M/Y LIFE SAGA: The Perfect Luxurious Family Charter Yacht

Based in Barcelona and operating throughout the Western Mediterranean, the custom-built Superyacht M/Y LIFE SAGA is the perfect choice for a luxurious family charter. Exclusive to SuperYachtsMonaco, 42m M/Y LIFE SAGA made her muchanticipated debut on the global charter scene this year and looks set to continue making a name for herself in 2022 with limited bookings still available for September 2022.



Image by SuperYachtsMonaco

M/Y LIFE SAGA is available for charter with SuperYachtsMonaco

Built by iconic Dutch shipyard Heesen, LIFE SAGA is finished to the very highest standards and was fully refitted in 2012

with a fresh modern interior from the Pastrovich Yacht Design Studio. Offering a five-star charter experience, her professional eight-person crew will be on hand throughout your voyage to ensure that she exceeds all your expectations.

An exclusive range of yacht toys

Finished in sleek white, <u>LIFE SAGA's</u> classic profile pairs sweeping lines with vast expanses of tinted glass across her three decks. Allowing guests to turn the Mediterranean into their own private playground, she has two tenders onboard and comes with a full range of yacht toys including a selection of inflatables for kids of all ages. Designed for the open-air lifestyle, an open-air lounge and dining area can be found on LIFE SAGA's main deck aft while the bridge deck aft is set up as a lounge space with oversized

sunpads and a spa pool. Her vast sundeck can be used for entertaining with a full bar plus a lounge/dining area while a four-person sunpad in the bow is the ideal spot for soaking up the sunshine while cruising.

Luxury accommodation for up to 12 guests

With accommodation for up to twelve guests onboard overnight, LIFA SAGA's five double staterooms are spacious and open with lots of natural light. Located forward on the main deck, the owner's suite is accessed via a private lobby and opens into an elegant marble bathroom. The guest accommodation is situated on the lower deck and includes two double and two twin staterooms each with its own ensuite bathroom. Beautifully finished in Studio Pastrovich's fresh, modern style, LIFE SAGA's interior pairs curved lines with oversize windows to enhance the feeling of light and space throughout the main living areas. Featuring a neutral colour palette, natural wood paneling is contrasted with contemporary overhead

lighting creating a truly modern aesthetic for this classic Heesen yacht.



Image by SuperYachtsMonaco

On the main deck, LIFE SAGA's full-beam salon is the ideal space for socialising. Guests will have access to a large circular seating area, plus a full entertainment system. Forward of the lounge is LIFE SAGA's stylish formal dining area. This features a circular dining table and curved banquette seating. A well as sliding pocket doors that can be used to privatise the dining space, as required.



Image by SuperYachtsMonaco

Stairs lead up to LIFE SAGA's bridge deck which opens into a full-beam living area with an open-concept design. Featuring a full bar and sound system, this comfortable lounge space can be turned into a games room or a private nightclub once night falls over the Mediterranean.

Built to the highest standards

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In addition to an open-air dining and lounge area on LIFE SAGA's main deck aft, the bridge deck aft offers oversized sunpads and a spa pool. On her vast sundeck, she has a full bar, a lounge, and a dining area. On top of that, she has a four-person sunpad at the bow where you can relax and soak up the sunshine.

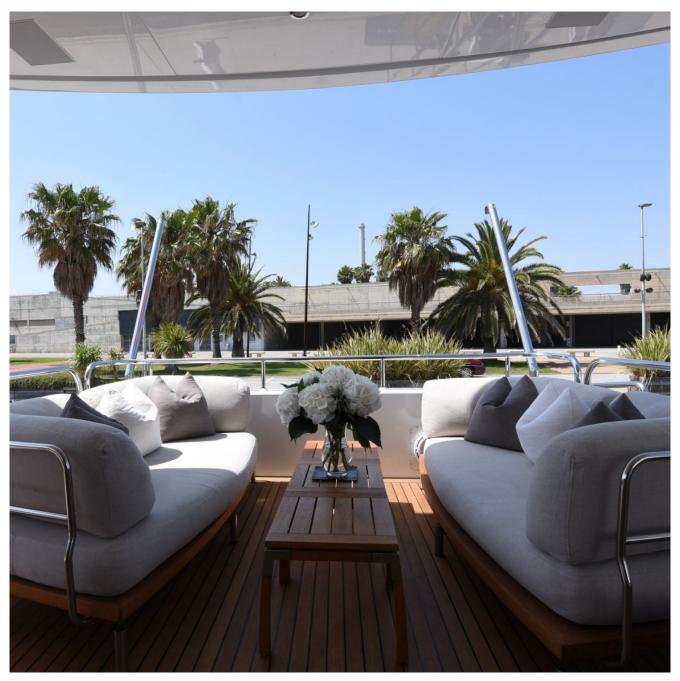


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71.7m Superyacht KOGO: Top 14 Coolest Features

71.7m M/Y Kogos is currently listed for sale with SuperYachtsMonaco

Superyacht KOGO is one of the most luxurious explorer yachts to dates. The 71.7m, Tim Heywood designed yacht is built to MCA and Lloyds class and was launched in 2006 by French shipyard, Alstom Marine. She's designed to be able to travel to the most remote, off the beaten track destinations destinations. The Monaco-based yacht brokerage are sharing with you M/Y KOGOs top 14 USPs:

1. DEDICATED HELIDECK



Dedicated Commercial Helipad, supporting various types of helicopters and carrying up to 4.2t.

2. ICE CLASS



Ice Class 1 B. Super-strong, over spec'd and safe for you, your family, guests and crew.

3. AUTONOMY



USGA Water treatment, 5,000Nm Range, high volume tanks, garbage, fridge and freezer volumes.

4. DIESEL ELECTRIC



ABB Pods, new in 2016, with DYNAMIC POSITIONING.

5. AWESOME LAYOUT



Massive Master plus 6 suites, a Medical room and extra staff cabins too. Seriously versatile / lots of options.

6. TENDERS, TOYS, JET SKIS, DIVE ROOM

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Whenever you choose to go, KOGO can LAR everything from a Submarine to Sea Bobs.

READ MORE: New Sales Central Agency: KOGO for sale

7. SWIMMING POOL DECK



Huge pool, swim flow pump, fast-fill / empty heat. Safe for children too.

8. STONE DECK



Flooring made from stone, ideal for exterior entertaining and durable at the same time.

9. PASSARELLE



Optimized position to enable all types of mooring in port.

10. EXTERIOR DESIGN



Graciously designed by Tim Heywood.

11. INTERIOR DESIGN



Finished by the renowned Terence Disdale Design Ltd.

12. COMMUNICATIONS



Go off-grid or stay fully connected at all times.

13. AWARDS



<u>Superyacht KOGO</u> is a recipient of numerous The World SuperYacht Awards.

14. LEGACY



2 Owners from new, iconic status and an exemplary ownership chain, free and clear of encumbrance.

Find out even more details in the brand new <u>YachtWorld Legends</u> walkthrough video for 71.7m KOGO.

KOGO is lying in FTZ, Rybovich, with an asking price of **USD 69,500,000 Ex VAT**.

*Not for sale to US residents while in US Waters.

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M/Y APHO: The Largest Superyacht On Display At 2022 Monaco Yacht Show

Lürssen yachts reveal they'll be displaying 86m M/Y AHPO at the Monaco Yacht Show 2022.

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Video by Rosenberg Collection

After her delivery in November 2021, she spent her first season in the Caribbean and is currently cruising in the Mediterranean. She will have her world debut at the show and as the largest yacht, she will be the queen of the exhibition. AHPO has been built for a repeat client who previously owned an 86-metre Lürssen and required top-notch design and engineering as well as seagoing comfort for his family.



For the exterior and interior design, he once again trusted design office Nuvolari—Lenard, who gave the yacht a unique look. Moran Yacht & Ship managed and supervised the project, bringing with them their wide spectrum of experience and consolidated knowledge.

M/Y AHPO will be the largest yacht at the 2022 Monaco Yacht Show!

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M/Y Khalilah: 4 Facts

The first all-carbon 49m Superyacht

Launched in 2015, the charter markets "golden girl", the 49m Supersport M/Y Khalilah holds the position as one of the most striking Superyachts out there. Firstly because of her exterior design, and secondly because Khalilah is the first all-carbon Superyacht to ever be built! The concept behind this was to "design a next-generation Superyacht that freed itself from the conventional compromises that yacht design generally seems to accept" said her owner. The end goal was to build a vessel with "exceptional operational performance and onboard experience, not incremental improvements."

4 fun facts about Palmer Johnsons, M/Y Khalilah:

1. M/Y Khalilah is currently available for charter and for sale with SuperYachtsMonaco!

You're in luck! This 49metre all-carbon Superyacht is currently available for charter with the Monaco-based brokerage, <u>SuperYachtsMonaco</u>. For a price of €255,000 – 265,000, per week, you can cruise the med from the luxury of a golden Superyacht. Khalilah is the obvious choice if you are looking to bring the wow factor this season!

The golden yacht is VAT registered in France, and her current summer base port is in Imperia, Italy. In summer, KHALILAH is available for charter in the Mediterranean, where you can choose from a number of destinations: Corsica, French Riviera & Monaco, and Italy. In winter, M/Y Khalilah remains in the Mediterranean and is open to bookings in all of the same summer destinations.

"A unique fast displacement yacht — Khalilah is cool and fiercely stylish!

SuperYachtsMonaco Charter Manager, Chloe Riley

2. "She's the golden girl of the charter scene"

With her stunning gold finish, Superyacht Khalilah has a custom 6.8-metre (22 ft) gold tender. Her original owner designed the yacht based on their belief that "An owner should get goosebumps every time they look at their yacht." And what better way to fulfill that than to coat the exterior of the first all-carbon Superyacht completely in gold?

There's even gold found on her two MTU engines at the heart of the engine room! However, step inside the yacht, and the owner wanted Khalilahs interior design to be "simple but playful". Each of the 5 guest cabins has a different colour scheme, personalised decor, and a beautiful shower decorated with marble and colorful mosaics. The seating area is surrounded by floor-to-ceiling windows that provide a stunning ocean backdrop. Her glass doors open out to the covered dining area, with a 10-person bespoke Cactus wood dining table. All topped by the high-gloss orange yacht galley, situated on the main deck.



3. M/Y Khalilah has a top speed of 26.0 kn

At top speed, M/Y Khalilah has a total consumption is around 1,000 litres per hour, with a maximum output of 5,200hp. Her engines are twin 16V, MTU diesel M94s from the 2000 series. Thanks to the 2 MTU engines the supersport yacht has a cruising speed of 18.0 kn and a top speed of 26.0 kn. Furthermore, this all-carbon supersport yacht can carry 40,000 litres of fuel and 6,000 litres of water!

Further specs include:

Length: 49m / 160.7ftNumber of guests: 11

■ Guest Cabins: 5

Builder: Palmer JohnsonCruising speed: 18 knots

Max speed: 26 knots

• GRT: 485 • Crew: 9

Draft: 1.9mBeam: 10.8m

■ Range: 3600nm

• Hull Material: Carbon fiber

4. M/Y Khalilah will accept dogs under 15kgs on board!

More stand out features include:

- A star attraction wherever she cruises
- Ultra-fast speed: measuring at a maximum speed of 26.0kn knots
- The cool, funky, and fun interior design
- A vast aft deck of 110 square metres, with a large outside banquette and enormous sun pads!



Image <u>SuperYachtsMonaco</u>

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A Tour of Flying Fox: The World's Largest Charter Yacht

A Tour of M/Y Flying Fox: The World's Largest Charter Yacht

Rumoured to be owned by Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, <u>Lurssen's</u> superyacht <u>Flying Fox</u> is the largest charter yacht in the world. At 136m in length, it's a truly incredible vessel, reflected in the eye-watering €3,00,000 weekly charter price. Amongst guests chartering the yacht are the likes of Logan and Jake Paul, and Beyonce and Jay-Z, truly making it a yacht for the elites of the world. We are taking you on a top-to-bottom tour of the Flying Fox, covering everything from guest suites to the tender garage.



Beyonce and Jay-Z aboard Flying Fox

Her exterior

The 7,000 square metres of Espen Øino's undulating exterior contain a remarkable array of spaces, each conceived with originality by Øino, Mark Berryman, and the owner. These ideas were then completed with perfection by Lürssen. Imperial Yachts CEO Evgeniy Kochman, who personally attended over 50 meetings with the customer, studying over the GA for an average of 14 hours at a time, says the owner was extremely involved with every detail, "from the engine room to the observation deck." The owner's prior fleet of superyachts was instrumental in determining the design. "It seemed obvious to integrate their facilities into one fully operational superyacht," Kochman adds.



Flying Fox's stunning exterior. Credit: Imperial.

Inside Superyacht Flying Fox

Guest accommodation

Flying Fox features 10 spacious guest suites. They are arranged in a row in front of the gym, allowing visitors to go straight from their beds to work out or have a morning swim. These rooms are all of the same sizes and open onto one of the long side decks, which divides into large fixed balconies in various configurations by hidden sliding panels. The spaces are modern and calming, made to induce a state of relaxation for guests chartering the yacht.



The spacious guest suites. Credit: Imperial.

On the upper deck, the master suite is located. It continues following the same design sensibilities and embellishments found in the guest suites, creating a cohesive experience throughout the vessel. A 48-square-metre bathroom is centred with an oval bath and a large shower that are all spaced outboard for views through double-fronted sliding doors onto the vast private terrace that runs around the front of the suite.

The owner's suite is another spectacular space, fitted with his and hers dressing rooms, a cosy living room, and a spa pool, located on the enormous private terrace. Additionally, the suite houses multiple workspaces — a meeting room and the owner's office, accessed through a studio.

Social living spaces

When it comes to social living spaces, the saloon found to Port on the Upper Deck is the perfect place for friends and family to gather. It's a leafy space, full of plants including two spectacular ficus trees. The lush plants are all on automated watering schedules to ensure they remain healthy.

Bringing a sense of cosiness to the saloon is a real wood fireplace. It works like a typical fireplace, but with insulated ducts that route smoke up the mast with the help of forced extraction.



The leafy two-level saloon. Credit: Imperial.

A dining saloon adjacent to the bridge deck saloon features a large table to seat all the yacht's guests. A centre tank, complete with vibrant artificial corals, gives a pop of colour while also separating the areas (which can be entirely sequestered using sliding screens). The dining area features an open, outdoor kitchen that allows guests to sit at the counter and watch the chef work, or at the extendable dining table.



The dining saloon features an open kitchen layout. Credit: Imperial.

The facilities

Alongside all the amazing living spaces, Flying Fox also houses many luxurious facilities for guests to enjoy.

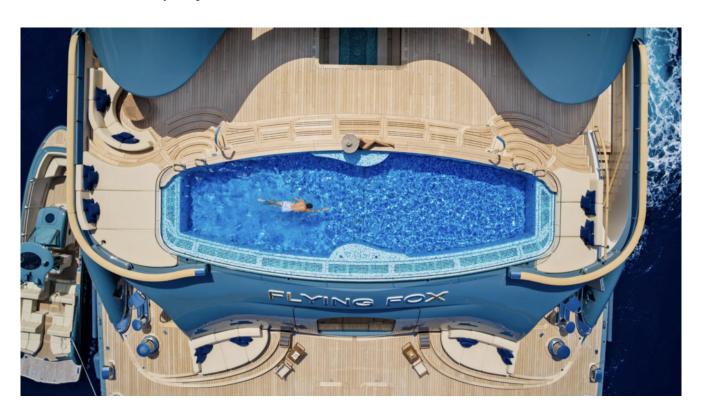
There's a well-stocked superyacht gym full of the latest gym equipment, a terrace for fresh-air yoga, and a gym "menu" spelling out what's on offer for more energetic guests. It's staffed by ex-British military instructors to give guests much-needed motivation to complete their workouts.

Alongside the gym is the vessel's impressive 400sqm 2-floor Spa. It features heated limestone floors and louvred oak panelling centrepieces, providing individuals wishing to escape the outer world.



Flying Fox's calming Spa. Credit: Imperial.

Perhaps the most breathtaking addition to the yacht is her spectacular pool. The 12-meter swimming pool, which runs transversely on the main deck, is a technological feat and a first for a superyacht of this size.



Toys and tenders

Flying Fox yacht houses a wide range of toys and tenders in her expansive tender garage. Inside, you can find five tenders and a plethora of toys ranging from flyboards and hoverboards to Seabobs and windsurfs. The facility is also designed to suit the requirements for using gasoline to fuel the tenders. Here is a full list of all the toys and tenders onboard:

Toy brands on board:

- **Seadoo** 3x GTX 300
- Seabob 4x F5S
- Poseidon 4x Se7en Rebreathers + diving equipment
- Zapata 1x Flyboard
- Awake Boards Ravik 3 electric surfboard

Tender brands on board:

- Windy Boats Limousine
- Compass Boats Work tender
- Nautique Wakeboarding tender
- Pascoe Tenders 2x 6.8m tenders



The tender garage onboard. Credit: Imperial.

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85m Superyacht Globalfast Sold

SILVER YACHTS has sold Hull 6, the 85m 'GLOBALFAST'



The delivery of 85m Superyacht Globalfast will take place this summer. Hull 6 is the second hull of the Silver World Explorer series and will share the title of the 'worlds longest and fastest aluminium explorer yacht in the world'. This remarkable Superyacht is recognised for her unmistakable exterior design and unique layout designed by Espen Oeino. As well as, her a raised salon, which is also known as the "Loft that provides spectacular views."

The in-house team at Silver Yachts delivered an interior that is sophisticated and spacious. M/Y Globalfast continues the theme of being highly efficient, with a top speed of 23 knots

and a cruising speed of 18 knots.

3 features of the 85m Superyacht Globalfast:

- A 24/7 commercial helipad and helicopter hangar
- An excellent aft deck crane able to take any toy anywhere in the world.
- 8 State rooms, including the master.

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55m Amels M/Y Serenity J is for sale for the first time

Camper and Nicholsons announce the listing of M/Y Serenity J

The 55m Amels Motoryacht is already one of <u>Camper and Nicholson's</u> most successful charter yachts. As of April 2022, M/Y Serenity J is for sale for the very first time since its launch in 2014!

Watch Now for an inside and outside tour of M/Y Serenity J

<u>Video by Camper and Nicholsons</u>

About

One of the highly successful Amels Limited Edition 180 range, the awarded designer Tim Heywood gave Serenity J a contemporary and waterfront living style. 55m M/Y Serenity J offers accommodation for 12 guests across 6 cabins, with the full-beam master suite on the main deck.

Located on the lower deck are two guest doubles, one twin, and one cabin which is convertible between double and twin configurations. You will find onboard Serenity J many versatile exterior spaces which make the yacht ideal for families or groups of friends such as a jacuzzi, a wet bar, a beach club with easy access to the water, and even a sundeck that can be transferred into a party venue by night.

On the technical side, the tri-deck M/Y Serenity J has a trans-Atlantic cruising range of 4,500 nautical miles. Along

with a cruising speed of 13 knots and a maximum speed of 15.5. The Amels Motoryacht was built to Lloyd's classification and is MCA compliant. She has a fully equipped dive centre in the aft garage and 2 Yachtwerft tenders.

Her Main Features:

- Amels build quality
- At-anchor stabilisers
- Versatile accommodation
- 7.4m and 5.2m guest tenders
- Scuba diving equipment for x4
- Accommodation for 10
- Ideal for groups with children



Image by Camper and Nicholsons

*M/Y Serenity J is for sale in perfect condition, and ready for new owners.

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From Business Expansion to New Builds: What's New At West Nautical In 2022

West Nautical is a full-service Superyacht company providing services, including sales, charter, yacht management, and crew recruitment. While the head office is located in Newcastle upon Tyne in the UK, they also have offices in international yachting hubs of Antibes, La Spezia, and Palma.

During the Covid 19 pandemic, they saw a huge increase in yacht sales. Additionally, an influx of new build projects are now under management, and the company's growth has not stopped there.

New Office Locations

At the start of 2022, the UK head office expanded into two new office locations, the first for the yacht management team, accountants, and support staff. The second office, located in

Newcastle's affluent Jesmond area, which will host the sales marketing team, is to be a shopfront superyacht office. It'll have a one-of-a-kind interior fit-out in collaboration with yacht interior designer John Vickers of Vickers Studio.

The Superyacht service company has employed several new staff, including a new Office Manager, an Accounts Assistant, Business Assistant, and a Vessel Manager, who are all UK based. The company has also expanded its operations in Italy, where a permanent project management team is based to oversee new build projects in La Spezia.



New Build Projects

As the sales market has peaked since the pandemic, owners and future yacht owners have looked at commissioning new build projects. The yacht management company is currently project managing five new build Sanlorenzo yachts. These include a 58m diesel-electric yacht, 56m and 52m steel yachts, and two 44m aluminium hulls. These yachts are due for delivery between 2023 and 2025.

West Nautical is delighted to be thriving, during what has been a historically difficult period. They will continue to grow and serve the global yachting industry, offering a full suite of owner's services from the UK and beyond.

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Lady Amanda accepts Bitcoin for charter fees

West Nautical is proud to announce that one of their charter central agencies, M/Y Lady Amanda, is now

accepting Bitcoin as payment for charter fees.

Launched in 2009, Bitcoin is a decentralised cryptocurrency. With this high worth, it was only a matter of time before Bitcoin found its way into the Superyacht industry. Therefore, it's great to announce that M/Y Lady Amanda accepts Bitcoin for charter fees.

Built in 2006 by Couach, 30-metre motor yacht Lady Amanda offers impressive leisure and entertainment facilities and a comfortable, luxurious onboard experience following her 2021 refit.

30m M/Y Lady Amanda

M/Y Lady Amanda's impressive leisure and entertainment facilities have made her a well-known and popular fixture on the charter scene. Her owner is particularly passionate about water sports; therefore, Lady Amanda boasts a selection of toys better than that of many 45-metre yachts.

Lady Amanda is able to accommodate 10 guests in four en-suite cabins. This is across a full-beam master suite, a queen, and two doubles with a Pullman each. The classic interior from Franck Reynaud is light and inviting, with calming neutral whites and polished woods the dominant theme. A comfortable saloon with easy access to the outdoors creates a sociable space.

The luxury yacht also boasts impressive outdoor deck space. It includes several lounging and dining areas across the aft deck, foredeck, and large flybridge. And, sun pads on the foredeck and a Jacuzzi on the flybridge.

With an impressive cruising speed of 26 knots and a maximum speed of 30 knots, Lady Amanda is able to cruise between

locations in comfort and style, enabling guests to experience a large area of coastline in a short space of time, perfect for those who want to explore places ashore as well as enjoy the yacht's amenities.

A wonderful crew of four ensures smooth running and a memorable guest experience. Although still young, captain Ashley has accumulated over 12 years experience in the yachting industry already, across multiple boats up to 60-metres. Fastidious in his approach to onboard welfare and safety, Lady Amanda is a first-class charter yacht.

Captain Ashley comments:

"The safety and training of this crew and vessel are only matched by the amount of fun and games offered to the guests on board."

The yacht is currently based in Cannes, France, and is available to charter in the Western Mediterranean.



Image from West Nautical

For more information on M/Y Lady Amanda, please visit her website https://www.ladyamanda.com

Following the announcement that M/Y Lady Amanda accepts Bitcoin, if you need more information on how to charter M/Y Lady Amanda in this way, please contact West Nautical's Managing Director Geoff Moore at Geoff.moore@westnautical.com.

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Did you know, you can now charter a yacht with cryptocurrency?

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You Can Now Buy A Yacht With Cryptocurrency

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Yacht Cryptocurrency payments are becoming an increasingly viable option in our modern world; from works of art to property, an ever-growing number of purchases are possible with popular cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin. The superyacht industry has picked up on this trend and many prolific companies are starting to realise the value of offering less traditional payment options for clients. Join us whilst we explore the current cryptocurrency trend in the superyacht industry.

What Is Cryptocurrency?



Credit: Market Watch

Put simply, Cryptocurrency is a new type of money that is decentralised and not controlled by any organisation or government but instead traded peer-to-peer. This means that anyone can send any number of Bitcoins to a business or another person in an instant, and each transaction is recorded on a publicly accessible 'ledger.' To enhance security and resist manipulation, the ledger use blockchain technology; the currency is backed by immutable math rather than banks or governments. Cryptocurrencies are private, secure, and efficient, which is why they are so popular.

How Long Have Yacht Cryptocurrency Payments Been Possible?

One of the first companies to introduce cryptocurrency as a method of yacht payment is <u>Denison Yachting</u>. Back in 2016, the company made cryptocurrency payments possible for customers wanting to purchase a yacht. It was a success, and in 2018 Denison decided to venture further into the crypto world by extending this payment system to yacht charters. The idea to extend Crypto to chartering came after Bob Denison chartered a boat using Bitcoin back in 2017. Worldwide yachting is another early adopter of Crypto payments, with eight Crypto bookings since 2018. Amongst the boats booked are 39m <u>Oceanfast Oculus</u>, 38m <u>Heesen Sea Axis</u> and 40m <u>Splendor Kashmir</u>. Speaking to Boat International, Jason Carter of Worldwide Boat commented "Overall, cryptocurrency represents 0.5% of all global wealth now. So it makes sense for to become part of this equation".



Oceanfast Oculus

How Many Companies Offer Crypto Payments?

These days, more and more companies are hopping on the Crypto train. In the past few months, many companies such as Monaco Yachts and Helm have made Cryptocurrency payments possible. It's a smart move to make sure they stay on top of the latest trends and don't fall behind the competitors. Amongst the recent Crypto companies are Dynamiq Yachts, which recently announced the addition of Cryptocurrency as a new payment method for the financing of their new build yachts. In other news, the popular charter vessel M/Y Loon announced recently that guests can now charter using Cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin, ETH, BCH and DOGE.



M/Y Loon

Looking at the overall trends and demand for Crypto purchasing options, it looks like the new payment method will keep

gaining traction. Although industry giants such as Lurssen and Feadship haven't yet got on board with Crypto, it can't be long before they too take the plunge.

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West Nautical — A Review of The Caribbean Charter Season

In this interview, West Nautical discusses the 2021/2022 Caribbean charter season, as well as how the

summer 2022 charter market currently looks.

We got chatting to <u>West Nautical</u>'s Client Manager, <u>Claire Sinclair</u> about how the Caribbean charter season has played out. As well as how the 2022 Med season is looking for West Nautical.

Read on to find out which Caribbean spots were the most popular destinations, what charter yacht sparked the most interest and a peek into the current Superyacht market.



Overall, how has the Caribbean charter season been for West Nautical?

The season began with the yacht show in Antigua & there were several bookings over the holiday period (Christmas & NY) ...The difference in restrictions between islands and the closing of BVI's to new charter yachts proved to be off-putting to Europeans, but the USA market remained strong!

With the Caribbean charter season coming to an end, which months of the season were the busiest for West Nautical?

We were definitely busiest around Christmas & New Year, mainly the months of December and January.

In our previous chat, you mentioned that the Caribbean charter season was dying down due to various reasons, such as cost, dockage, fuel, crew costs, and difficulty getting visas for the US Virgin Islands. Was this the case with regards to this year, or did the season take a positive turn?

The season was still quiet by previous standards, however as mentioned above, West Nautical was very busy in the months of December and January, with Christmas and the New year taking place. Our team did find that for regatta charters (sailing), the interest was strong.

Everyone knows that St. Barts is the place for Superyachts in the Caribbean. Did you notice an increase in the demand for yacht charters in any other locations this season?

St Barts remained a Caribbean Hot-spot for the charters, with St Maarten and Antigua being the other two main islands in demand over the winter period.

What has been West Nautical's most successful charter yacht in the last year?

For the 2022 Caribbean season, it was the luxury 31.7 $\frac{\text{S/Y}}{\text{Elton}}$.

Have you noticed any real changes in the charter market since the omicron variant?

No, I haven't. Charterers are keen to get back out into the world and travel where's possible/if possible. If anything, there is a degree of apathy regarding covid and guests, captains and their crew are looking forward to their travels around the Med in 2022.

Lastly, what does the summer 2022 charter market currently look like?

West Nautical is proud to say that the Superyacht summer season has started with record bookings! Our team is all go and we're already heavily booked, with limited availability on peak season dates so if you haven't already booked your Med season charter, get in contact asap!



If you have any questions please do get in touch with West Nautical's management team at management@westnautical.com

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55m M/Y Loon now accepts Cryptocurrency

55m M/Y Loon now accepts cryptocurrency as a form of payment for charter bookings

The most popular charter yacht in the Bahamas is heading to Europe in 2022 for her first Mediterranean charter season. Well noted for embracing new ideas, now M/Y Loon accepts cryptocurrency, and is the first superyacht to announce they accept forms of payment such as Bitcoin for charter bookings. Including bookings during the Monaco Grand Prix this May, with the trackside berth they have secured in Port Hercules.



M/Y Loon

Captain Paul Clarke of Motor Yacht Loon shared:

"We believe Bitcoin is the future of global currency. Forward-thinking and welcoming new ideas has always been a strong part of Loons' ethos. Accepting Bitcoin fits perfectly with these principles and supports inclusivity, especially for the younger generation of charter guests who are often more comfortable with a decentralised currency such as Bitcoin. Cryptocurrency expands borders, Loon is expanding her horizons with the upcoming trip to Europe, and we look forward to inviting a new wave of charter guests on board."

Particularly popular with American charterers Loon regularly usually welcomes high-profile guests to explore the Bahamas and Caribbean. This year the 55m Newcastle 5500 series will be chartering Europe from May until October. Although much of the summer season is already booked, Loon has just released dates for the Monaco Grand Prix, Cannes Film Festival, and two other weeks mid-season.

FAQ With the Captain of M/Y LOON, Paul Clarke:

1. What cryptocurrencies does M/Y Loon accept?

We currently accept bitcoin and are open to other cryptocurrencies such as ETH, BCH, DOGE, XRP, etc. However, we would have to review each individual coin offered to make a decision on its value.

2. Many still deem Cryptocurrency as being "Volatile", how will you go about managing this?

We don't see any major drawbacks. It's really just a way to increase our exposure to more clients. As well as, to make it easy for Crypto Whales to charter M/Y Loon without having to sell their Crypto into currency to pay for the charter.

3. Will the whole management of the yacht now be dealt with through cryptocurrency, Ie crew salaries etc?

We will continue to operate the yacht in the usual way, with the additional factor of adding crypto as an additional currency for charter bookings.

4. Who decides to accept crypto? The yacht owner, or the management company?

The decision was made by our owner. Inclusivity is really important to all of us and accepting crypto is another way to expand on this.

With the official @motoryachtloon Instagram account holding more followers than any other Superyacht globally, and Loon crowned the most Instagrammed superyacht to date, the social media platform is the best place to keep up-to-date with everything Loon including the itineraries planned for this

summer, charter availability, and insight into all the luxurious amenities onboard.

Refitted in 2020 this remarkable charter yacht features stabilisers both at anchor and underway. Her sophisticated exterior design and engineering are the work of Murray & Associates, with the lavish interior designed by Claudette Bonville. The 55 M/Y Loon has an abundance of outside space designed for maximum comfort and appreciation of the extraordinary destinations and <u>Superyacht events</u>.

Each exceptional superyacht charter is complimented by exquisite world cuisine and an onboard videographer who films and curates a custom video documenting the guest's experiences both onboard, and whilst out adventuring.

This dedicated crew will soon be sailing for Europe and look forward to an exceptional summer season in the Mediterranean.

For charter enquiries please email info@yachtloon.com, contact your preferred charter broker or message the yacht via their @motoryachtloon profile on Instagram, or www.yachtloon.com

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