# Conrad Empson: From Below Deck to CEO of CrewPass

Conrad Empson started a career in yachting many years ago, and since then has had a starring role on Below Deck and has now launched his own business — <u>CrewPass</u>, an innovative Superyacht crew management software. We recently sat down with Conrad to find out more about how he went from Below Deck to CEO of Crew Pass.



Photo by: Zev Schmitz/Bravo

# What is your current job role and where are you based?

My current job role is Managing Director of <a href="CrewPass">CrewPass</a> and we are based in Southampton — An easy one!

Before starting your career in yachting, what did you do, and did you always know you wanted to work on Superyachts? If not, what made you choose a career path in yachting?

Before I'd heard about working on Superyachts, I had never even considered it. I was in dead-end jobs, just trying to make my way and figure out what I was meant to do. Working on a yacht was mentioned to me by a family member, so I did a bit of research, did my courses and jumped on a plane. There's green crew, and then there was me. I knew absolutely nothing. Luckily, I met a first officer who gave me a chance and taught me everything. I owe where I am now to this guy.

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#### How long had you been working on Superyachts before starring on Below Deck?

I was working on boats for 4 years before I did Below Deck.

How did you find the exposure that came with the show? Do you believe it's played a part in where you are in today?

I went on Below Deck with the intention of showing how

yachting should be done. It wasn't about the exposure or the money, but there was also a sense of wanting to do it for the adventure. At the end of it all, and looking back on it now, it was an incredible experience. I wouldn't advise the crew who are looking to continue their career as crew to do it, but for the position I am now in, it's the best conversation starter you'll ever get. If I were to give any advice to anyone looking to do it, I would suggest thinking before you speak, they will use anything, and it'll stick with you...

# What year did you leave the industry, When did you know it was time to leave yachting and did you have an exit plan?

I left yachting in 2019, and I had no exit plan; I just knew my days of sharing a cabin were over, and I just wanted the normal life of being able to go home every night. The term 'golden handcuffs' is so relevant. We are fortunate to earn so much money in yachting that trying to find a job that pays to sustain that life after it is few and far between. You will have to exit knowing you will generally lose that and need to build your life once more.

## Tell us a bit more about <a href="CrewPass">CrewPass</a>, and how the concept came to be:

During my time working on yachts, I was never <u>background</u> <u>checked</u> to see if I had a criminal record. We have all worked with some odd people that have clearly escaped a life they lived back home. We are asked to sleep next to these people with no proper vetting of who they are. I'm not telling people to accuse their cabin mates, but we've all heard some horror stories, and some could've been prevented with basic checks.

CrewPass was created to provide a safety standard within the industry.

CrewPass is a fairly new business that's rapidly growing in the Superyacht industry, but what's it like to now run your company, and has it been a difficult ride so far?

It's been incredible! We've been up and running for a little over 4 months, and the reception from everyone has been overwhelming. It is no secret that the yachting industry is extremely exclusive and stuck in its ways, so trying to introduce something new was my initial worry. However, as we gained brand awareness, we started to build trust from industry professionals. We now have many <a href="mailto:crew recruitment">crew recruitment</a> agencies and <a href="mailto:vessels">vessels</a> who have welcomed CrewPass one way or another. Plus, we now have one of the biggest agencies in the industry adopting our background checks in their employment process!

# What 3 key bits of advice would you give yacht crew wondering what to do with their life after yachting?

- 1. Always have an end goal but focus and celebrate every little win until you reach that goal.
- 2. Be prepared to start from the bottom again.
- 3. Get used to paying taxes again.



## Where do you see CrewPass in 5 years?

<u>CrewPass</u>'s overall aim is to become part of the standard process for marine employment. This means our background checks will be a common practice by agencies, vessels and crew members. Hopefully, CrewPass will be widely adopted on a global scale! Of course, we strive for CrewPass to be a scalable business with a significant number of sales. However, one of our main milestones is to gain authority in the yachting industry whilst continuing to build long-lasting bonds with other established companies and individuals! We are continuously expanding our services and developing to stay relevant and meet the needs of our customers.

Our customers are very important to us! So, in 5 years, we would love to celebrate having repeat customers, and we hope to build strong customer loyalty/brand affinity!

Finally, as CrewPass grows, we hope to expand our team! In 5 years we anticipate hiring and training a more extensive, substantial team.

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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.

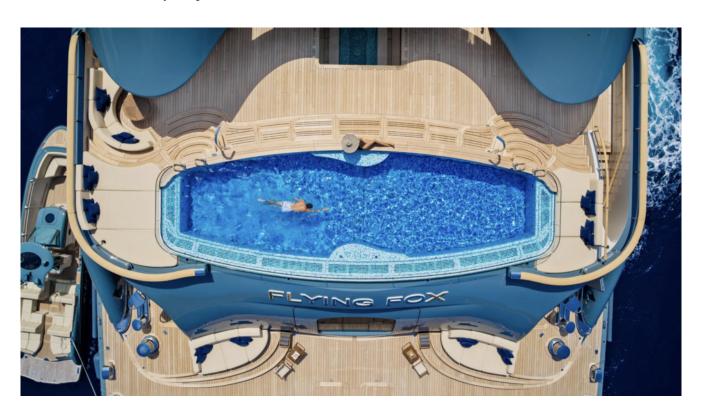
There's a well-stocked superyacht gym full of the latest gym equipment, a terrace for fresh-air yoga, and a gym "menu" spelling out what's on offer for more energetic guests. It's staffed by ex-British military instructors to give guests much-needed motivation to complete their workouts.

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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# Understanding Indonesias New Visa For Yachts

# Indonesias new visa allows easier entry for yachts

Indonesia is easing access for yachts to enter into Bali, Batam, Bintan and Nunukan. Starting with the requirement to quarantine being lifted for arrivals, by air or by sea. And good news for foreign-flagged yachts too, as Indonesias new visa means easier entry for yachts, as the country slowly gets back to pre-Covid times.



Image by <u>Diamond Sanur yacht marina</u>, <u>Bali</u>

### Captain Thomas Taatjas of Asia Pacific Superyachts Bali adds:

"Most importantly, Indonesias new visa that is being rolled out soon that would give 180 days straight away with no extensions. This is exciting news as the previous one needed time consuming extensions at immigration offices every month. It's was previously a real a pain for people cruising",

### \*Also noting Visa on Arrival is currently available only at the airport and not seaports, including Bali.

President **Joko Widodo** recently issued a Presidential Decree regarding visa-free facility for visitors from 90 countries. As well as, a Presidential Decree for easy access for foreign yachts to enter Indonesia — Reported the chairman of the Committee of Public Policy of the ministry of transportation, retired admiral Dr **Marsetya**.

In neighboring countries especially Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand the number of yacht and cruise ship visits was far higher. This is because procedures to get entry permits are easier there; Especially, with regard to custom, immigration, quarantine and port clearance.

### What are the current travel restrictions for Indonesia?

"There is no longer a quarantine when entering Indonesia. Nor is there is no longer a PCR test on arrival, and VOA has been reinstated for many countries" — Captain Thomas Taatjas

\*Noting APS will continue to advise and ensure clients are aware of the last-known situation for entering Indonesia. Additionally, he notes foreign yachts are no

longer requested to have a CAIT (Clearance, Approval for Indonesia Territory) permit to enter the country.

# What is the best time of the year to visit Indonesia by Superyacht?

Year round cruising is possible because Indonesia spans both sides of the equator — meaning it has both north and south hemispheres. Indonesia lies between 10°N and 10°S; meaning it it's out of typhoon and hurricane range. Southern Indonesia (8°S parallel, Komodo, Bali, Java Southern Sumatra, etc) is best between May and October; the Northern Hemisphere (Raja Ampat, Sulawesi, Papua, etc) is best between October and May.

This year-round advantage of the largest tropical archipelago in the world gives Indonesia the potential to be the best cruising destination in the world.

"It just needs the infrastructure to follow" — Captain Thomas

The Southeast Asian country is is home to more than 17,500 Indonesian islands for you to cruise around! You'll be amazed at the diversity, culture and the personality of each and every island. There is a reason why Indonesia's national motto is "Unity in Diversity"...

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# 100m+ Lurssen Project Under Construction

#### 100m+ Lurssen project spotted for the first time

On Monday the 9th of April 2022, a 100m+ <u>Lurssen</u> project was spotted leaving her construction shed at the Lürssen Bremen Lemwerder facility in Germany.

#### 'Project Alibaba'...?



Image by Dr. Duu

Although the Superyacht has been rumoured to be named 'Project Alibaba', confirmation of the name and size remains unknown.

However, she's been estimated to be between 115 and 130 metres in length. Images have been captured of the bow and stern being moved, ahead of the next stage of her build.



Image by Dr. Duu

Further details about the design team, features and specifications remain a secret but from what we can see, she'll be joining the list of the worlds largest Superyachts...



Image by Martin Tolle

The question is — Will this uncovered Lurssen project be as grand as their most recent Superyacht launch, <a href="158m">158m</a> 'Project Blue'?

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# Camper & Nicholsons To Accept Cryptocurrency Payments With BitPay

The global leader in yachting activities <a href="Camper & Nicholsons">Camper & Nicholsons</a> has announced a partnership with <a href="BitPay">BitPay</a>. The decision comes in an effort to expand its customer base by accepting cryptocurrency payments.



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C&N, which specialises in the sale, purchase, charter, marketing, management, construction, project management and insurance believe the ability to accept cryptocurrency enables the 240-year-old company to attract new customers and sales by tapping into the massive crypto marketplace

"We decided to accept crypto to expand our market, cater to new consumer preferences, and give customers more options, flexibility, and freedom," says Paolo Casani, CEO at <u>Camper &</u> <u>Nicholsons</u>. "BitPay manages the entire process and makes it easy and safe to receive crypto from the customer."

The addition of cryptocurrency to C&N's payment options helps lower high fees and increase payment transparency and efficiency. BitPay was the first Crypto company to utilise blockchain technology to facilitate cross-border payments using Cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin (BTC), Bitcoin Cash (BCH), Dogecoin (DOGE), Ethereum (ETH) and Litecoin (LTC). BitPay's corporate solutions prevent transaction fraud, lower payment processing costs, and enable borderless bitcoin payments. C&N obtains settlement in its local fiat currency, such as USD or Euros, the next working day when using BitPay.

"Camper & Nicholsons realises the potential for crypto to transform the yachting industry, making payments faster, more secure, and less expensive on a global scale," said Merrick Theobald, Vice President of Marketing at BitPay. "With the total market cap of crypto approaching \$2 trillion, Camper & Nicholsons is also now well-positioned to take advantage of this wealth by helping those crypto holders who are looking to purchase luxury items like yacht sales and yacht charters."

# Falcon Tenders 'Miss Wonderly' On Show At London Luxury Afloat

#### Meet "Miss Wonderly"

### The Self-Charging Plug-In Hybrid Limousine Yacht Tender

From Thursday 21st to Sunday 24th April 2022, the 10.6m Falcon Tenders 'Miss Wonderly' was showcased at Luxury London Afloat. The boating event took place at St Katharine Docks, London, where 'Miss Wonderly' took center stage on the Thames.

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#### Sustainability At The Core

#### Mark Pascoe adds:

"Sustainability is at the core of the Falcon Tenders brand appealing to the younger generation of yacht owners today as well as being relevant to the owners of tomorrow. We manufacture our main structures and small component mouldings using plant-based epoxy resin coming from the latest innovations in bio-based chemistry.

The hull and deck of the Falcon Tenders 'Miss Wonderly', limousine tender used lightweight foam sandwich construction for a stiff structure. Faired and painted to superyacht standards in high gloss Black Blue and Signal White, all the components are of the highest quality with attention to serviceability and longevity. The edge pressed bamboo veneers used for the main bulkheads in the interior are also sustainably sourced.

# Inside Falcon Tenders 'Miss Wonderly'



Photo by Lloyd Images

#### Mark Pascoe adds:

"Our clients demand the finest materials and extremely close attention to detail. And to excel their needs, we have sourced fine Scottish leather for the interior sofas from hides reared through a unique blend of animal husbandry and fertile grazing; combined with interesting textures and details from Foglizzo and Alcantara. The stone flooring is manufactured from lightweight 6mm porcelain, giving the appearance of natural stone. The interior design concept is to create a feeling of relaxation, calm, tranquillity and warmth, while blending subtle baby cane, metals and pearls Majilite fabrics, with Alcantara headlinings. To be complemented with naturally sourced leathers and veneers and stone flooring.

The main intention was to give the feeling of a Superyacht saloon and not a "water taxi", as so many limousines resemble. This is exemplified by, the sofas which appear to be free standing rather than fixed bench seating; there are occasional corner tables and what appear to be free standing surround sound speakers creating a lounge feeling; and there are a further eight concealed speakers.

In addition, there is a huge central circular skylight feature. This is fitted with compound curved, chemically toughened laminated glass. By doing so, we're creating an amazing feeling of light and space, with blue feature and warm white cluster lighting. Access to the main saloon is via automated glass sliding doors, fitted with an inflatable seal system to prevent any undesirable wind noise or moisture ingress."



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# U-Boat Worx Super Sub Nearer To Completion

Last year U-Boat Worx announced the introduction of the Super Sub — "the fastest private submersible ever conceived."



The first Super Sub is progressing ahead of expectations. As speed and maneuverability are paramount, <u>U-Boat Worx</u> has sought cooperation with world-renowned hydrodynamic specialists, the MARIN Research Institute. The speed expectation of 8 knots has been surpassed and the Super Sub is destined to become a ground-breaking submersible.

### When is the U-Boat Worx Super Sub set to be delivered?

The first Super Sub will be delivered in Spring 2023, with additional build-slots being made available to those seeking a thrilling, dynamic, and comfortable way to investigate the subsea.

To learn more about the U-Boat Worx Nemo Submarine, <u>click</u> here.

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### IGY Trident Collective Offers Exclusive Benefits to Superyacht Owners

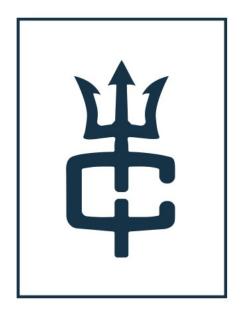
The IGY <u>Trident Collective</u>, the first-ever global collective of superyacht owners, will be launched by Island Global Yachting LLC ("IGY"), the only global network of premium yachting locations and yacht management services. Only a small number of superyacht owners are eligible for this invitation-only private membership programme, which simplifies and enhances superyacht ownership through specialised, next-generation advantages.

Guaranteed global dockage, fuel bunkering, proprietary hull insurance, yacht management, crew service training, yacht agency services, captain and crew benefits, comprehensive

health and wellness solutions, and access to curated lifestyle events and experiences are among the benefits owners can expect. These are all offered in collaboration with best-in-class partners.

"Our goal is to improve the economics and experience of yachting, building on our world-class destination base and yacht management platform," says IGY Trident CEO Tom Mukamal. "People want simplicity in a very difficult and fragmented environment. Between the owner and marina, there are 10-plus different stakeholders. IGY Trident offers a comprehensive set of services administered from a single source."

IGY's global superyacht portfolio includes 23 marinas in 13 countries across the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, and Latin America. In March 2022, IGY acquired the Vieux-Port de Cannes, a 700-slip marina in the centre of the French Riviera. In addition, the company is on track to further expand into some of the most desirable destinations for superyacht owners.



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## IGY Trident Collective's full suite of services

- IGY offers assured dockage access and member pricing on marina services at IGY's 23 marina destinations to IGY Trident members.
- Fairport Yacht Support, IGY's yacht management platform, provides exclusive IGY Trident member pricing and access to yacht management services, including financial administration, crew management, and technical boat support.
- World Fuel Services gives access to a dedicated 24/7 technical team, transparent member pricing, and carbon

- offset credits, as well as member pricing on global petroleum bunkering.
- Navium Marine provides access to its exclusive hull insurance to IGY Trident Collective members. Vessels participating in the programme receive coverage conditions that are equal to or better than their present coverage.
- BWA Yachting offers global yacht agency and concierge services with benefits specifically for IGY Trident members.
- Forbes Travel Guide engages directly with IGY Trident members' superyacht crews to conduct specialised superyacht crew service training. The best-in-class professional development curriculum is tailored for superyacht crews. It is based on the concepts of exceptional service taught by FTG's highly experienced trainers.
- VIGILINT provides IGY Trident members with a comprehensive health and wellness solution via its industry-leading *Global MedAssist Program*, delivering 24/7, real-time medical consultation, comprehensive care, critical care transport, and access to a Cleveland Clinic specialist.

#### The IGY Trident Community

IGY Trident intends to host innovative, intimate member events and experiences around the globe. Included are private concerts and invite-only social gatherings designed for superyacht owners.

"We know our superyacht owner clients have an interest in attending special events with other like-minded owners," Mukamal says. "Trident brings together a community of superyacht owners, opening doors for communication and dealings both inside and outside of yachting."

# The UK's Top 7 Fine-Dining Restaurants For Charter Guests

### Visiting the UK by Superyacht in 2022?

When it comes to fine dining, the UK is spoilt with high-end Michelin-starred restaurants and creative chefs. Today we've teamed up with MGMT Yachts, the UK's leading superyacht agent, to put together our Top 7 of the UK's fining dining restaurants we think your guests would love whether they're looking to dine alone, with family and friends, or with business associates. It's an activity that you need to add to their itinerary. The UK's top 7 fine-dining restaurants listed below offer a selection of Michelin star menus cooked by some of the top chefs around the globe. Your guests can expect the highest quality cuisine in unique settings.



### The UK's Top 7 fine-dining restaurants:

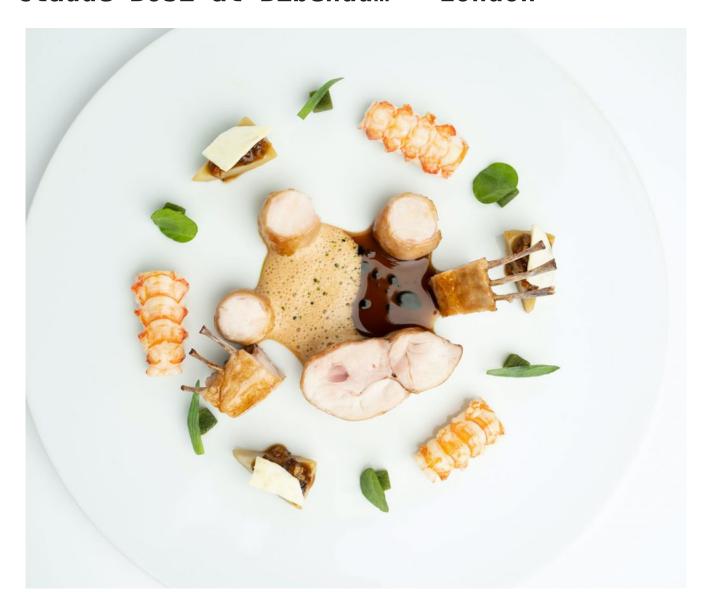
#### L'Enclume - Cartmel, Lake District



- Michelin Stars \*\*\*
- Chef Simon Rogan

Set in The Lake District, a must-visit for most UK tourists. This stunning restaurant is where culinary creativity harnesses the powerful connection between food and nature. The ingredients used in the restaurant come from their Farm and trusted, long-standing suppliers. The chefs at L'Enclume are committed to fresh, local, and seasonal produce that sets their food apart while ensuring a truly traceable dining experience only using exceptional, mostly homegrown ingredients that are harvested in their prime. That is why their tasting menus change as often as the weather in which the ingredients grow.

#### Claude Bosi at Bibendum - London



- Michelin Stars \*\*
- Chef Claude Bosi

Located on the 1st floor of Michelin House, beautiful stained glass windows boast a beautiful setting to arguably one of the most attractive dining rooms. Claude Bosi's cuisine is reassuringly simple, allowing ingredients to be highlighted by their seasonal qualities. Head chef Francesco runs an immaculately presented kitchen, which provides a fascinating backdrop to the guests' dining experience.

#### Restaurant Gordon Ramsay — Chelsea, London



- Michelin Stars \*\*\*
- Chef Matt Abe

In 1998, at the age of 31, Gordon set up his first whollyowned restaurant, Restaurant Gordon Ramsay, in Chelsea. Combining an intimate ambience with exquisite French cuisine by 2001, the restaurant had gained three Michelin stars, which the establishment retains today. This intimate restaurant seats 45 guests. Surrounded by the stylish interiors designed by Fabled Studio, combining contemporary elegance and unparalleled service, Restaurant Gordon Ramsay has the hallmark of true excellence.

#### Core by Clare Smyth — Notting Hill, London



À la carte menu at Core by Clare Smyth

- Michelin Stars \*\*\*
- Chef Clare Smyth

Core is an elegant fine dining restaurant focusing on natural, sustainable food sourced from the UK's most dedicated farmers and food producers. Core boasts a modern space with an emphasis on its classic and imaginative dishes. This is all thanks, Clare Smyth. Who won the world's best female chef award by the World's 50 Best Restaurants. The beautifully crafted dishes haven't gone unnoticed and have received numerous awards, including three stars in the 2021 Michelin Guide, 10/10 in the Good Food Guide, and many more. Visit here, and you will

experience the highest quality of food with a pinch of imagination.

#### The Kitchin, Edinburgh



- Michelin Stars \*
- Chef Tom Kitchin

The Kitchin presents modern British cuisine, influenced by French cooking techniques and an appreciation of the best quality ingredients available from Scotland's fantastic natural larder. The cooking at this restaurant reflects Chef Tom Kitchin's training under some of the world's best chefs, blended with his Scottish heritage.

The Kitchin resides in a converted whisky bonded warehouse in Edinburgh's old dock area of Leith. Designed around the original stone and wood features, the dining room is intimate, cosy, and relaxed. Guests can view Chef and his team through a glass window in the main dining room, allowing them to enjoy the theatre of cooking.

#### House of Tides- Newcastle



Food Gallery at House of Tides

- Michelin Stars \*
- Chef Kenny Atkinson

Kenny Atkinson and his wife Abbie run this beautiful, restored townhouse restaurant. Their vision for House of Tides was to create a casual and informal space where guests felt comfortable and relaxed. They achieved this with their informal dining restaurant with two floors; the ground floor has 16th-century flagstones and exposed beams, creating a rustic atmosphere. Then, the first floor has a beautiful view of the River Tyne. The restaurant is Newcastle's only One Star Michelin and Four AA Rosetta awarded restaurant. The main dining area is unpretentious, and the vibrant dishes are served to contrast with the muted coloured interior.

#### Mere - Fitzrovia, London



- Michelin Stars None awarded yet
- Chef Monica Galetti

Finally, Mere is known for its high-end South Pacific-influenced French cuisine and a strong wine list. The restaurant is elegant and contemporary, offering a relaxed and refined dining experience. The decoration, ambience, food, and service cannot be faulted. Monica Galetti, the professional judgment of MasterChef, and her French-born husband David have created an exquisite restaurant with luxurious food that does not disappoint.

Want to book your visit to one of the UK's top 7 fine-dining restaurants? Contact info@mgmtyacht.com and speak to one of the team.

<u>Click here</u> to find out all of the must-see places to visit in the UK

#### 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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# Royal Huisman Project 410: The World's Largest Sloop

Royal Huisman has announced 85m Project 410. The Sloop, which will be the largest in the world provides a 'revolutionary'

step into the future for superyachts.



The experienced owner seeks to create a 'leading-edge project that is head-turning, arresting and iconic'. Additionally, the client requested the vessel provides all the safety features, comforts and luxuries of a mega yacht.

Frers Design and Wetzels Brown collaborated to provide the concept that the owner chose to meet the specific brief. Mani Frers designed a revolutionary sloop with a novel blend of naval architecture, ingenious use of space and structures, and breathtaking exterior design. Alongside this, Gill Brown's interesting and unexpected interiors transport guests into a new world. The plans are complete after a year of intense work, and the exciting preparations for the construction phase have begun.

#### Project 410 features an ecofriendly design

Perhaps the most exciting news about Project 410, is its energy efficiency and sustainability features. The project has

a strong focus on structural recyclability and renewable energy, as well as quiet operation and silent mode sailing. The boat will use low-impact, recyclable materials to generate remarkable effects whenever possible. As well as this, Project 410 features a future-proofed design, to ensure it can adapt to any major technological advancements.

Because the yacht will be capable of regenerating energy while sailing, the revolutionary technology Royal Huisman will deploy on Project 410 qualifies for the new Lloyd's "Hybrid Power" accreditation. A massive 2-megawatt battery bank enables silent and fume-free propulsion while also ensuring maximum sustainability.

#### A word from Royal Huisman CCO Peter Naeyé:

"It is an extraordinary honour to be entrusted with a project of such scale, ambition, and technical sophistication. This unique Project 410 perfectly reflects 'who we are and what we do' at Royal Huisman. A true performance superyacht with supersized dimensions, and full of technical innovations. This project is already iconic in every aspect and will be built by the finest craftsmen in the world in full collaboration with her talented designers. We're all going to enjoy the realisation of bespoke excellence embraced with 'New World' technology."

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#### Rivergate Marina and Shipyard

# Approved For \$200 Million Expansion



#### What's new at Rivergate Marina?

Brisbane City Council recently approved Rivergate Marina and Shipyard development application for an expanded Superyacht maintenance and refit hub based on the Brisbane River. The expansions would be the catalyst for a jobs, alongside an array of benefits for Queensland's marine and tourism industries.

The proposed expansion of the Brisbane marina is set to dramatically increase Superyacht visitation to Australia, while also providing vital new capability to service Australian Defence Force and Australian Border Force vessels.

### Key elements of the expansion include:

- A \$35 million state-of-the-art shiplift capable of lifting vessels of up to 3,000 tonnes and 90 metres,
- A new hardstand space
- Sheds and berthing to service multiple large vessels at the same time.
- A new 5-storey purpose-built facility featuring training rooms, offices, café, world-class crew accommodation and crew recreation facilities.



A new 5-storey purpose-built Trade Centre for Excellence will focus on industry skills and training.

On completion, the expansion would generate an estimated 2,000 new jobs for marine and tourism sectors! It was also inject close to \$1 billion into the Queensland economy each year, and ensure the region's maritime industry is ready for the 2032 Olympic Games.



There will be outdoor space for recreational and socialising while at Rivergate.

## Rivergate Marina and Superyacht Shipyard Director, Tom Hill adds:

"This approval means our expansion is now shovel ready and just waiting on government funding support to get under way."

"Brisbane is already an ideal location for servicing and repairing Superyachts, several classes of Defence vessels and other commercial shipping. This expansion would provide owners and captains of large recreational vessels with the assurance that world-class facilities are available for both routine and unplanned maintenance works while they are cruising in our region. Not only this, but it'll fill a much-needed gap in Defence and commercial vessel maintenance on Australia's east coast. Eliminating the current necessity for some vessel classes to be serviced elsewhere in Australia such as Perth or Adelaide due to a lack of lifting capacity"



Available to Owners and crew, the Captains' lounge and library are integral parts of the plan.

Rivergate Marina and Shipyard, Brisbane was established in 2006 and is widely respected for its skilled trades, safe environment, and warm hospitality. It is a customs clearance marina that offers deep water access on all tides, near-perfect weather for year-round operations, and easy access to capital city services — Including the 24-hour Brisbane International Airport only 10 minutes away.

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