
Monaco Yacht Show 2007: The Highlights

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Fate was kind to this year's Monaco Yacht Show. The weather remained perfect while shipyards presented their latest creations and brokers displayed some of the world's most beautiful yachts. Here, Classic Driver presents the highlights of the luxury boat fair...

While everything at the Show naturally has a nautical theme, the Monegasque event is nothing if not glamorous. From the charity auction to the latest 'Eurocopter' helicopters (which now accommodate up to eight passengers), everything breathes an air of opulence.

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We selected the following highlights:

Alibi



With a length of 51 metres, the 2005 Alibi yacht ranked among the most imposing sights at the Monaco show. The shipbroker Edmiston, which specialises in luxury yachts, brought the boat to Monaco under the flag of the Cayman Islands. Six cabins offer generous accommodation for 12 passengers, while on-board amenities include a jacuzzi and gymnasium. The purchase price for this luxury motor yacht? 27,950,000 euros.

Website: www.edmistoncompany.com.

Moonen 94 Alu "Nilo"



The Dutch company Moonen presented its new aluminium model, the '94 Alu', built on the success of the Moonen 84, of which eight have been sold since 2001. Several clients asked whether the shipyard could build a yacht similar to the Moonen 84, with its classic lines and popular four-cabin layout, but lighter and capable of significantly higher speeds. René van der Velden therefore designed the 28.94-metre 94 Alu with a sportier flair, extending the horizontal lines to give a more aerodynamic exterior.

Website: www.moonen.com.

Pershing 90



Pershing, the well-known Italian shipyard which belongs to the Italian Ferretti Group, brought a new 90 to the show – or rather a concept study of the 90, as it is not yet in production. The two engines each develop 2400HP, giving the boat a maximum speed of 44 knots and a cruising speed of 38 knots. Inside, four cabins each have en-suite bathrooms, plus there's a fifth bathroom for general use. The boat is also available as a 3-cabin version. Interestingly, the Festival de la Plaisance in Cannes has chosen the Pershing 90 as the image for its 2007 promotional campaign.

Website: www.pershing-yacht.com.

Pershing 72



The Pershing 72 showed a radically new hull profile, the work of designer Fulvio De Simoni. Here, the focus is on technology, starting with the stowaway glass partition between the external cockpit and the internal saloon, an area that can be completely opened to the sky thanks to an innovative sliding hard top. Another feature is the stowaway gangplank, which doubles as a swimming ladder or even a mooring ramp when in port. With its two 1823HP common-rail engines, this craft can reach a top speed of 45 knots, while ensuring perfect comfort for the occupants.

Website: www.pershing-yacht.com.

Riva 85' Opera Super



Riva (another Ferretti Group company) is known for its elegant, classical wooden boats. The 85' Opera Super has been completely restyled and features a more expansive cockpit, a larger window that better illuminates the master cabin, and a host of other amenities – such as an innovative fly bridge offering ample space for sunbathing, relaxing or sipping a cocktail at the bar. Meanwhile, the elegant side windows have been supplemented by another extra large window to provide even more natural light below decks. The contrast between the warm colours of the woodwork and the dark hues of the leatherwork, says Riva, inspire relaxation.

Website: www.riva-yacht.com.

Royal Limo



The Royal Limo has the capacity to carry 14 passengers in comfort and style, with removable handrails and a unique automatic lifting roof for easy access. With the roof closed, the Limo Tender makes transport between shore and mother ship a matter of safety and privacy. With the roof open you can stand up inside, feel the cool air from the air-conditioning, listen to soft music from the integrated entertainment system and enjoy a drink from the onboard refrigerator. The Royal Limo stands out by her excellent sea behaviour and fast, safe and smooth ride, thanks to her powerful engines, long waterline and specially designed V-shaped hull. The Royal Limo can be built to your exact size specification, between 8.0m and 9.35m.

Website: www.royaltender.com.

Trinity Yachts "Lady Michelle"



At 49m long, the boat named Lady Michelle offers accommodation for 10 guests and 9 crew members, including a spacious Captain's stateroom for two, and a full beam owner's suite with twin bathrooms, twin closets and a separate office. There is also a partially enclosed observation deck and a panoramic 'Skylounge' opening onto a patio deck.

Website: www.trinityyachts.com.

WallySail 100 "Y3K"



Needless to say, the well-known name of Wally wasn't missing from Monaco, and the highlight of the Wally portfolio was the 30-metre long sailing yacht, the 'Y3K', which enjoyed its premiere at the show.

Website: www.wally.com.

WallyPower 70 "2007"



Also from Wally was the newest model variant of the WallyPower 70 Series, recently introduced to the market. With revised design elements, at almost 22 metres in length it's a development of the original Wallypower 70, which first appeared in 2005.

Website: www.wally.com.

XSMG XSR48



XSMG is known for its world-class racing heritage. The company's senior management have broken 12 world powerboat records, as well as winning two world championships and three European championships. The XSR48 is, according to its creators, 'the Bugatti Veyron of the sea'. Capable of speeds around 88 knots, it is the world's fastest production diesel-powered boat and promises real race-boat handling. It will be manufactured at the Berthon Shipyard in Lymington.

Website: www.xsmgworld.com.

Further information about the Monaco Yacht Show can be found at www.monacoyachtshow.com.

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