species, and the foundation upon which the livelihoods of Indonesia’s coastal communities depend.

This conviction has guided the officer of the Water and Air Police Directorate (Ditpolairud) of the East Kalimantan Regional Police for almost twenty years. What began as personal concern has evolved into an unwavering mission to restore one of Indonesia’s most valuable coastal ecosystems. His dedication earned him the **2026 Kalpataru Award**, Indonesia’s highest environmental honor. Yet for Taufik, the recognition is not a destination—it is a responsibility. He said, “The Kalpataru Award is the government’s appreciation for citizens who care about the environment. For us, it has never been the ultimate goal. Instead, it serves as a foundation to continue educating the next generation, so that more Indonesians grow up loving and protecting nature.”

His journey began in 2008, when he regularly joined community tree-planting initiatives alongside local residents, environmental groups, and government institutions. Nearly a decade later, in 2017, he committed himself fully to a

long-term mission of mangrove education, restoration, and rehabilitation.

Since then, nearly every hour outside his official duties has been spent along the coastline—collecting seeds, cultivating seedlings, planting young mangroves, monitoring their survival, and sharing his knowledge with local communities. For Taufik, conservation is more than environmental work; it is a moral obligation. “Nature is both a trust and a loan from future generations. When the time comes to return that loan, we have a responsibility to hand it back healthy, sustainable, and still capable of supporting life.”

His perspective deepened through his work with the marine police. During countless patrols and conversations with fishermen, he repeatedly heard the same concern: declining fish catches. Rather than accepting these stories as an unfortunate reality, he chose to act.

Beyond restoring mangrove forests, Taufik has become an active environmental educator, visiting schools from early childhood education centers to universities. He believes that protecting mangroves ultimately means protecting the economic future of coastal communities. He said, “When we witness environmental degradation, we naturally worry about its growing consequences. That is why we continue doing everything we can to restore damaged coastal ecosystems.”



PLANTING WITHOUT COUNTING

Ask Taufik how many hectares he has restored, and he simply smiles. To him, conservation cannot be measured by numbers alone. His work constantly moves from one damaged coastline to another—whether through full-scale restoration, rehabilitation, or smaller repair projects where ecosystems have begun to decline. The true measure of success is not the size of the restored area, but the growing number of coastlines brought back to life.

In the past year alone, his team planted approximately 20,000 mangrove seedlings. The cumulative number over the years has become impossible to calculate. Every restoration effort begins with science. Before planting, his team carefully surveys each location to identify native mangrove species naturally suited to the area. Matching the right species with the right habitat significantly improves survival rates and long-term ecosystem recovery.

Among the species most frequently cultivated are *Rhizophora mucronata*, *Rhizophora apiculata*, *Avicennia*, and *Sonneratia*. Yet planting trees is only the beginning.

Many restoration sites face harsh environmental conditions, directly exposed to open seas, powerful waves, strong tidal currents, and shifting sands driven by seasonal southern winds. Newly planted seedlings require continuous monitoring until they can adapt—a process that often takes up to two years.

Even greater challenges come from human behavior. Many communities still lack awareness of the ecological value of mangrove forests, making conservation efforts difficult. Rather than assigning blame, Taufik focuses on education. He visits villages one by one, speaks directly with residents, teaches in schools and universities, and uses social media, television, online platforms, and print publications to spread awareness about coastal conservation. For him, meaningful change never happens overnight. “Consistency is the key. It isn’t easy to encourage everyone to care, but if we continue with sincerity and determination, the results will come.”

Today, that persistence is paying off. Increasing numbers of local residents now volunteer to plant and care for mangroves alongside his team.



WHEN MANGROVES GROW ECONOMIES

Behind every thriving mangrove forest lies an equally important economic story.

Mangroves serve as breeding grounds for fish, shrimp, and crabs. As these ecosystems recover, marine populations increase, allowing fishermen to enjoy larger and more sustainable catches. “When mangroves are healthy and protected, local economies naturally improve,” Taufik says.

Their value extends far beyond fisheries. Mangroves are among the world’s most effective natural carbon sinks, capable of storing significantly more carbon than many terrestrial forests. They help stabilize coastal temperatures, reduce erosion, shield shorelines from storm surges, weaken strong coastal winds, and minimize the impact of tidal flooding that threatens seaside communities.

Taufik’s concern for the ocean also reaches beyond mangrove restoration. Every Friday morning, together with volunteers and community organizations, he participates in coastal clean-up activities focused on removing plastic waste. To him, plastic pollution is not merely an aesthetic problem—it is a direct threat to marine life. He points to one particularly heartbreaking example: white plastic bags floating in the sea often resemble jellyfish, causing sea turtles to mistake them for food. Many turtles ultimately die after ingesting plastic debris.



MAKING CONSERVATION A WAY OF LIFE

Years of protecting mangrove forests have transformed Taufik himself. What began as concern has become a lifelong calling. “Whenever I have free time, I always try to visit the mangrove forest. Seeing trees we planted years ago now standing tall, and hearing fishermen say their catches have improved—that brings a sense of fulfillment beyond anything material.”

His message to the public is remarkably simple, yet profoundly relevant. “Don’t wait until nature is damaged before taking action. Don’t wait until resources become scarce before protecting them. Don’t wait until they disappear before making changes.”

Another phrase has become the guiding principle of his work: “Protect nature, and nature will protect us.”

These words serve as a reminder that safeguarding Indonesia’s oceans is not solely the responsibility of governments, law enforcement agencies, or environmental activists. It is a shared obligation that belongs to every citizen.

At a time when climate change, coastal degradation, and biodiversity loss continue to threaten Indonesia’s maritime future, the story of AIPDA Taufik Ismail demonstrates that meaningful transformation begins with small, consistent actions. Every mangrove seedling that survives today is more than just another tree growing along the shoreline. It is an investment in healthier oceans, stronger coastal communities, and a more resilient Indonesia for generations yet to come.



Yacht Market

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*The Gold Standard of Global
Superyacht Management*



The finest superyachts are defined not just by beauty or value, but by the precision behind them. For five decades, Burgess has set the standard in superyacht management, earning the trust of royalty, entrepreneurs, and the world's most discerning owners.





In the world of superyachts, acquiring a vessel worth tens—or even hundreds—of millions of dollars is merely the beginning of the journey. The true challenge lies in managing such an extraordinary asset with uncompromising standards of operational excellence, where every technical detail, safety protocol, and onboard experience is meticulously orchestrated. It is in this realm that Burgess has long established itself as the industry's benchmark.

For more than five decades, Burgess has been recognized as one of the world's most prestigious yacht management companies. To owners of the world's finest superyachts, the company is far more than a management provider—it functions much like a private family office dedicated entirely to safeguarding and optimizing their maritime assets. Through an integrated, end-to-end approach, Burgess allows owners to embrace the pleasures of life at sea while leaving the complexities of daily operations in the hands of seasoned professionals.

Founded in 1975 by British ocean sailor and competitive yachtsman **Nigel Burgess**, the company was born from a vision that was both simple and revolutionary: to bring to the superyacht industry the same level of professionalism, precision, and service excellence found in private aviation. That vision has since evolved into one of the most influential names in the global yachting sector.

A GLOBAL NETWORK WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

One of Burgess' greatest strengths lies in its ability to integrate every aspect of yacht ownership into a seamless ecosystem of services. From new-build supervision and crew recruitment to operational management, charter optimization, brokerage, and resale, every stage is managed according to consistently rigorous international standards.

This comprehensive approach becomes especially valuable when operating a USD 100 million superyacht, where annual

running costs can easily approach USD 10 million. At this level of investment, efficiency, regulatory compliance, risk mitigation, and long-term asset preservation are not merely priorities—they are essential.

It is therefore no surprise that Burgess is entrusted by Ultra High Net Worth Individuals (UHNWIs), royal families, global entrepreneurs, and internationally prominent figures. While client confidentiality remains absolute, the company is known to manage some of the world's largest private yachts, including vessels exceeding 70 metres in length.

Headquartered in London's prestigious Cunard House on Regent Street, Burgess has built an international presence spanning virtually every major cruising destination. Offices in Monaco, New York, Miami, Singapore, Dubai, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Phuket, Athens, and Palma enable its teams to provide seamless operational support across the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and the Asia-Pacific region. As Southeast Asia continues to emerge as one of the world's fastest-growing superyacht markets, Burgess has further strengthened its presence by serving yacht owners throughout Singapore, Thailand, Japan, and Hong Kong.



SETTING THE BENCHMARK FOR OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Unlike traditional yacht brokers, Burgess delivers a comprehensive, full-service yacht management solution encompassing every operational discipline required to maintain a world-class vessel. Its Operational Management division oversees voyage planning, marina coordination, fuel logistics, port clearances, cruising permits, and compliance with international maritime regulations, ensuring every journey unfolds with flawless precision.

On the technical side, each yacht is assigned a dedicated Technical Manager responsible for machinery maintenance, engineering inspections, scheduled refits, dry dock planning, equipment replacement, and system upgrades. This proactive maintenance philosophy not only maximizes reliability but also protects the yacht's long-term market value.

Safety and security remain fundamental pillars of Burgess' management philosophy. The company administers safety certifications, regulatory compliance, security audits, crew training, risk management, and emergency response, supported by a global 24-hour assistance network capable of responding wherever a yacht may be cruising.

Crew Management represents another cornerstone of Burgess' offering. From recruiting captains, chief engineers, chefs, stewardesses, and specialist crew to handling employment contracts, payroll, professional certification, ongoing training, and rotational scheduling, every aspect is managed with exceptional attention to detail.

Meanwhile, the Financial Administration team oversees annual operating budgets, vendor payments, accounting, cost control, taxation, insurance, and financial reporting, providing owners with complete transparency and confidence over every expenditure.

TRANSFORMING LUXURY INTO A PERFORMING ASSET

For many owners, a superyacht represents more than an extraordinary lifestyle—it is also a valuable asset capable of generating significant revenue through the premium charter market.

Through its Charter Management division, Burgess develops marketing strategies, negotiates charter agreements, screens prospective guests, coordinates cruising schedules, and manages all financial administration. Today, the company oversees a global fleet of more than 100 charter yachts and is widely regarded as one of the world's leading operators of luxury charter vessels above 40 metres.

Burgess also advises clients from the earliest stages of yacht ownership through its New Build and Refit Advisory services. Working alongside some of the world's most respected shipyards in Italy, the Netherlands, Germany, and Türkiye, the company provides expert guidance on design development, technical specifications, construction supervision, and major refit projects, ensuring each yacht is delivered to the highest possible standards.



Management fees are not publicly disclosed, as every yacht presents unique operational requirements. Across the industry, however, professional yacht management typically represents between five and twelve percent of a vessel's annual operating budget.

By way of illustration, a 30-metre yacht may require annual management fees ranging from approximately USD 50,000 to USD 150,000. For a 50-metre yacht, this figure generally rises to between USD 150,000 and USD 400,000, while superyachts exceeding 80 metres can require annual management fees from USD 500,000 to well above USD 1 million.

These fees exclude operating expenses such as crew salaries, fuel, marina berths, maintenance, refits, insurance, and technical servicing, which collectively are widely estimated to average around ten percent of the yacht's overall value each year.

FIFTY YEARS OF TRUST

Over the past five decades, Burgess has continued to strengthen its reputation through involvement in some of the industry's most prestigious superyacht projects and international accolades. The company has contributed to the technical management and build consultancy of celebrated yachts including **ELANDESS**, recognized at the **Boat International Design & Innovation Awards**, and **LADY'S**, a recipient of the **World Superyacht Awards**. Within the brokerage sector, Burgess has also been named **Best Global Brokerage in Asia Above 40m**, while several of its professionally managed crews have earned **Best Charter Yacht Crew** honours at the **ACREW Awards**.

In today's superyacht industry, a management company's reputation is measured not simply by the size of its fleet, but by its ability to deliver uncompromising service standards consistently across every ocean and every destination.

For fifty years, Burgess has demonstrated that world-class yacht management is the perfect synthesis of technical expertise, operational discipline, global reach, and an intimate understanding of the expectations of the world's most discerning owners.

As Asia continues its rise as one of the most dynamic superyacht markets, the standards established by Burgess remain a defining reference for the industry—a symbol of trust in a world where precision, discretion, and perfection are the ultimate currencies of luxury.

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EXOTIC ISLANDS, TIMELESS STORIES





ELEGANCE meets the **OCEAN**

*NTT is not simply a destination. It is a collection of exotic islands
and timeless stories waiting to be discovered.*

East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) is far more than a collection of beautiful islands in eastern Indonesia. It is a tapestry of living stories shaped by dramatic landscapes, ancestral traditions, sacred rituals, and resilient communities that have preserved their cultural heritage across generations.

Embracing the positioning “Exotic Islands, Timeless Stories,” NTT offers special and exclusive travel experiences unlike anywhere else. Here, travelers will encounter nature beyond ordinary, living cultures, sacred traditions, journeys filled with adventure while embracing the essence of slow travel, and authentic human stories that are both irreplaceable and deeply meaningful.

From volcanic lakes to pristine coral reefs, from traditional villages to rituals that have endured for centuries, each region within NTT possesses its own distinctive character, yet all are united by the same spirit: resilience, spirituality, and the authenticity of island life.

Signature events such as the Pasola Festival in Sumba, the Kelimutu Festival in Flores, and the Lamalera Tradition in Lembata further reinforce NTT’s position as a destination unlike any other.



CONNECTIVITY OPENING NEW OPPORTUNITIES

East Nusa Tenggara is not a single destination, but rather a collection of interconnected islands, cultures, and timeless stories. Therefore, the development of infrastructure and regional connectivity is essential to enable travelers to explore the province's diverse destinations with greater ease.

One of the strategic projects currently underway is the development of the Northern Flores Highway, connecting Labuan Bajo–Terang–Bari–Kedindi. As part of the Labuan Bajo National Tourism Strategic Area (KSPN), this project is designed to strengthen access to tourism destinations along the northern coast of Flores, unlock previously isolated regions, and improve mobility for both local communities and visitors.

With a corridor stretching approximately 190 kilometers, the new route is expected to reduce travel time between Ruteng and Labuan Bajo from six to seven hours to just three and a half to four hours. Beyond improving access to essential services, this infrastructure development is also expected to create new economic opportunities through the growth of tourism villages, agricultural centers, and marine destinations along the northern coast of Flores.

Improved road networks will make interregional travel throughout NTT increasingly comfortable and will allow visitors to embrace the concept of slow travel—a way of traveling that encourages deeper interactions with nature, culture, and local communities.

FIVE JEWELS OF EAST NUSA TENGGARA

These five regions offer extraordinary experiences and provide ideal settings for travelers seeking immersive and meaningful journeys. Ultimately, East Nusa Tenggara offers much more than breathtaking landscapes. It presents a journey through timeless stories, where extraordinary nature, living traditions, and authentic human connections converge to create experiences that are both rare and unforgettable.

1. Flores (Volcanic Wonders and Spiritual Heritage)

Flores is one of Indonesia's most remarkable destinations, where spectacular landscapes meet profound spiritual traditions. The island is home to the mystical three-colored lakes of Kelimutu, the traditional villages of Wae Rebo and Bena, and a strong Catholic influence that has shaped local identity for centuries.

The Flores Sea is renowned as a world-class diving destination, while Flores ikat weaving represents the richness of the island's artistic and cultural heritage. Flores is particularly appealing to adventure seekers and travelers in search of more meaningful and transformative experiences.



2. Lembata (Ancient Sea Rituals Still Alive)

Lembata is where the ocean and spirituality are inseparable. The island is internationally renowned for the centuries-old Lamalera whale-hunting tradition, one of the world's most unique maritime cultures.

Combined with the majestic Mount Ile Ape, coastal weaving traditions, and strong communal values, Lembata offers visitors a profound understanding of the relationship between humans and the sea.

For cultural and transformative travelers, Lembata is a destination where traditions are not merely preserved—they are genuinely lived and practiced in everyday life.



3. Alor (The Untouched Ocean Civilization)

Alor is often described as one of Indonesia's last hidden paradises. The island boasts pristine diving sites with extraordinary marine biodiversity that remains remarkably well preserved.

Yet Alor's appeal extends beyond its underwater treasures. It is also home to the Abui people, the traditional village of Takpala, and the moko bronze drum tradition, reflecting centuries of cultural interactions throughout eastern Indonesia.

Its tranquil blue waters, fishing villages, and vibrant maritime culture make Alor an ideal destination for divers, explorers, and advocates of sustainable marine tourism.





4. Sumba (The Island of Living Ancestors)

Sumba represents one of the finest examples of living cultural heritage. Here, ancestral traditions are not relics of the past but remain an integral part of everyday life.

The world-famous Pasola festival, Ratenggaro traditional village, megalithic tombs, and the legendary Sumba horses create a cultural landscape rarely found elsewhere in Asia.

Its vast savannas, exquisite ikat textiles, and the emergence of luxury eco-tourism have made Sumba a preferred destination for discerning travelers seeking privacy, curated experiences, and journeys with deeper meaning. Today, Sumba is increasingly recognized as one of Southeast Asia's leading examples of sustainable luxury tourism.



5. Timor (Frontier of Heritage and Resilience)

Timor embodies the spirit of resilience and diversity. The cultures of the Helong, Atoni, and Tetun peoples reflect centuries of trade and colonial influences that have shaped the island's identity.

Traditional delicacies such as Jagung Bose and Sei, together with the iconic Sasando musical instrument, highlight the richness of Timor's cultural heritage. Timor also serves as a gateway for domestic travelers seeking authentic experiences rooted in history, culture, and local wisdom.

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BATU BOLONG

*Another world waits in the heart
of the komodo sea*







The sea has always kept its secrets. Some reveal themselves from the deck of a boat, while others remain hidden beneath the surface, waiting for those willing to dive deep enough to discover their wonder.

East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) has long been recognised as one of the world's premier diving destinations. Stretching across the eastern Indonesian archipelago, its islands are blessed with pristine waters, nutrient-rich currents and extraordinary marine biodiversity. From encounters with majestic manta rays in the waters of Komodo to the exotic underwater landscapes of the Pantar Strait in Alor, NTT offers an extraordinary experience for anyone with a deep love of the ocean.

Yet there is far more to discover. Within Komodo National Park, divers can explore three distinct diving zones, each offering its own character and underwater drama.

1. The Northern Zone is renowned for its powerful currents and the opportunity to encounter large pelagic species. Sites such as Castle Rock, Crystal Rock and Shot Gun are favourites among experienced divers drawn to the thrill of challenging conditions.

2. The Central Zone, home to Batu Bolong and Tatawa Besar, offers a more welcoming combination of manageable currents, spectacular coral gardens and an astonishing diversity of marine life.

3. The Southern Zone is characterised by cooler waters and a distinctly different range of marine species. Cannibal Rock and Yellow Wall are particularly popular with underwater photographers in search of unusual and rare encounters.

Not far away lies Manta Point, one of the world's celebrated destinations for swimming and diving alongside graceful manta rays as they gather around cleaning stations. Further east, Alor Regency offers a diving experience that feels wilder, more remote and distinctly exclusive. The Pantar Strait Marine Park is considered one of Indonesia's finest diving areas, where oceanic currents create an exceptionally rich marine ecosystem.



At The Edge, divers can experience an adrenaline-filled descent through powerful currents. Half Moon Bay is a paradise for macro photographers, thanks to its remarkable diversity of small marine creatures. Meanwhile, Anemone City reveals vast fields of giant sea anemones, home to countless clownfish, creating an underwater landscape that seems almost surreal.

For beginners and those seeking a gentler experience, the 17 Islands Marine Park in Riung, in Ngada Regency, offers an ideal alternative. Its relatively calm waters, pristine shallow reefs and small white-sand islands create a soothing tropical panorama. Riung delivers a more relaxed diving experience while retaining the extraordinary marine richness for which East Nusa Tenggara is known.

Yet among all these world-class dive destinations, one name has achieved almost legendary status among international divers: Batu Bolong.

From a distance, it appears almost insignificant—a small rocky pinnacle rising from the surface of the Linta Strait, seemingly too modest to hold any great story. Tourist boats pass by, while gentle waves break around its edges.

But beneath the surface, this seemingly modest rock transforms into one of the world's most spectacular stages of marine life. It is no exaggeration that divers regard Batu Bolong as a natural masterpiece at the heart of Komodo National Park.

The moment your body begins to descend into the crystal-clear water, the world above seems to disappear. All that remains is the sound of your breathing and a vast blue expanse slowly revealing its secrets. Sunlight penetrates the water column, dancing across flourishing coral formations and creating an atmosphere that feels less like a dive site and more like an underwater cathedral. Here, the ocean reveals itself at its most magnificent.



A PINNACLE TEEMING WITH LIFE

Batu Bolong is an underwater pinnacle—a towering coral formation that rises dramatically from depths of approximately 75 to 90 metres. Every side is covered in life, so densely populated and vibrantly alive that it can be difficult to find a single empty space among the corals.

Thousands of orange anthias sweep across the reef like a living cloud, moving in perfect rhythm with the current. Schools of fusiliers shimmer like fragments of silver caught in sunlight. Butterflyfish, angelfish, surgeonfish and sweetlips move constantly through the reef, creating an ever-changing symphony of colour.

The longer you remain, the more apparent it becomes that the diver is not the main character. We are merely guests, privileged to witness the

ocean carrying on with life exactly as it was meant to.

Every now and then, a green turtle glides past without urgency. A few metres below, a whitetip reef shark patrols the coral wall with quiet confidence. Giant trevally emerge from the deeper blue with powerful, deliberate movements, while an enormous Napoleon wrasse occasionally appears from behind the reef, almost as if checking who has arrived in its domain.

Everything unfolds naturally. There is no drama, no performance, no spectacle created for our benefit. And perhaps that is precisely where the true luxury lies. According to **Herman 'Mancil' Harsoyo**, a PADI IDC Staff Instructor at Family Diver Jakarta, several important considerations should be taken into account when diving at Batu Bolong.





1. Strong and Dynamic Currents

The presence of a massive rocky pinnacle in the middle of a narrow strait causes currents from the Indian and Pacific Oceans to collide around the formation. This can create powerful lateral currents and the risk of downcurrents that may pull divers deeper.

2. Appropriate Experience and Certification

Divers should hold at least an Advanced Open Water certification, with a minimum of 30 logged dives, or have equivalent diving experience.

3. Always Dive on the Lee Side

The lee side is the sheltered side of the pinnacle, protected from the direct force of the current. Crossing to the wrong side can expose divers to strong currents and potentially sweep them out into open water.

4. Perfect Buoyancy Control

The coral formations at Batu Bolong are exceptionally dense and pristine. Even a momentary loss of buoyancy control can result in contact with fragile coral, potentially injuring the diver or damaging the ecosystem.

5. Pay Close Attention to Tidal Conditions

Dive schedules must be planned precisely according to tidal conditions and tables, ideally in consultation with experienced local dive operators.





WHEN CURRENTS SHAPE AN UNDERWATER WORLD

Not every place on Earth is capable of producing an ecosystem like Batu Bolong. The secret lies in the currents. The Linta Strait is a meeting point for moving bodies of water that continuously transport nutrients from the surrounding oceans. These powerful currents nourish the coral reefs, plankton and thousands of marine species that call this extraordinary environment home.

For divers, the current is more than a challenge. It is the artist that shapes the entire underwater landscape. Every dive is different. No composition is ever exactly the same. One day, thousands of anthias may blanket the coral slopes; the next, schools of giant trevally may dominate the blue. At times, reef sharks appear in greater numbers. On another dive, turtles and enormous Napoleon wrasse become the stars of the show.

The ocean has its own way of telling stories. Because of its dynamic current patterns, diving at Batu Bolong requires careful planning. Dive guides typically lead divers along the sheltered side of the pinnacle, using the contours of the reef as natural protection from strong currents, turbulence and downcurrents.

Behind these challenges lies one of the most extraordinary diving experiences on the planet. According to Mancil Harsoyo, the best months for diving are April through September, during the dry season, with June to August considered particularly favourable. During these months, underwater visibility can be exceptional, reaching approximately 20 to 30 metres, while the surrounding waters are often clear blue and surface conditions are generally more favourable.





COLOURS THAT NEVER FADE

It is impossible to speak of Batu Bolong without mentioning its extraordinary coral reefs. Hard corals grow densely across the underwater slopes, while the vertical walls are adorned with enormous sea fans, large sponges and soft corals that sway gently to the rhythm of the current.

With visibility often exceeding 30 metres, every detail appears remarkably vivid. Sunlight reaches deep into the water, illuminating a palette of colours—red, orange, purple, electric blue and emerald green—in gradients that even the most sophisticated camera can struggle to reproduce.

There are moments when divers simply stop moving. Not because they are tired, but because the scene before them is simply too beautiful to pass by. In an era when luxury is often measured by how exclusive a destination is or how magnificent the yacht that takes us there might be, Batu Bolong offers a different definition.

Here, luxury is not about facilities. It is about the privilege of witnessing nature in its purest form. It is about diving among coral reefs that have taken decades to flourish. It is about watching reef sharks, turtles and thousands of tropical fish move freely through their natural habitat. It is about allowing the current to carry you past one of the healthiest marine ecosystems still found in the world.

And when you finally return to the surface, with the warmth of the sun touching your face, what you bring home is more than a collection of underwater photographs. It is the realisation that, at the far eastern edge of Indonesia, there remains a place where the ocean continues to breathe to its own rhythm—wild, majestic and almost untouched. Perhaps that is the rarest form of luxury left in the world today.

Herman 'Mancil' Harsoyo, PADI IDC Staff Instructor, Family Diver Jakarta



ESSENTIAL TIPS FOR DIVING AT BATU BOLONG

At Batu Bolong, preparation is not simply a matter of safety. It is what allows divers to experience the site responsibly—and to appreciate the extraordinary privilege of entering a world that has existed long before us and, with careful protection, will hopefully remain for generations to come.

1. Dive with an Experienced Local Guide

Never dive at Batu Bolong without an experienced local Dive Master who understands the site's constantly changing current patterns and underwater conditions.

2. Use a Zigzag Diving Pattern

Begin the dive at greater depth in a safe area, then ascend gradually while moving horizontally or in a zigzag pattern along the coral wall, following the boundary between the reef and the current.

3. Always Carry an SMB (Surface Marker Buoy)

Every diver should carry a dive computer and an SMB, also known as a surface marker buoy. This is essential as an emergency signalling device should a diver become separated from the group or need to drift in open water.

4. Constantly Monitor Weather and Depth

The abundance of marine life can easily distract divers, causing them to descend deeper than planned or consume their air supply more quickly than expected. Always monitor your depth, air consumption and overall dive profile.





MERCEDES-MAYBACH GLS

LUXURY, REDEFINED BY TECHNOLOGY

In an era where technology has become the new face of luxury, the Mercedes-Maybach GLS is far more than a design refresh. It represents a new vision of how every journey should be experienced.

Luxury in today's automotive world is no longer defined solely by the finest leather or gleaming chrome accents. With the latest Mercedes-Maybach GLS, luxury evolves into a holistic experience—one that seamlessly blends exceptional craftsmanship, intelligent digital technology, artificial intelligence, and limousine-level comfort within an ultra-premium SUV.

Celebrating 140 years since the invention of the automobile and 105 years of the Maybach legacy, Mercedes-Benz has introduced a comprehensive evolution of the Mercedes-Maybach GLS. More than a conventional facelift, the latest model receives significant enhancements across nearly every aspect, from exterior design and powertrain refinement to suspension technology and the digital experience inside the cabin.



Step inside, and the cabin feels less like an automobile and more like a private luxury lounge. Premium materials are paired with exclusive MANUFAKTUR leather, while the handcrafted headliner—stitched by a single artisan in Germany—reflects the meticulous craftsmanship that defines every Maybach.

Executive Rear Seats deliver a true first-class travel experience, complete with calf massage functions, while the multi-contour front seats feature vibration massage to enhance driver and passenger comfort. A refrigerated compartment capable of chilling two bottles of champagne further underscores that every journey has been designed as an occasion in itself.

WHERE LUXURY MEETS DIGITAL INTELLIGENCE

Mercedes-Benz has also reimagined the relationship between driver and vehicle through MB.OS, the brand's new operating system that serves as the foundation of the entire digital experience. The latest MBUX infotainment system is powered by an AI-enhanced virtual assistant, supported by over-the-air software updates and advanced personalization features that adapt to each owner's preferences. The result is a vehicle that functions not only as a luxury SUV, but as an intelligent living space on wheels.

Beneath the hood lies a 4.0-liter twin-turbocharged M177 EVO V8 paired with a 48-volt mild-hybrid system, producing up to 557 horsepower and 850 Nm of torque, with additional electric boost available when needed. Yet raw performance is not the headline. A next-generation integrated starter-generator, an optimized balance shaft, and enhanced cabin insulation ensure that acceleration remains remarkably smooth, refined, and almost vibration-free—the signature driving character that has long distinguished every Maybach.

Among the most impressive innovations is the latest AIRMATIC suspension system, integrated with the Mercedes-Benz Intelligent Cloud. By analyzing road conditions before the vehicle even reaches them, the system continuously adjusts its damping characteristics to deliver an exceptionally composed ride. Combined with E-Active Body Control, which independently manages suspension at each wheel, the GLS delivers a level of comfort previously reserved for flagship luxury sedans.

Advanced driver assistance technologies further enhance the experience. Equipped with Level 2 ADAS, together with an array of cameras, radar sensors, ultrasonic sensors, MB.DRIVE Assist, and MB.DRIVE Parking Assist, the Mercedes-Maybach GLS offers a driving experience that is as reassuring as it is effortless.

SETTING A NEW BENCHMARK FOR ULTRA-LUXURY SUVs

The latest Mercedes-Maybach GLS demonstrates how the meaning of luxury continues to evolve. It is no longer measured simply by premium materials or impressive performance figures, but by the ability of technology to make every journey quieter, more intuitive, more personal, and virtually effortless.

Combining limousine-level comfort, the versatility of an SUV, and increasingly sophisticated digital intelligence, the Mercedes-Maybach GLS establishes itself as a new benchmark in the ultra-luxury SUV segment—a vehicle that does far more than transport its occupants. It transforms every journey into an experience worthy of the Maybach name.

A MORE COMMANDING PRESENCE

The exterior has been refined with greater sophistication while preserving the unmistakable Maybach identity. A bolder vertical grille is complemented by redesigned headlamps featuring elegant rose-gold accents and signature lighting elements that emphasize the vehicle's exclusive character.

Forged wheels measuring up to 23 inches, self-leveling wheel hub emblems, exclusive two-tone paint finishes, and new color options such as MANUFAKTUR Patagonia Red Metallic and Dark Petrol further reinforce the GLS as a symbol of prestige. Chrome detailing on the bumper, air intakes, underbody protection, and rectangular exhaust outlets complete a design language that is both elegant and commanding.

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ROLEX YACHT-MASTER

The Precision Instrument Designed for Life at Sea



On the open water, time is more than a measurement—it is strategy, timing, and instinct. Few watches understand this relationship better than the Rolex Yacht-Master, a timepiece conceived not merely for maritime aesthetics, but for the realities of life at sea.

In the world of yachting, a watch is never simply an accessory that complements a lifestyle. At sea, time becomes an essential part of navigation, strategy, and decision-making. It determines when sails are hoisted, when manoeuvres are executed, and when a yacht must cross the starting line with absolute precision. It is within this environment that the Rolex Yacht-Master finds its true purpose.

Unlike many luxury sports watches that merely borrow nautical styling cues, the Yacht-Master was conceived from the outset as a professional instrument for those whose lives revolve around the ocean. The collection combines Swiss horological precision with the practical demands of sailing, delivering reliability, durability, and navigational functionality wrapped in Rolex's unmistakable expression of luxury.

Rolex first introduced the Yacht-Master in 1992 with a 40mm model crafted entirely in 18-carat yellow gold. The watch quickly established a unique position within the Rolex family—more refined and elegant than the brand's professional diving watches, yet fully capable of meeting the technical demands of life on the water.

Fifteen years later, in 2007, Rolex pushed the concept even further with the launch of the Yacht-Master II, a timepiece developed specifically for the world of competitive regatta racing. Available in Oystersteel as well as 18-carat yellow gold, the model introduced one of the most sophisticated mechanical complications Rolex has ever created for sailing applications.

THE REGATTA COUNTDOWN SYSTEM

At the heart of the Yacht-Master II lies its defining feature: the Regatta Countdown, a programmable countdown timer adjustable from one to ten minutes and mechanically synchronised with the official race committee clock. In yacht racing, the moments before the start are among the most critical of the entire competition. Every boat aims to position itself as close as possible to the starting line without crossing prematurely and incurring penalties. Mere seconds can determine a yacht's position entering the first mark—and often the outcome of the race itself.

This is where the Yacht-Master II demonstrates its true value. The system allows skippers and navigators to execute manoeuvres with exceptional accuracy, ensuring that the yacht crosses the starting line at precisely the moment the countdown reaches zero. For professional sailors, this level of precision is not a luxury; it is a necessity.

On the classic Yacht-Master models, navigational practicality is delivered through a bidirectional rotatable bezel featuring a 60-minute graduated scale. The bezel enables sailors to measure passage times between navigation marks, monitor journey durations, and track specific time intervals throughout a voyage. While seemingly simple, this functionality provides considerable real-world value, particularly when evaluating route efficiency, changing wind conditions, or average vessel speed during longer passages.



BUILT TO WITHSTAND THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

For any watch intended for serious use at sea, the greatest challenge is not functionality but resilience against one of the harshest environments on earth. Saltwater is highly corrosive to many metals. Intense ultraviolet exposure, dramatic temperature variations, humidity, and abrasive sand all contribute to material degradation if a watch has not been specifically engineered for marine conditions. It is precisely for this reason that Rolex developed the Yacht-Master as an instrument capable of enduring these challenges without compromising either performance or aesthetics.

Perhaps the most significant milestone came in 2023 with the introduction of the Yacht-Master 42 RLX Titanium. The launch represented an important moment in Rolex history, as the company has traditionally used titanium only sparingly within its collections. The decision to employ Grade 5 RLX Titanium was not driven by trends, but by the functional requirements of life at sea.

Titanium offers exceptional resistance to corrosion and is virtually unaffected by seawater or chlorine exposure. When exposed to air or saltwater, the material naturally forms a protective oxide layer that acts as a permanent barrier against corrosion. This characteristic makes titanium one of the most suitable materials for marine environments.

Its advantages extend beyond durability. Titanium is significantly lighter than gold or platinum, resulting in noticeably improved comfort for owners who spend long hours actively moving around a yacht—whether trimming sails, operating winches, or working on deck during extended passages.

The material also possesses an exceptionally high strength-to-weight ratio, making it more resistant to impacts that may occur through contact with stainless-steel rails, mast hardware, anchors, or other onboard equipment. Equally important is its hypoallergenic nature. Even when exposed to seawater, perspiration, and the relentless heat of tropical sun, RLX Titanium remains comfortable against the skin, minimising the risk of irritation during prolonged wear.

In an industry increasingly fascinated by luxury for luxury's sake, the Rolex Yacht-Master remains remarkably faithful to its original purpose. It is not merely a symbol of maritime lifestyle, but a genuine instrument designed to serve those who live, race, and navigate on the sea. That commitment to functionality—combined with Rolex's relentless pursuit of precision and craftsmanship—is what continues to make the Yacht-Master one of the most respected nautical timepieces ever created.

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THE CAPTAIN'S LEADERSHIP THE SOUL BEHIND YACHT LUXURY



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Luxury aboard a yacht is often measured by its striking design, world-class craftsmanship, and exceptional amenities. Yet beyond the polished teak decks, elegant interiors, and breathtaking ocean views lies the true force that defines every voyage: the captain.

A yacht captain embodies one of the most sophisticated forms of leadership in the maritime world. Unlike the master of a commercial vessel, whose primary responsibility revolves around cargo operations, schedules, and logistical efficiency, a yacht captain is entrusted with a far broader and more nuanced mission. Every voyage demands not only impeccable seamanship but also the ability to deliver an exclusive experience that meets—and often exceeds—the expectations of owners and distinguished guests from around the world.

His role extends far beyond navigation. At any given moment, he must serve as an expert mariner, a strategic risk manager, an inspiring leader for a multicultural crew, and the general manager of what is, in essence, a floating luxury resort. Every decision he makes influences not only the safety of the vessel but also the quality of the experience enjoyed by everyone on board.

Unlike commercial shipping, where routes and schedules are largely predetermined, yachting operates in a world of constant flexibility. Weather conditions can shift without warning, owners may request spontaneous itinerary changes, and guests often seek secluded anchorages or new destinations at a moment's notice. The captain must seamlessly adapt to these evolving circumstances while ensuring that safety remains uncompromised.

This is where true leadership reveals itself—not in routine operations, but in the ability to balance competing priorities with confidence, precision, and composure. Every alteration to the voyage requires careful judgement, transforming operational challenges into opportunities to preserve both security and an uncompromising standard of luxury.

At the same time, a yacht is far more than a vessel; it is an intensely private environment. Its guests may include global entrepreneurs, royalty, public figures, and international celebrities who regard discretion not as a luxury, but as an expectation. Consequently, technical expertise alone is never enough. A successful captain must also possess emotional intelligence, refined communication skills, and unwavering integrity.

Professional excellence is reflected not only in the ability to command a yacht safely across open waters, but also in creating an atmosphere where every guest feels secure, respected, comfortable, and completely at ease. It is this invisible quality of leadership that transforms an extraordinary yacht into an unforgettable experience.

NAVIGATIONAL FLEXIBILITY AND STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

Adaptability is perhaps the defining characteristic that distinguishes yacht operations from commercial shipping. While merchant vessels follow fixed schedules, predetermined routes, and logistical objectives, yachts are designed around experiences. Every voyage is shaped by the aspirations of the owner and the desires of those on board, making flexibility an essential element of command.

For this reason, a yacht captain must master far more than the technical art of navigation. He must possess the judgement and agility to respond to changing circumstances with confidence and precision.

In practice, this flexibility may require altering a route to avoid deteriorating weather, seeking calmer waters, discovering a more exclusive anchorage, or accommodating an owner's spontaneous request. Such operational freedom is rarely found in commercial shipping, where schedules and contractual obligations dictate nearly every decision. Yet aboard a yacht, flexibility is never synonymous with impulsiveness. Every course adjustment must remain grounded in professional judgement and sound maritime principles.

Before changing course, a captain conducts a comprehensive assessment of every critical factor—from weather forecasts and sea conditions to maritime traffic, port regulations, fuel reserves, and the readiness of the crew. These considerations often must be evaluated within a matter of minutes, demanding the rare ability to combine rapid decision-making with meticulous risk assessment.

For a yacht captain, safety is not simply another operational priority; it is the unwavering compass that guides every decision.

Equally important is the ability to understand and accommodate guests' expectations without compromising professional standards or international maritime regulations. A captain must translate ambitious requests into operational plans that are realistic, lawful, and above all, safe.

This is where leadership is truly tested. Integrity is demonstrated through the courage to place safety above immediate gratification, even when that decision may disappoint an owner or distinguished guest.

Ultimately, flexibility in the world of yachting is about far more than changing course. It is the seamless integration of strategic leadership, technical expertise, and exceptional service into every decision made at sea. The ability to harmonise safety, professionalism, and unforgettable guest experiences is what defines the world's finest yacht captains—and what elevates leadership into the very essence of luxury yachting.

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