

Why The Canary Islands & Azores Are Perfect Mid-Atlantic Stops In 2022

The Med Season is fast approaching, which means yachts and their crew will begin their journey across the Atlantic into the Mediterranean seas. But why Are The Canary Islands & Azores the Top Mid-Atlantic Stops in 2022? [AYSS Yacht Support](#) currently has 21 Superyacht Agents located within the Med region to support vessels and crew upon arrival. However, since the global Superyacht network also has representatives in the Mid-Atlantic, we are able to share what makes them a good stop-off for captains and crews.

The Azores



Image by Azores Getaways

Historically, The Azores have been a favorite stopover for sailors, but 2022 is looking particularly busy with Superyachts set to flock to The Islands to stop-off, typically for fuel, before continuing on to the Med. While not

previously being on the list of top Mid-Atlantic stops for Captains, 2022 deems different. Crew have realised they've been missing a trick all these years and they've decided to act upon it.

Things for captains, crew, and guests to do in the Azores:

1. Explore the marine life in untouched waters

The series of nine volcanic islands in the North Atlantic Ocean attract a great deal of Marine Life in the Mid-Atlantic, much different from the sealife you'd find in the Caribbean or the Bahamas. With deep, crystal waters, guests and crew can go snorkeling, shallow-water diving, or adventure into the depths to deep water dive and whale-watch from up close.

2. Swim in Varadouro's rock pools

Formed by basaltic *rocks* that were formed with the solidification of lava in the ocean, Varadouros rock pools offer one of the most unique swimming spots in the world.



3. Cook your dinner inside a volcano

The town of Furnas is located on So Miguel, the largest island in the Azores and the mouth of an active volcano. The town is home to hot springs, which are too hot to bath in however, ideal for cooking. You'll often find locals in the community visiting the springs to make hot drinks and food.

4. Wine tasting

It's been said for centuries that the volcanic soil in the Azores gives their wine the most distinct taste, leaving visitors coming back for more. Visiting an Azorian Vineyard will give yourself, the other crew members, or the guests a unique experience and understanding of how the community uses the local technique of 'growing the vines in currais'.

5. Take a Jeep tour/hiking tour

You're surrounded by breathtaking landscapes, mountains, and waterfalls, so why not make the most of it? Go exploring by foot, or hire a jeep, with a tour guide to make the most of the scenic beauty on your short stay in the Azores.

The Canary Islands



A Spanish Archipelago off the northwestern coast of Africa, The Canary Islands are made up of 7 islands: Tenerife, Fuerteventura, Gran Canaria, Lanzarote, La Palma, La Gomera, and El Hierro. Over time, more and more Superyachts have been yacht spotted arriving in the canaries to re-fuel, berth, and store, but this year more so than ever before has seen a spike in interest from Crew and their guests inquiring about

exploring what the islands have to offer.

Things for Captains, crew, and guests to do in the Canary Islands:

1. Visit the underwater sculpture museum

Off the coast of Lanzarote (East of the Canary Islands), 15 metres deep underwater you'll be greeted by the Atlántico museum, with 35 sculptures sitting in the depths.



Image by Jason Decaires Taylor

2. Get active

The volcanic heritage of the Canary Islands makes it a paradise for sports and outdoor activities of all types, including kitesurfing, trekking, mountain biking, bird watching, and dolphin and whale watching. Or, why not take a hike through one of the islands' many national parks, such as Caldera de Taburiente National Park in La Palma or Teide in Tenerife.

3. Book a stargazing tour

Did you know the Canary Islands are one of the top-rated places on the globe to stargaze? The night skies are clear and are legally protected to prevent light and radio wave pollution and control flight patterns! Unbeatable observatories are available on Tenerife, La Palma, and Fuerteventura where you can participate in guided stargazing tours.

4. Visit a wellness spa

Whether you're looking for a location to sit and relax or to participate in beach yoga sessions, volleyball, paddle boarding, or swimming, the canary islands' mineral-rich springs are renowned for attracting wellness tourism.

5. Wine and dine

Take some time to step onshore and enjoy the canary islands cuisine – seafood, wines, cheeses, and fruit, like the famous Canarian banana. The choice is yours whether you'd like to fine-dine one of the islands Michelin star restaurants, or opt to Eat how the locals do: share tapas, fresh seafood, and traditional foods (typically made from locally sourced ingredients)



[Kabuki Restaurant – Canary Islands](#)

Superyacht Services For Mid-Atlantic Stops This Coming Med Season:

Azores

Located 100m north of the marina bar and monitors VHF, [Mid Atlantic Yacht Services](#) has been solving problems for vessels crossing the Atlantic for 30 years. They provide ide a full range of comprehensive services for Yachts, crew, and owners; both ashore and afloat. Some of which include:

- Agency services and bunkered fuel
 - Parts & equipment – worldwide importation and logistics
 - Crew changes – travel/accommodations
 - Mail and parcel holding
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Canary Islands

Located at the crossroads of the Atlantic, where yachts from Europe, the Mediterranean, and America congregate, [Incargo S.L](#) in the ports of Las Palmas and Tenerife S.L welcome yachts for a selection of services for Captains and Crew. Some of which include:

- Bunkering
 - Drydocking
 - Spare parts
 - Chandlery crew changes
 - Cash-to-master
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Madeira, Spain

Acting as ship agents in the ports of Funchal, Porto Santo, and Caniçal – Madeira Islands for the past 130 years, [JFM Shipping](#) offers full port agency services, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Some of which include:

- Bunkering brokers
 - Fuel
 - Garbage collection
 - Crew attendance / repatriations
 - Coordination of spares and crew
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Cascais, Portugal

Located in central Western Europe, [Amunsden Marine Services](#) will support Captains and crew to ensure they have the ideal mid-Atlantic stop. They are prepared to serve you in the

following Ports in Portugal: Vila Real de Santo Antonio, Tavira, Faro, Vilamoura, Albufeira, Alvor, Lagos, Baleeira, Vila Nova de Milfontes, Sines, Setubal, Sesimbra, Lisbon, Cascais, Ericeira, Peniche, Figueira da Foz, Aveiro, Porto, and Viana do Castelo. A selection of their services include:

- Berth reservations
 - Transport
 - Crew assistance
 - Pilotage
 - Provisions
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Cadiz, Spain

[Puerto Sherry Marina & Progesco Services](#), located in Cadiz Bay and recognised as “The Gate to the Med-Atlantic coasts” is a unique Marina with an array of services for Captains and Crew. Some of which include:

- Yacht Management
 - IP Technology & Internet
 - Bunkering
 - On-the-Fly Naval Repairs
 - Equipment & Materials
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Bermuda Yacht Services, North Atlantic

To conclude the list of agents in the 2022 Mid-Atlantic stops, With 40+ years of experience in the Superyacht Industry, [Bermuda Yacht Services](#) is labeled the leading yacht agency in the North Atlantic. With one Captain commenting:

“A wholehearted recommendation for Bermuda Yacht Services. The tangible features of this for the Captains and crew visiting include... A concierge service to rival even the longest established yachting agencies in the world.”

A selection of their services include:

- Bunkering
- Logistics
- Port Agent
- Provisions
- Technicals



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2022 Palm Beach International Boat Show – What To Expect

The 2022 Palm Beach International Boat Show is back! The Superyacht event will be held from the 28th of April to the 1st of May Palma's Moll Vell.



When and where will the boat show be held:

To kickstart the Mediterranean yachting season, many exhibitors are set to unveil new products at the 40th annual Palm Beach International Boat Show! The yachting event will take place on Thursday, March 24th through to Sunday, March 27th. Located along Flagler Drive, in downtown West Palm Beach, directly across the Intracoastal Waterway from Palm Beach Island.

Show Schedule:

- Thursday, 3/24: 12 pm – 7 pm
- Friday, 3/25: 10 am – 7 pm
- Saturday, 3/26: 10 am – 7 pm
- Sunday, 3/27: 10 am – 5pm

What to expect:

- For 2022, more than \$1.2 billion worth of Superyachts, yachts, and accessories, including a large mass of boats ranging from 8-foot inflatables to superyachts nearly 300 feet in length will be on show.
- A luxury Sustainable Catering Service provided by the Fort Lauderdale-based catering company, 'Proof of the pudding'.
- Seminars on various unique topics for Captains and Crew, discussing cruising, sailing, fishing, yachting, and more.
- For guests looking for a VIP experience, you have the option of the 'Winward VIP experience', giving you access to One-Day Show Access to the 2022 Palm Beach International Boat Show, the Windward VIP Club at the Lakeside Pavilion on Flagler Drive, A Premium Open Bar, Gourmet Food, and Pop-up Sponsorship Activations, Early

access to the show one hour early, on Fri, Sat, and Sun through the Palm Harbour North entrance, and a One-Day General Admission Access to the Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary Art Fair.

4 Hottest Superyachts attending the 2022 Palm International Boat show:

1. 85.3M M/Y Bold



2. Abeking and Rasmussen 68m M/Y Soaring



3. Benettis 63M M/Y 11.11



4. Heesen Yachts 47m M/Y Odyssea



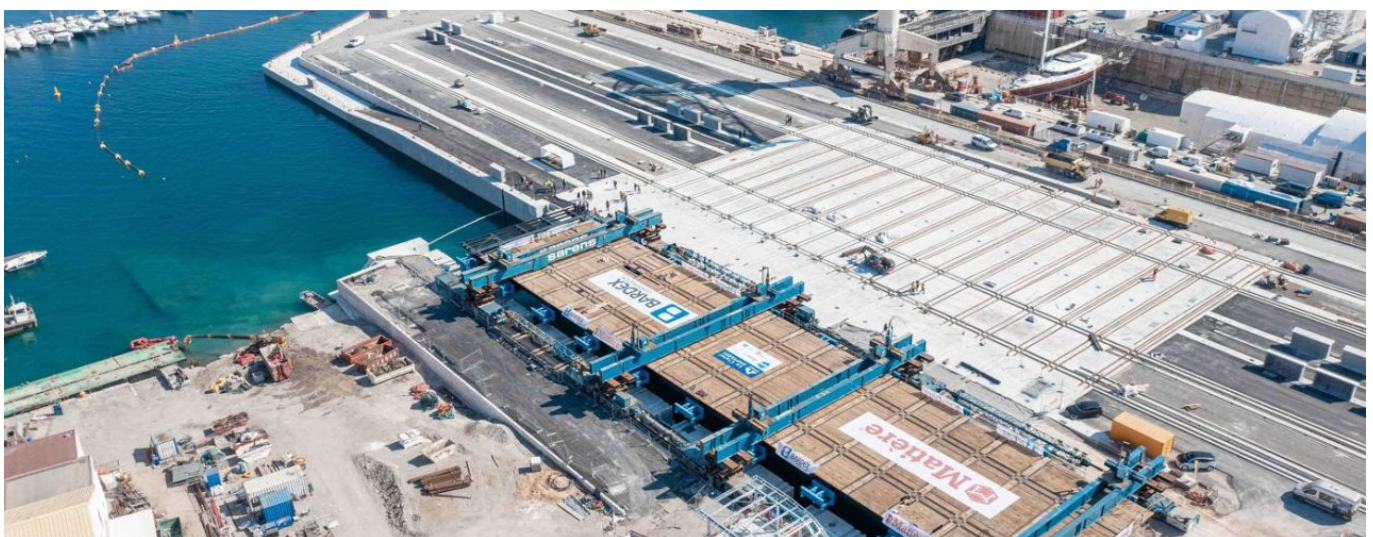
2022 Palm Beach International Boat Show Tickets can be found by, [Clicking here.](#)

- General Admission – Palm Beach International Boat Show Tickets
- Superyacht Show Palm Beach – Palm Beach International Boat Show Tickets
- Winward VIP experience -Palm Beach International Boat Show Tickets

To view more of the up-and-coming yacht events, make sure to check out our [Superyacht Events Calendar.](#)

MB92 La Ciotat Superyacht Shipyard Closer To Completion

[MB92](#) La Ciotat, France's leading superyacht refit shipyard, announced that a major milestone has been reached in the construction of the platform, maintaining the shipyard's schedule for the opening of the facility as planned this autumn for yachts up to 115-metres in length.



What's new?

Following the delivery last summer of the main elements of the structure and 9 months of engineering work on-site, the Matière-Bardex team has now completed the complex task of assembling and moving the lifting platform to its final position. At 100 metres in length, equivalent to a football pitch, and 20 metres wide, the platform weighs 1,100 tonnes and required a team of 20 people and 3 hours to carry out the exceptional manoeuvre of moving the shiplift structure and 2 days for the final installation in the concrete recess.

The innovative Bardex lifting system which includes 20 chain jacks is now being installed and features a hydraulic ram and chain system expressly designed to increase safety and reduce maintenance.



The Installation of the world's largest artificial harbour-based fish nursery:

The platform's docks have been equipped with a biomimetic solution supplied by the company Seaboost. Based on the complex structure of Posidonia seagrass, this solution creates an effective, integrated, and safe environment that will encourage the reproduction of local marine species.

In addition to the nursery, La Ciotat Shipyards, the local port authority, have administered an exemplary project, implementing numerous environmental measures during the construction phase such as soil decontamination, reuse of materials on-site, installation of a double bubble curtain, and anti-sediment curtains to protect cetaceans and water quality.

Mathieu Bauden, MB92 La Ciotat Facilities Director comments:

"This is a key stage in the delivery of the 4300t platform which leaves us well-positioned as we enter the final six months of the project. The next important steps are the delivery of the control building, the installation of all energy networks, reception of the transfer system, the cradles, and final testing followed by certification by Lloyds this summer."

Vincent Escallier, Commercial Director of MB92 La Ciotat added:

"We are all looking forward to the imminent opening of our new facility and this latest accomplishment brings us one step closer. It's an extraordinary piece of infrastructure that complements the wide range of lifting options available to clients of our shipyard."

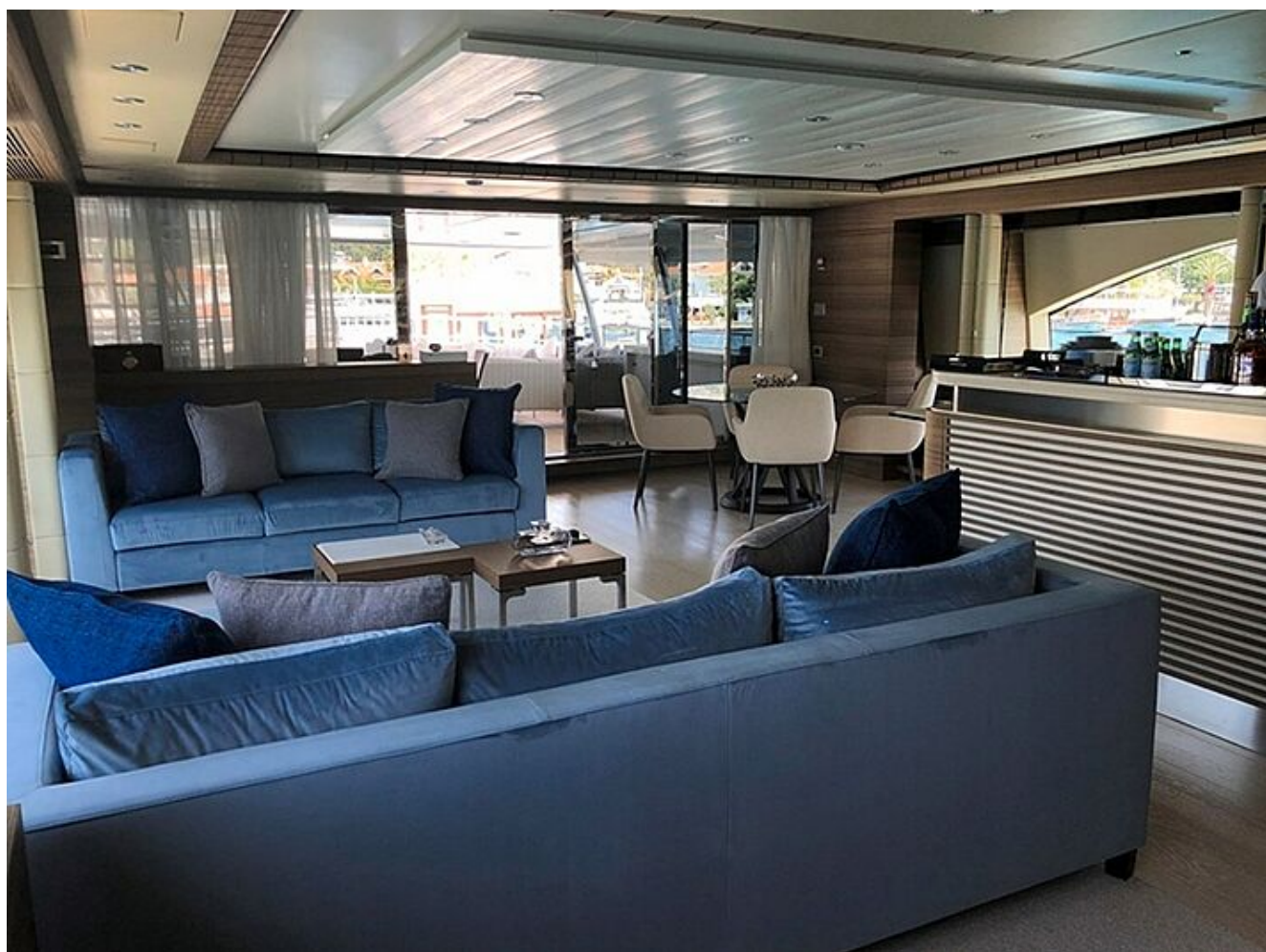
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SuperYachtsMonaco Sells M/Y Oryx using Bitpay – Yacht Broker Interview

An Interview with Juan Andrade, the yacht broker who represented SuperYachtsMonaco on the sale of Benetti Yachts 40m M/Y ORYX using Cryptocurrency

SuperYachtsMonaco is proud to announce they are now accepting Bitpay as a form of payment. The 40.2m Benetti superyacht ORYX was recently sold for €9.9m through the Monaco brokerage, using a cryptocurrency payment provider. Simon Goldsworthy and Hans Van Doornmalen of [Edmiston](#) represented the seller, whilst standing in for the buyer during negotiations was [SuperYachtMonaco](#)s, Juan Andrade.







Accepting yacht payments through [Bitpay](#) is a new feature for SuperYachtsMonaco. The desire to purchase and charter yachts using cryptocurrency is ever-increasing, with more and more companies adopting new technologies to facilitate this demand.

"The ability to accept cryptocurrency enables SuperYachtsMonaco to attract new customers and sales by tapping the massive crypto marketplace," said Juan Andrade. "Bitpay manages the entire process and makes it easy to receive crypto from the customer and adapt their approach to each client's personal situation."

The yacht itself features an interior updated in 2018/19 courtesy of [Francois Zuretti](#), with an exterior design by Stefano Righini. ORYX yacht is an excellent showcase of the

popular Benetti Classic Supreme model and has timeless appeal. The vessel accommodates up to 10 guests across five cabins, including a full-beam Owner's suite with his and her's bathroom on the main deck forward.

An exclusive interview with Juan Andrade

1. When did SuperYachtsMonaco decide to introduce Bitpay as a form of payment for yacht sales, yacht charter, and yacht management?

Juan: "Back in September last year, the client approached me to explain that he wanted to purchase his first yacht through SuperYachtsMonaco, but he wanted to pay using Bitpay. From there, I said ok and went and did my research on the logistics around cryptocurrency to see my options, which is when I approached Bitpay."

2. How long did it take you to set up Bitpay?

Juan: "I'd say about a month, to a month and a half. The process was quite straightforward and by around November, we were ready to move forward with the transaction process. Still to this day, I'm not a cryptocurrency expert however, I now know a lot more and it's opened a whole new market for the Superyacht Industry. "

3. What are the key benefits for a client to go down the route of purchasing a

yacht using cryptocurrency?

Juan: "I think each benefit is different for every client as they will have their own reasons to support their decision to buy a yacht in crypto, rather than fiat money. But, for SuperYachtsMonaco brokerage, the main benefit is that in regards to the transaction process, the banks aren't involved which makes the process a lot quicker.

4. Did you find any challenges along the journey?

Juan: "The process was simple, and the only challenge we found was not many people understand or trust cryptocurrency. People still have a lot of questions about Bitcoin and the culture around them, but the process on behalf of SuperYachtsMonaco is fully understood and easily done."

5. Will the yacht be managed using Cryptocurrency?

Juan: "Without commenting on a specific yacht, I do know that there are vessels out there that now manage the whole yacht using Bitpay, right the way down to crew salaries. It will only be a matter of time before we see this occurring on more yachts around the globe"

5. Will SuperYachtsMonaco continue to offer Bitpay as a form of digital payment for their clients?

[Georgia](#), Head of Marketing at SuperYachtsMonaco comments:

"100%. We've now developed our website, with an added landing page specifically for Bitpay. We are now ready to accept almost all cryptocurrencies for sales and charters. Since the sale of Benettis 40m M/Y ORYX, we've also had another client

charter a yacht with us using digital assets."

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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 [West Nautical](#)'s Client Manager, [Claire Sinclair](#) 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.



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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 [S/Y 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!



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

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ISA Yachts 80m 'Project Amarcord' To Begin Construction

[ISA Yachts](#), a Palumbo Yachts brand has announced the beginning of construction on a new 80m project, Amarcord. The vessel, which features a design penned by [Nuvolari Lenard](#) is due to be delivered to her prospective owner in 2025.

"We are confident that Nuvolari Lenard can best interpret such a beloved brand as ISA Yachts, starting from our 80m already under construction. This will be an opportunity to work with them on other interesting innovations in the stylistic field", comments Giuseppe Palumbo, Sole Director of Palumbo Superyachts.



The exterior design of Project Amarcord.

Nuvolari Lenard's mission is to style the outside of the superyacht in a way that captures ISA Yachts' blend of beauty and strength. With this in mind, Amarcord features a sophisticated and futuristic exterior design, with clean lines and a sharp profile. The elongated bow and cascading decks to aft add to the sleek look the Italian design house is trying to achieve.

"We are designing a yacht that conceptually and stylistically connects with the many others built by ISA Yachts so far. It is not an easy task, considering that ISA boats have always had a strong personality and the ultimate goal is to further strengthen it by 'dressing' it with an innovative, recognisable and unique style", comments Carlo Nuvolari.

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Marina du Vieux Port de Cannes development

Marina du Vieux Port de Cannes SAS has signed a 30-year concession agreement to modernise the Vieux Port de

Cannes .

Located in the heart of the French- Riviera, [Vieux Port de Cannes](#), and [Port Pierre Canto](#) are both amongst the first transatlantic stopovers in Europe. At present, Port de Cannes can accommodate 60 Superyachts up to 65m, while Port Pierre Canto can accommodate Superyachts up to 90m, with 40 berths available for yachts over 30m.



This will be the 23rd marina in [Island Global Yachting's \(IGY\)](#) worldwide network. Marina du Vieux Port de Cannes development programme will feature 727 berths and will see the modernisation of the technical area including the refueling station, a semi-covered parking lot with 519 spaces, and the creation of an entirely new Harbor Master's Office and service centre. As well as, the relocation of the careening area and a fisherman village – due to be completed by January 2024.

Among the new services included in the plan are concierge services, an electric shuttle connecting Vieux Port de Cannes and Port Canto, and the areas within the Vieux Port de Cannes. Those with reduced mobility will also be catered to with adapted berths. With IGY and Fayat as shareholders,

modernizing, enhancing, and increasing the capacity of the Vieux Port de Cannes' land and maritime infrastructure will see an improvement in the quality of services available to port users and see huge benefits for large vessels.

Marina du Vieux Port de Cannes will become a model of ecological protection, technological innovation, and sustainable development with numerous environmental initiatives from underwater drones to inspect pollution to a carbon offsetting program. The use of sustainable energy sources, monitoring water quality, and zero-emission fuels will all aid in the transformation of Vieux Port de Cannes into what Tom Makuamal, CEO of IGY says will be the "the best-in-class maritime destination" and "introduce the exceptional destination into the global maritime community", adds Emmanuel Messian, the port director.

"honoured that the city of Cannes has entrusted IGY and Fayat with the management and development of this world-renowned site" and looks "forward to transforming the Vieux Port de Cannes" -The CEO of IGY

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Pendennis Yachts 58m M/Y Seawolf Rebuild Project

Pendennis Yachts 58m M/Y Seawolf

rebuild project arrives in Falmouth, UK

The Pendennis Yachts 58m M/Y Seawolf rebuild will take place in their headquarters in Falmouth, Cornwall. The 1956 classic motor yacht was towed from Holland and brought into the [Pendennis](#) non-tidal wet basin prior to her haul out later this month.



Image by Pendennis

58m M/Y Seawolf rebuild will include new luxury guest and crew interiors, exterior styling modifications, extensive engineering, and electrical work, and a full repaint of the hull and superstructure.

The Owners commented:

“We enjoyed cruising the Cornish coastline and visiting Pendennis in 2020 and are pleased to be returning to such a beautiful location and professional shipyard. We are looking forward to the project and working with the team from Pendennis”.

Toby Allies, Joint Managing Director at Pendennis commented

“The whole team at Pendennis is really pleased to welcome M/Y Seawolf and her crew to Falmouth this week. Pendennis has developed a strong reputation over the years for successfully carrying out large scale rebuild projects for our Owners. The scope and scale of the project is really exciting for us and will utilise many of our in-house trade specialists. We’re looking forward to the project and working with the Owners and their team on the 58m M/Y Seawolf and delivering her back to them for her next adventure.”

To keep up to date with the development of the 58m M/Y Seawolf rebuild, click [here](#).

Thailand's Borders reopen for Yacht Charter

It has recently been announced that Thailand's borders will reopen for yacht charter, after their initial closing in March 2020.

As of this month, Thailand's borders have reopened to visitors who are fully vaccinated and hold a [Thailand Pass](#) under their Test and Go Scheme. As well as this, other travel restrictions have been relaxed; including restrictions regarding mandatory quarantine periods.

See the updates on Thailand's travel restrictions below:



Phi Phi Islands, Thailand. Photo by [Evan Krause](#)

With Thailand's borders reopen, travellers are now allowed into the country if they:

- Have a Thailand Pass (must be fully vaccinated)
- Possess a medical certificate indicating a positive result not less than 14 days, and no more than 90 days before departure
- Quarantine in prepaid accommodation. This has been reduced to one night only. For those arriving by yacht, a stay aboard is sufficient.
- Hold a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of departure
- Take an additional PCR test on arrival, with a further

ATK Self-test administered on days 5-6

In regards to the Thailand Pass, it is heavily advised that travellers submit their registration at least 7 days ahead of departure, as the current processing time is 3-7 days.

Visiting Thailand

The news comes as a great pleasure to yacht crew, as the World's third Superyacht destination has an array of amenities to offer. From tropical temperatures to idyllic scenery; high mountain peaks to gold-sand beaches, Thailand has it all. Thailand is a superyacht destination where you'll never be short of things to do and see! To find out why head over to our recent article on '[the top reasons to plan a trip to Thailand.](#)'

As well as visiting Thailand by Superyacht, it's an ideal location for yacht crew to visit on holiday. More to the point, it's an ideal, peaceful getaway that's great for mental health and shifting your mindset. The tropical island of Koh Tao is the home to a popular retreat amongst yachties – [Deishaview](#). Perhaps you are dealing with big life changes or feel like you've hit a plateau in your life? Thailand's no.1 retreat allows you to regain your thoughts and connect with others who may be feeling the same way.

All in all, with Thailand's borders reopened, it's time to start considering your 2022 travel plans.

For the latest travel news for yacht crew, [click here](#).

Hurricane Hole Superyacht Marina Open Soon

Developers of the [Hurricane Hole Superyacht Marina's](#) spectacular renovation and expansion, Sterling Global Financial, have announced that the new Superyacht marina will be fully operational and ready to welcome yachts and their guests in April 2022.

Putting the finishing touches on the famous marina's total redevelopment and redesign, the Nassau-based construction team is completing the final stages of construction and installing the custom-built docks. A limited number of slips are left for sale. Rental bookings are now available starting April 1, 2022.

Designed and constructed to the highest standards of quality and design, the marina's perimeter has now been expanded to over 6,100 linear feet of deep-water floating and fixed concrete docks. With docks up to 420 feet the marina now has a 240-feet-wide turning basin and 14.5' depth below average tide. Yacht captains and crew will have access to separate pools, lounge, and gym facilities dedicated to them. Alongside, 24-hour security and onsite customs, members will have access to state-of-the-art fitness centres, swimming pools, meeting rooms, and charter management services to use and enjoy. The marina will also provide laundry facilities, in-slip fueling, and 400-amp/480-volt power that all contribute to the property's unique appeal.

The marina's mixed-use component, Sterling Commons, which includes residential, retail restaurants, and facilities is conveniently positioned next to the marina. Sterling Commons also has a private bank and trust, as well as executive office spaces offering daily and monthly office leases. A flagship

retail store for 700 Wine and Spirits is now open and will be followed by a gourmet grocery store and waterfront restaurants. The master-planned yachting village's residential component will eventually feature luxurious dockside residences and ample amenities for owners, guests, and yacht crew. The first phase of residential condominiums is sold out. Sterling is now taking reservations for Phase 2, which will be available soon.

David Kosoy, Executive Chairman and Founder of Sterling Global Financial, the projects developer, manager, and owner comments:

"We are very proud of this momentous accomplishment and believe Hurricane Hole Superyacht Marina and Paradise Landing will benefit Bahamian tourism for generations to come. We set out to create the greatest yachting destination in The Bahamas and I believe we are close to achieving that goal".



Image by Hurricane Hole Superyacht Marina

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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 [Superyacht events.](#)

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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71m Superyacht KOG0 listed for sale with Superyachts Monaco

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The Monaco Superyacht Brokerage recently announced the 71m Superyacht KOG0 is listed for sale for USD 69,500,000 excluding VAT.

Superyacht KOG0 design features were by the award-winning, British yacht designer, Tim Heywood. She's a 2006 luxurious explorer yacht, built to MCA and Lloyds class and designed to take guests on adventures to off-the-beaten-track locations. The 71.7m Superyacht reaches a top speed of 17 knots while sitting at an impressive cruising range of 5000 nautical miles.

The vessels luxurious and sophisticated modern interior was designed by Terence Disdale and features a spacious open-plan

living area on the main and bridge decks. Not forgetting her ability to accommodate fourteen guests across her seven staterooms.

Inside, you'll find a full range of amenities including a spa, steam room, and state-of-the-art gym. The 71m Superyacht KOG0 offers multiple outdoor living spaces with a beach club and bathing platform, a large spa pool, an open-air cinema plus a dedicated helipad for direct access to the yacht no matter where you are in the world.

"KOG0 is iconic. So many firsts in her sector. Diesel-electric, Ice class, Helideck, Beach Club, Stone deck, huge Range, high top speed, and a brilliant layout. Plus, a rock-solid construction and the legends that are Tim Heywood and Terence Disdale (personally) having designed her. This is a real deal go anywhere Superyacht." – said Alex Banning, Broker, and Director at SuperYachtsMonaco.





71m Superyacht K0G0 Key Features:

- Dedicated Helipad
- Beach Club
- The original superyacht ice-class explorer
- Multi-award winning design including World Superyacht of the Year Award 2007
- Lloyd's 15-year special survey classification completed in 2021
- Powered by diesel-electric propulsion with twin ABB Azipods for reduced noise and vibration when cruising
- Exteriors and Interiors by world-renowned Tim Heywood and Terence Disdale respectively
- Quantum zero speed stabilisers for exceptional comfort when at-anchor
- Indoor and outdoor cinemas with Dolby surround sound and HD cinema screens

For enquiries, contact – gh@superyachtsmonaco.com

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