

# 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.



## **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](mailto:management@westnautical.com)

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# 2022 Superyacht Events: What is Happening and When?

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**Are you in need of the dates for all the 2022 superyacht events? We have you covered.**

With multiple superyacht events occurring throughout each year, it's hard to remember it all. Therefore, we have compiled a list of all the confirmed dates for 2022 so far, in chronological order. Each of these are certainly something to look forward to!

**Here are all the superyacht events**

**happening this year:**

## **Dubai International Boat Show**

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CFytUusJ6eh/>

The biggest, most exciting Marine and Lifestyle show in the region will be back in 2022 at a world-class maritime neighbourhood – Dubai Harbour. Date: **March 9th-13th**-for more information, click [here](#).

## **Palm Beach International Boat Show**

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CQHMN0dLH59/>

Enjoy a very spectacular display of boats, yachts and accessories On the West Palm Beach Waterfront along Flagler Drive. Certainly, if you are a boat enthusiast, or are looking for the latest trends in yachting, this show is the place to be. Date: **March 24th-27th**– for more information, click [here](#).

## **Mediterranean Yacht Show**

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CT1bZD1g47C/>

The MEDYS is an exclusive B2B event that brings brokers together from all corners of the globe. Following the success of the 2019 edition which saw 102 luxury crewed yachts and 450 international brokers from 31 different countries attend, all eyes are on the 7th MEDYS. Date: **30th April-4th May**– for more information, click [here](#).

# TYBA Yacht Charter Show

<https://www.instagram.com/p/BxkUybMgPhb/>

Making its return for the fourth edition, the TYBA Yacht Charter Show opens its doors to showcase the very best luxury yacht charters. With a winning combination of luxury setting, prestige yachts and an excellent social program, the industry-only TYBA Yacht Charter Show has certainly become one of the East Mediterranean's leading yacht shows. Date: **6th May-10th May**– for more information, click [here](#).

# Cannes Yachting Festival

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CDeGFVdHuy7/>

Europe's top in-water boat show and the world's no.1 show for large sailing boats. The Yachting Festival hosts an eclectic offer of boats from 3 to 50 meters on-water and under 10 meters ashore. Dates: **6th September-11th September**– for more information, click [here](#).

# Southampton International Boat Show

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CT9P9SasLZI/>

Southampton International Boat Show is the place to be for serious boat buyers, water sports enthusiasts and the entire family with plenty of expert advice and exciting opportunities to get afloat! A wide variety of marine brands on land and in Europe's largest purpose-built marina showcase everything from stand-up paddleboards, sailboats and superyachts. Date: **16th September-25th September**– for more information, click [here](#).

# Monaco Yacht Show

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CWD5SJYJhL-/>

The Monaco Yacht Show (MYS) is the world's leading superyacht show, with the exhibition of superyachts available for purchase and charter. Also, it showcases a hand-picked selection of companies with ties to the yachting and luxury markets. These include superyacht builders and designers, yacht brokers, and the providers of tenders, nautical gadgets and water toys, luxury brands, high-end cars and motorbikes, helicopters and private jets. Date: **28th September-1st October**— for more information, click [here](#).

# Fort Lauderdale Boat Show

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CSpl4kerdxd/>

Experience the largest in-water presence of boats and marine exhibits. The five-day event showcases more world and U.S. debuts than any other boat show in the country. Date: **26th October- 30th October**— for more information, click [here](#).

**We hope you have found this superyacht events list helpful!**

If you are planning to attend any of these events, we hope you have a great time and get in touch for a chat with one of the [team](#) members at Superyacht Content.

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## 5 New Superyachts to Look Out for in 2022

With the high demand for luxury vessels leading to a record-breaking number of new superyachts under construction, 2022 is looking to be a year full of boat debuts. With many projects set to reach important milestones, we are expecting lots of news from all the major shipyards. Here are 5 of the most exciting superyachts to look out for in 2022.

### [Feadship](#) 1010



Photo: Tom Van Oossanen



At 118m long, project 1010 interestingly marks Feadship's largest vessel to date. Since the project's announcement, the renowned shipbuilder is working towards a 2022 delivery. October 2020 saw the vessel hit the water for the first time when it was first launched in the Netherlands, but 2022 is when completion and delivery are scheduled. Although very little is known about the details of the superyacht, we expect to hear more as we enter the new year.

## Oceanco Y721



Photo: Tom Van Oossanen

Set to become the third 100+m sailing yacht in 2022 is Oceanco's Y721. She will take Black Pearl's title of the second-longest sailing yacht in the global fleet. When delivered, there will only be three sailing yachts measuring over 100m, with the biggest being Nobiskrug's 142m Sailing Yacht A. Reportedly commissioned by Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, Y721 is the longest yacht ever built in the Netherlands. As well as this, it is also Oceanco's largest-ever build.

## Heesen Cosmos



Photo: Dick Holthuis

After her Spring 2022 delivery, Heesen's 80m superyacht Cosmos will be the biggest and fastest all-aluminium superyacht in the world. This is due to her maximum speed of 30 knots and 1,700GT. Cosmos features an exterior crafted by [Winch Design](#), which comprises clean lines, a sporty look and extensive use of glass, achieving a timeless profile. Expect to see her undertaking North Sea trials in early 2022 ahead of her delivery.

## Lurssen Northern Star



Photo: Lurssen

Amongst the numerous projects under construction at Lurssen is Northern Star, a 107m explorer superyacht. Once delivered, she will be used to explore the farthest reaches of the globe. Northern Star (previously named Project Icecap) is a diesel-electric hybrid that accommodates up to 20 guests in 10 staterooms. She sports a rugged design by [Salt Ship Design](#) and is due for delivery in 2022.

**Amels Custom 78**



Photo: Damen Yachting

With a gross tonnage of 2,850, once the Custom Amels 78m delivery is complete, she will be Amels' largest vessel to date in terms of GT. The superyacht features exterior and interior design by Espen Øino and Zuretti Interior, respectively. Øino has stated it is "a unique project" which features a spacious, open-top deck, large aft pool, and wide side decks. She accommodates 14 guests in total whilst also housing 26 crew. The superyacht was recently spotted during her sea trials in September, ahead of her delivery in 2022.

Read about the [largest yacht deliveries in 2021 here](#)