

Our Interview With Yacht Photographer, Tom Van Oossanen

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Tom Van Oossanen is a Yacht photographer from the Netherlands. After previously working for [SuperYacht Times](#) for three years, he decided to take the plunge and start his own company, providing the superyacht industry with high-quality photography and videography. And it goes without saying, his photography and videography skills didn't go unnoticed! In fact, Tom went on to work with some of the most recognised Superyacht Builders in the world, including – [Lurssen](#), [Feadship](#), and many more.



1. 2021 was a big year for you, from starting the year capturing feadships 'Boardwalk' leaving the shipyard, to finishing with the delivery of Royal Huismans, 'Phi'. Do you feel that 2021 was your biggest year as a Superyacht photographer so far?

2021 was certainly big, with limited traveling options you have to be creative and find jobs in the Netherlands and Germany, luckily I work with all major shipyards here and I managed to have enough work! There have been some amazing projects out this year with [PHI](#) definitely being a favourite.

2. Do you know exactly how many yachts you worked with last year? And is there any, in particular, that were your favourite?

I think around 15 superyachts this year, but some I simply can not publish anything about, unfortunately! I'm very excited to work on La Datcha in the Maldives for a week, I remember the Monaco yacht show back in 2015, when Damen announced the SeaXplorer concept, to then be on it in the Maldives 6 years later was epic!

3. Having captured images and videos of the most extravagant yachts in the world, have you any remaining Superyachts on your list that you would love to work

with in the future? Or any that you would enjoy working with again?

I love to work with Predator one day, what an absolute beast! I have never seen her out in the wild but it would be very cool to see that one in action and create some unique imagery. Same as for SKAT, I have seen her many times, but would love a few days with that boat.



Image by Superyachts.com

4. With your job, comes travel. What locations did you visit last year and where would you say was your favorite?

I didn't visit that many places in 2021. The Maldives yes, St Maarten, and obviously the Med. But I have also captured some huge transport through the Netherlands and I probably enjoyed that the most! As traveling these times is very uncomfortable...

5. It goes without saying that the name 'Tom Van Oossanen' is well recognised and respected within the Industry. When you

began to experience such recognition for your work, what was it like and how did you feel? Tell us about the good and the bad (If there is any).

I was thinking, Finally! It was 15 years in the making by then... Though when I look back at the work I created I fully understand no one noticed earlier... Nah just kidding. I keep developing myself and sometimes my best work from today looks terrible already after a month. But It has been super fun when you work for something for that long, and it's really nice when people like what you're doing. In the end, it is your job, so it better works out.

6. Instagram is slowly seeing changes, from starting out as just photos to video and now reels. With Instagram being the main platform for digital creators, over time do you think this will affect the way you present your work?

Hmm, I have never been a social media wonder, I just upload a photo with a short description, it has always worked. But I can not keep up with all the latest trends, I guess I am getting old ☹️

7. What advice would you give to your younger self when you first started out in the world of yacht photography?

Just keep working hard, get your name out there. As exactly what I did. On the road every day with my camera, taking pics of anything that floats and keep learning, improving your skills. I would probably not have done it any different...

8. Lastly, do you have any exciting news for the coming year that you'd like to share with us or any past work that you'd like to shine light upon?

I have so many photos I would love to share with the world, there are a few things pending... A book, documentary, and even an exhibition. But first, the world needs to get back to normal to properly plan things again.

But 2022 I want it to be my best year so far and to be honest it has been off to a great start!

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Why You Should Visit Thailand By Superyacht In 2022

Thailand has always been a popular destination to visit. With tropical temperatures and scenery ranging from mountain peaks to golden-sand beaches, it's easy to see why. With fresh news of the country becoming the [world's third superyacht destination](#), we are listing some of the top reasons to plan a February trip to Thailand.

Marvel at the natural beauty

Thailand offers a wealth of natural beauty for visitors. In the North of the country are high mountains and dramatic scenery. Here, you can also find one of Thailand's most popular national parks, [Doi Inthanon](#). It is famous for its waterfalls, trails, bird-watching, and spectacular viewpoints. The park is also home to Doi Inthanon Mountain, Thailand's highest mountain which has an elevation of 2,565 metres asl.



Doi Inthanon National Park. Photo: Bharath Mohan

One of Thailand's lesser-known beauties is [Morakot Cave](#), which **resides** in the Gulf of Thailand on Ko Muk Island. The cavern, which is lined with stalactites leads to a gorgeous sheltered cove covered with dense foliage. You have to be prepared to travel through the dark cave to reach this secret hideaway, but that is part of what makes it a truly inspiring place. If you're lucky you may see the inhabitant monkeys

Some other highlights of the country's natural beauty include:

- [Kui Buri National Park](#) – This beautiful park lies to the West of Thailand and is regarded as the best place to

spot wild elephants in the country.

- [Similan Islands](#) – An archipelago off the coast of Southern Thailand that boasts crystal waters, beautiful beaches, and coral reefs.
- [Freedom Beach](#) – A secluded paradise found on the west coast of Phuket, Freedom Beach is a 300m stretch of white sand that sits between lush jungle and deep blue waters.

Enjoy the sunshine

February falls in the middle of Thailand's dry season, which spans from November to early April. The dry season is generally considered the best time to visit Thailand. As well as being **dry**, it's also the hottest time of year in Thailand, with temperatures ranging between 32-36 with up to nine hours of sunshine a day on average.

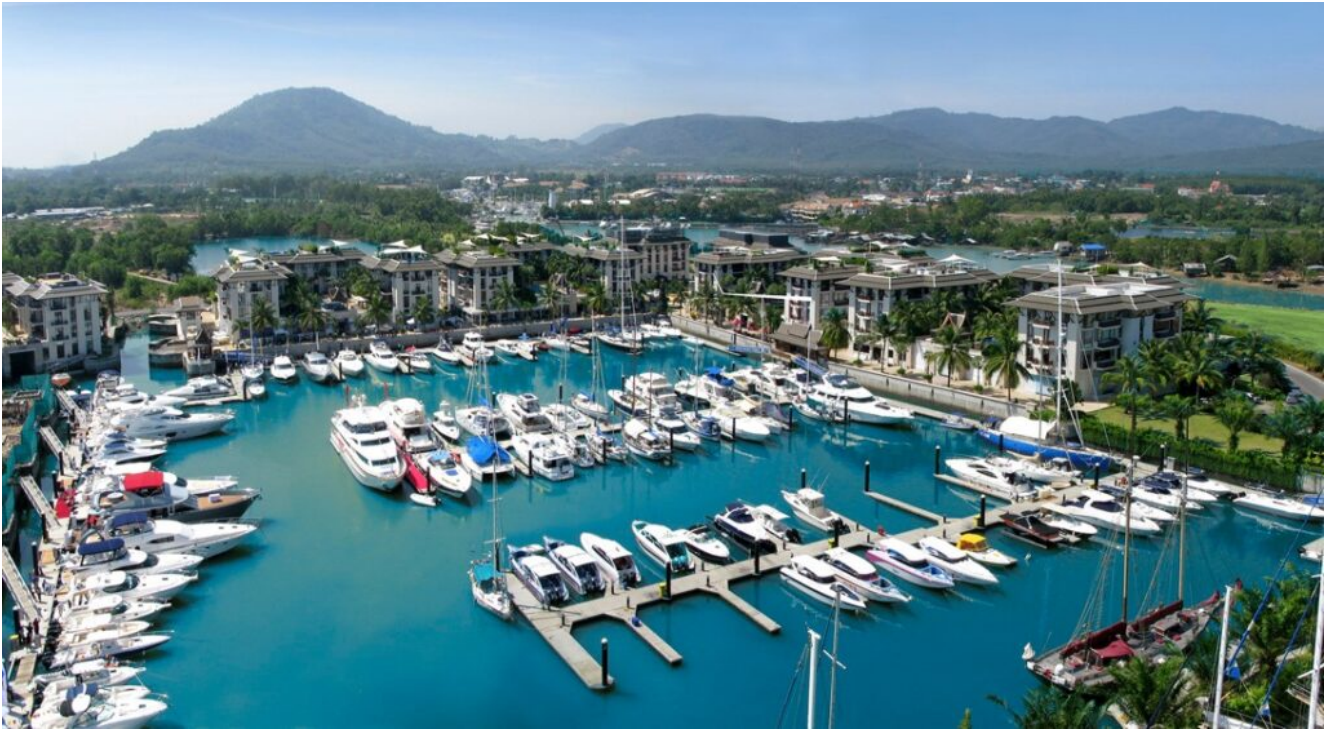
Following monsoon season in ..., Thailand's landscape is lush and vibrant. This makes visiting at this time of year especially exciting as you can see a huge array of the country's flora. Consider visiting in early February to catch the end of Thailand's sunflower season, for example. The best places to see the sunflower fields are in Lop Buri and Saraburi, just a short drive northeast of Bangkok.



Lop Buri Fields. Photo: Mark Lehmkuhler

Visit Thailand for the 2022 Thai Yacht Show

For those looking for a fun day out, look no further than the 2022 Thai Yacht Show, which is taking place in March. With over 50 yachts and 100 brands on display, visitors will be spoilt for choice during the four-day event, enjoy many activities from live music to sailing lessons. The event takes place in Phuket which, which experiences some of the highest temperatures in the country in March. You can find out more about the Yacht Show [here](#).



Royal Phuket Marina, location of the 2022 Thai Yacht Show.
Photo: The Private World

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The Metaverse: Preparing Your Business For The Future

By now, you all would have heard of the metaverse, digital identities, and virtual worlds. But have you taken the time to dive deeper into how this will affect your business and the way you work?



A metaverse represents the real world in a virtual setting, so there is no doubt that it will open a world of opportunities for brands. For smaller businesses, it's time to catch up with big brands. They've already begun creating virtual versions of their products for customers in the Metaverse. Virtual tours are already being used by real estate agents to help buyers visualize a property when they aren't nearby, or something is preventing them from visiting the property in person. So now think of the potential for business in the Superyacht Industry... Yacht brokers will be able to offer virtual Superyachts for sale and retailers will sell virtual clothing.

Therefore, to succeed, your brand must prepare, which is why we are sharing our marketing knowledge with you.

What should you do to learn more about the Metaverse?

As of right now, there isn't a lot that you can do to start building but there are communities where you can start learning.

1. Start researching about the Metaverse

2. Pay attention to the gaming community and even start playing video games. The younger Gen Z and Gen Alpha understand how their digital reality connects to their physical reality better than us.

3. Get onto Discord and join a server to give yourself the chance to listen and learn.

4. Begin researching Crypto and Nfts. Once you've learned, set up a meta mask wallet and even purchase an NFT if you're feeling brave enough.



How should your Business start preparing for the Metaverse?

1. Consider your Target Audience

If your brand is aimed at a younger audience, you probably won't have the luxury of avoiding the metaverse for much longer. Observe your consumers' behaviors to better understand how quickly they're transitioning into the metaverse

2. Keep an eye on your competitors

Follow brands/influencers that are related to the yachting industry to learn where they are with their digital presence.

3. Start to map ideas on how your brand can create a customer journey.

Your brand will still need a customer journey funnel to succeed in the metaverse. But, in web 3.0 you have the opportunity to let loose with your creativity, from acquisition to engagement, to the transaction, and eventually to customer support.

4. Pull together a strategy

Use your business's current strategy, then, think of ways to improve your present interactions and experiences by utilizing the metaverse. Can the metaverse technologies create a positive association with your brand by connecting your target audience in new ways?

5. Experiment

Start small by entering the Metaverse at low risk, lost cost price – Host/attend a virtual event or partner with someone already in the space who you can use for guidance.

6. And if all of that is too much, think about hiring someone who understands the Metaverse

Think back to what companies did when the era of social media started to come about? The majority hired someone who was more clued up on the subject. The same applies to the Metaverse. It's not a new thing that's just appeared, it's been in the works for years. And that means, there's a tone of individuals out there with the skillset and knowledge that you need on your team.

So, how do you feel about your brand becoming a part of Web 3.0? Let us know over on our socials – [Superyacht Content](#)

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Superyacht Chef Jamie Tullys Gourmet Valentines Day Menu 2022

**Superyacht chef [Jamie Tully](#) and the
owner of [Culinary Genius Store](#) has
put together a complete guide to a
gourmet Valentines Day menu**



Can you tell us a little about yourself, your journey as a yacht crew, and the yacht you are currently onboard?

My name is Jamie Tully, I am from a small town in Wales UK called Builth Wells. I've been cooking since I can remember and I guess I follow the whole cliché, baking with my father and visiting my grandmother on a Sunday with a spread of homemade cakes and scones. From a very young age, I knew I wanted to be a chef, but I knew I wanted to be amongst the best. From culinary school, I became fully qualified, went through the ranks of some well-recognized hotels and restaurants in the UK.

Where did your yachting career as Superyacht Chef begin?

When I was 12, I visited Monaco with my family. I found myself extremely driven by the country's wealth, money, and vibrance. I remember seeing a chef step off a 50m yacht. That's when I knew being a Superyacht chef is what I wanted to do. On the same holiday, I sat in the Café De Paris with my family and ordered ice cream. Ten years later, I sat at the exact same table and ordered the same exact ice cream, but this time I was on my day off from my work as a chef on a 50m yacht. It was a very proud and rewarding moment for me.

Being a chef onboard yachts makes me proud to have chosen this career path. My love for food and cooking has allowed me to travel around the world, seeing things and places most people will never get the chance to see. I have met people from all over the world that I now call friends. Cooked with the most exquisite seafood, the most expensive and sought-after ingredients on the planet. And not forgetting, worked on some of the most luxurious yachts, ski chalets, and villas in the world. I'm only 28 years old and I'm just getting started.

Which Yacht are you currently aboard?

I am currently employed as head chef on a 40m charter yacht. The yacht has recently gone through a complete refit and is about to be relaunched as part of an incredible brand. At this stage, I cannot disclose the vessel's name. However, I can say that I'm extremely proud to be part of the refit and I'm looking forward to being part of its future. There are some really big things to come...

Planning the perfect gourmet Valentines Day menu

Planning menus for special occasions is something exciting,

it's something to celebrate. Valentine's day in particular is great because it's what's romance without indulgence? The world of fine-dining sits perfectly with Valentines' Day.

The following is an example of a gourmet Valentines day menu I would serve a couple onboard a yacht in 2022:

Valentines Specials

INSPIRED BY SUPERYACHT CHEF - JAMIE TULLY



Canapes

Tomato Gazpacho
Smoked Salmon & Caviar Blinis
Crispy Ham Hock Terrine – Pineapple Chutney
– Micro Sorrel

Starters

Truffled Chicken Liver Parfait – Crispy Chicken
Skin – Red Onion & Bacon Jam – Pickled
Shallots
– Toasted Sour Dough

Butter Poached Lobster & Scallops Tortellini –
Lobster Bisque – Royal Osteria Caviar – Sea
Vegetables

Salt Baked Beetroot (VE) – Cashew Nut Ricotta –
Pickled Beets – Toasted Cashews – Reduced
Balsamic – Nasturtium

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Main Dishes

Sous Vide Wagyu Fillet – Short Rib Croquette
– Truffled Potatoes – Turned Carrots cooked
in Orange & Star Anise – Beef & Red wine Jus

Sous Vide & Blow Torched Turbot – Fricassee
of Broad Beans, English Peas & Chanterelle

Mushrooms, White Fish & Vermouth Velouté –
Sea herbs

Whole Baked Mini Cauliflower Spiced with
Harissa, Cumin & Coriander – Hummus –
Curried

Butter Bean Cassoulet – Fresh Coriander &
Mint

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Desserts

Classic Valrhona Dark Chocolate Fondant –
Macerated Strawberries – Baked White
Chocolate –
Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

Grilled White Peaches – Hung Yogurt –
Honeycomb – Almond Granola – Fresh Basil

Compressed Honeydew Melon – Mint Granita
– Popping Candy

Finished with Homemade Chocolate truffles &
Culinary Genius Blended Coffees

If you were to be taken out, what would your ideal Valentines' meal look like?

If someone took me out for Valentines Day, I would definitely want to go to [Nobu](#). I love all Asian flavors and techniques, so this is my favorite restaurant. My favorite dishes are the Miso cod and the Squid spaghetti – Simply delicious.

Lastly, 3 Superyacht Chefs who have inspired you throughout your career?

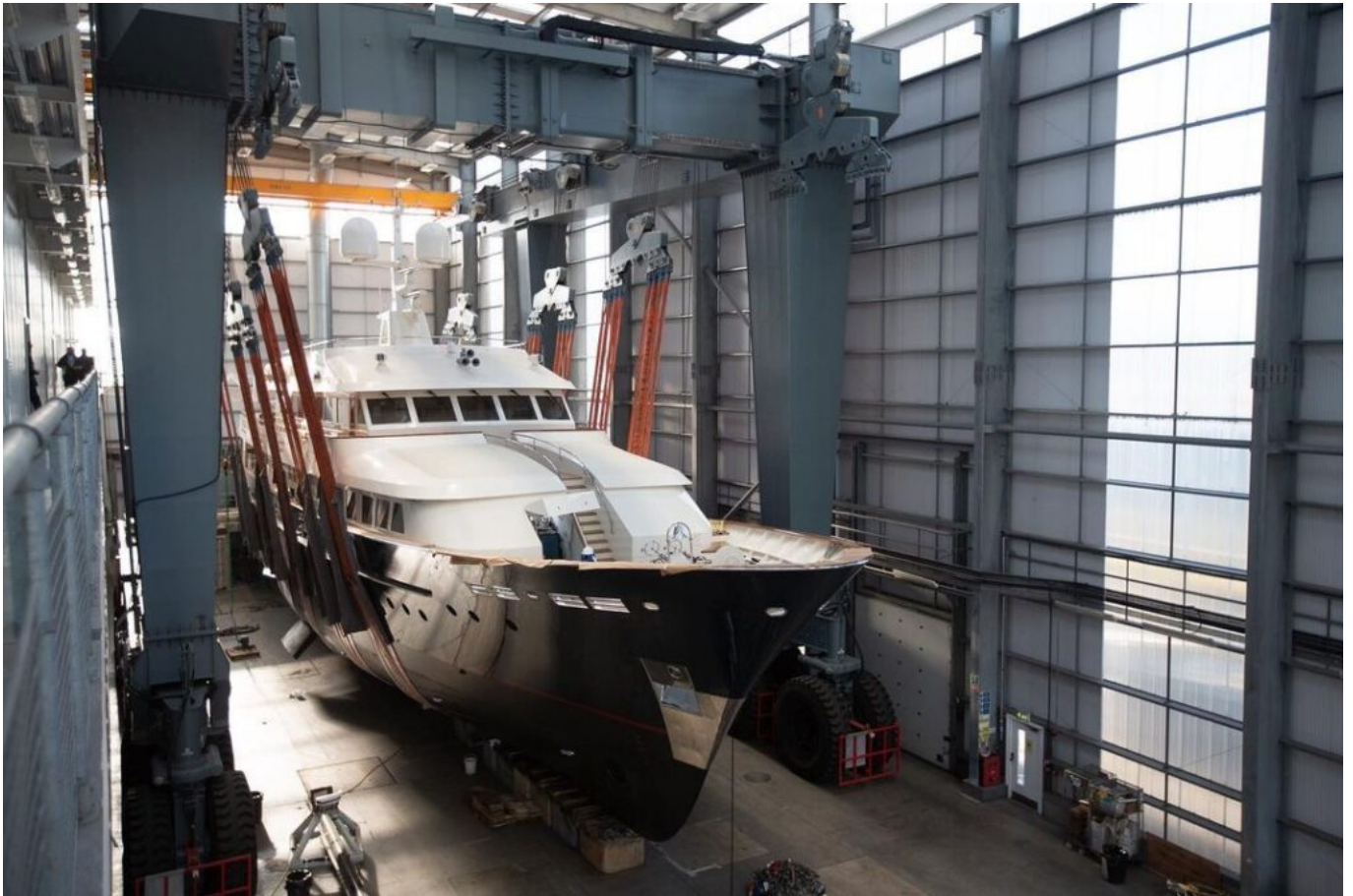
Many Superyacht chefs inspire me and I'm pretty lucky to be well connected in the industry via social media. If I had to choose 3 It would be [Chef Danny Davies](#), [Chef Dean Harrison](#), and [Chef Andrew Lichaa](#)– all of these guys cook and produce beautiful plates of food. They really sum up what being a yacht chef is all about.

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M/Y A2 Successfully Relunched Into The Wet Basin At Pendennis Shipyard

The world recognised shipyard reported on their socials earlier this week that [Pendennis](#) successfully relaunched M/Y A2

back into their wet basin.



The 42.35m vessel was originally known as 'Masquerade of Sole', but was renamed M/Y A2 after arriving at Pendennis in 2011 and being rebuilt in 2012. All three decks of the Superyacht were extended to 47m, along with a full-paint job that left the yacht looking modern. In regards to the interior, during the installation, the Pendennis team worked closely with the interior build experts, [Peter Marino Architect \(Remodel\)](#) to help exceed the owners' expectations.

Upon completion of the rebuild, Captain A2 of M/Y A2 praised Pendennises services, saying:

"TO SAY THE LEAST THIS PROJECT WAS ENORMOUS AND OUR TIMESCALE LIMITED. THE WORK WAS CARRIED OUT IN A THOROUGH AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER. THE RESULTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL YACHT" – CAPTAIN – A2



Image by Pendennis

Since then, M/Y A2 has visited the Pendennis Shipyard, in Falmouth three times. A2 has just undergone a four-month programme of works. This included a **ten-year** class survey, a complete **hull repaint**, and a number of **interior/ engineering upgrades**.

Current Specifications:

Overall length	47.0m (154'2")
Beam	8.08m (26'6")
Draught max.	2.41m (7'11")
Gross tonnage	458

For more information on Pendennis Re-fit services, [Click here.](#)

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Where To Visit In The Uk?

Wanting to visit the [centre of the Superyacht universe](#), but struggling to decide on where to visit in the UK? This can be a daunting prospect for many visiting the UK by Superyacht.

Where do I start?

There are a lot of things to think of when planning a trip to the UK and here are some of the most common worries;

- Cities
- Anchorages
- Berths
- Customs and immigration
- Tides
- [Provisions](#)
- Activities

Most Superyachts visiting the UK use an agent. This is purely because for most Captains it is an unfamiliar destination for a Superyacht. Add to this the fact that the country is so diverse and a little local knowledge goes a very long way.

[MGMT](#) is the only Superyacht specific agency covering the entire UK. It was set up by brothers [Mark](#) and [Nigel Upton](#) in 2009 and has grown every year since the London Olympics in 2012. They look after most of the Superyachts visiting the UK every year and do everything from berth bookings and provisions to itineraries, fuel, and chauffeurs.

Destinations

In the UK there are some real “must-see” places which are high on the list of all guests. But there are a lot of absolutely

stunning places which a lot of people don't know about.

London

The Capital of England and a great place to take a Superyacht. There are plenty of berth options available and having your yacht in the centre of such an iconic city is a must.



Credit- MGMT Instagram

Portsmouth

A great option as you make your way along the South Coast. Drop into [Gunwharf Quays](#) where you will be properly looked after by their team managed by [Mark Collings](#).



Credit – Gunwharf Quay

Poole

Further west along the south coast and a popular marina for Superyachts, [Poole Quay Boat Haven](#) is another great option along your route. For larger yachts, the commercial port is a very clean and modern facility with a small tidal range which is always a bonus!



Credit – Visitsoutheastengland

The South West

There are a lot of stunning options in the South West, and we're confident that once you've taken a look, you'll know where to visit in the UK. Needless to say, Dartmouth is one of the great Superyacht destinations in this area followed by Falmouth and also the Scilly Isles, which is like the UK version of The Bahamas. One of the most beautiful and remote spots in England.



Credit: Peter Cumberlidge

The West Coast

Less commonly visited by Superyachts as the west coast tends to get missed out on the trip to either Ireland or en route to Scotland. This is not to say there aren't some great places to visit. Superyachts have been to Bristol, Cardiff, and Liverpool on their way to or from Scotland. Each of these locations offers the perfect start-off point for some truly memorable inland excursions. Stonehenge, Bath, and Snowdonia are among these.



Credit – Matin Walley Photography

Scotland



Credit- Aberdeen Harbour Instagram

Usually either the start or endpoint for most Superyacht UK itineraries. Scotland never fails to disappoint as it offers such diverse options for a Superyacht visit. Scenery ranging from white sand beaches to towering cliffs, deserted Lochs to

remote castles. But, not only the classic reasons to visit Scotland. There are lots of award winning restaurants, beautiful hotels, activities galore and of course Whisky!

The UK has it all. Literally!

Whether you start in London and finish in Scotland or Vice Versa this is a country so diverse many Superyachts are making return visits, even in the winter!

Following on from where to visit in the UK, expect to see more on the kind of support you can expect from the huge amount of companies based in the UK.

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Q&A With Bannenberg & Rowell Designs, Dickie Bannenberg

Jon Bannenberg founded the modern yacht design business in the 1960s and sadly passed away in 2002. His passion for design was passed down to his son, Dickie Bannenberg who now manages *Bannenberg & Rowell* with his creative director Simon Rowell. We got the chance to catch up with Dickie, and discuss the Superyacht design company founded by his father:



Your father, Jon, was the founder of *Jon Bannenberg DesignsLtd*. Did your passion for yacht design come from him?

I guess I did get it from him, via osmosis. As a kid, I have strong memories of seeing my Dad come back from the studio and then be at his drawing board at home until late at night. He'd be working on big plans, all hand-drawn, with soft pencils, erasers, and stencils. I would often go to shipyards with him for launches. He'd have clients to dinner often (not something that really happens these days). His clothes would smell of aeroplanes.

What challenges have you faced following in such big footsteps?

They are big footsteps and I don't try and follow them exactly – partly because they are impossible to follow (!) and also as I am not an out and out designer like my father. The Bannenberg name, of course, is a famous one in the yacht industry so it perhaps helps open some doors that were previously shut. But it's also a lot to live up to.

What was the most memorable project delivered by your father?

Well, that's like picking a favourite child and I think most people would agree he design dozens of groundbreaking yachts so I'm not going to pick one!

What unique challenges do you often face when designing a superyacht compared with designing a land residence?

There are many overlaps with land-based projects but, of course, some very particular requirements for yacht design and construction. Some are regulatory – regulations imposed by Classification Societies and the Flag States. Depending on the type of yacht, there can be weight restrictions. Above all, you are working within quite a restricted envelope – even on large yachts – in terms of the sheer number of systems and technical equipment that has to be incorporated. A deckhead void, for example, has to swallow a/c ducting, cable trays, insulation, fire control systems, and much more. That's before the placement of light fittings, speakers, and many other items.

Bannenberg and Rowell Design has worked with some extremely reputable superyacht builders. Who do you most enjoy working with and why?

I am going to play the favourite child card again! What is true is that certain yards are a better match for different new build projects. It can be as fundamental as having the physical space to construct a project of, say, 80 metres. Or it could be a question of propulsion expertise. Then there is the contrast between semi-custom new builds and something completely bespoke. We've worked with almost all of the Northern European yards, leading Italian ones and others in the US, Spain, and Turkey.

Where and how do you get inspiration for your Bannenberg and Rowell designs?

We have a slightly magpie-like mindset, by which I mean scavenging (sorry – drawing inspiration from) worlds as diverse as architecture, car design, graphic design, contemporary culture, and elsewhere. Curious minds are encouraged in the studio.

<http://www.instagram.com/p/CW5obansRa-/>

How do you recruit for such a unique skillset when finding new design team members?

Our Bannenberg and Rowell team includes designers from hotel and residential backgrounds, a naval architect, an ex-ballet dancer, and a digital modeler from industrial design practice. By and large, everyone is involved in all the current studio projects. The team is adaptable, committed, and cares about presentation. Although design work is increasingly digital,

hand-drawing skills are greatly valued and important. So – the recruitment recipe....

What project are you most proud of to date?

Rather than choose the project of which we are most proud, I am going to highlight the [72m Feadship JOY](#), which was our first exterior of the “second Bannenberg era” if I may tag Bannenberg & Rowell like that. She was delivered in 2016, was a multi-award-winning yacht, and has a phenomenally successful record as a charter yacht.

Lastly, What has been the most challenging project for Bannenberg and Rowell to date?

As my father used to say – “The next one”

The logo for Bannenberg & Rowell Design is displayed in white text on a dark blue background. The text is arranged in three lines: "BANNENBERG" on the top line, "& ROWELL" on the middle line, and "DESIGN" on the bottom line. The font is a clean, sans-serif typeface.

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62m Superyacht Project Cap d'Ail Arrives At Lurssen

[Nobiskrug](#) 62m Superyacht Project Cap d'Ail spotted arriving at the Lurssen Shipyard

The hull was laid in 2019 with a spring launch planned for 2021, but the 62m Superyacht Cap d'Ail was soon postponed after last year's news of Nobiskrugs's financial problems.

Credit – [Ships You Should Know – 100% Pure Maritime World](#)

About The Yacht

Nobiskrugs former 62m project 794 was spotted transiting the Kiel Canal to the Lürssen shipyard in Lemwerder for completion. This comes after the yacht owners decided to continue the project with the German Shipyard.



It was said that Project 794 is a performance-driven, high-volume yacht, with an Exterior designed by the one and only studio [Espen Øino International](#). Superyacht Cap d'Ail benefits from multiple layers of creative and an expansive exterior deck spaces. These are both paired with a generous open-plan layout, all within five luxurious levels.



Photo by [Imperial Yachts](#)

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Explorer Yacht Ragnar Listed For Sale

The 68m Explorer Yacht Ragnar is currently listed for sale by Monaco-based yacht sale specialists, [Arcon yachts](#).

Originally built in 2012 by *Koninklijke Niestern Sander* as an ice-breaking multipurpose support supply vessel, *Sanaborg* was refurbished in 2018 and renamed 'Ragnar'. With the help of the English bureau RWD, Back in 2020, the dutch Yacht builders, [Icon Yachts](#) converted Ragnar into a luxury explorer Superyacht. The 62.8m icebreaker now accommodates a maximum of 12 people over eight cabins and has a range of 6,000 nautical miles. Pretty impressive, right?

<http://www.instagram.com/p/CY9Cn45IU0L/>

Listed Price with Arcon Yachts Monaco:

The explorer yacht Ragnar is currently listed at a staggering price of **EUR 69,500,000**.

Further details:

Length overall	68.2 m
Beam	14.0 m

Draft	2.7 m
Engines	Twin CAT 3516 HD diesel engines (2000kW each) Ice Class PC5-rated Wärtsilä electric pods (1750 kW each)
Maximum speed (at half load)	14.0 kn
Cruising speed (at half load)	12.5 kn
Range	6000.0 nm
Gross Tonnage	2450.0 GRT
Cabins	8
Berths	12
Building material	Steel
Exterior styling & concept	RWD
Interior designer	RWD

Do you want an inside tour of the 68m Ragnar?

For a top-to-bottom journey of the unique vessel, from sky lounge to toys and tenders, [click here.](#)



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Yacht Dilbar: Who Is the Billionaire Owner of the Superyacht?

The 156m Lurssen superyacht *Dilbar* is the largest motor yacht in the world by gross tonnage. *Dilbar* is worth a fortune and filled with countless luxuries, but who is the owner of the yacht, and how did they amass their fortune? Read on to find out.

<http://www.instagram.com/p/CYtGKQVIWBV/>

Who is the owner of Yacht Dilbar?

The owner of *Dilbar* is Alisher Usmanov, one of Russia's richest men. The Uzbek-born billionaire has a staggering net worth of £13.706bn. It's with this immense fortune that he bought the 156m *Dilbar* in 2016. Based on her gross tonnage of 15,917, *Dilbar* is estimated to have a worth of between \$800 and \$1bn, making her one of the highest value superyachts in the world.



Photo: Mikhail Svetlov

How did Alisher Usmanov get rich?

Alisher Usmanov is amongst the wealthiest citizens of Russia. He stands alongside billionaires like Roman Abramovich and Vladimir Putin ([who owns a whole fleet of yachts himself](#)). Over the years, Usmanov has accumulated his wealth through various ventures, ranging from selling plastic bags to being an early investor in Facebook. However, his high net worth is mostly due to his involvement in the mining and investment industries. Usmanov has shown no sign of slowing down, with his worth increasing by a substantial 1.726bn between 2020-2021. Importantly he makes sure to use his money to benefit others – of everyone on the [Sunday Times Rich List](#) he is by far the most charitable, giving almost £500m in the past year alone.

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An Interview With Below Deck Superyacht Stew Courtney Veale

3 seasons of [Below Deck](#) have passed since we saw Superyacht stew Courtney Veale lighting up our screens. I had the pleasure of catching up with Courtney to find out about what she's been up to:

<http://www.instagram.com/p/CSzaUQ4r3Ld/>

Please can you tell us a bit about yourself:

I was born in a small town called Conwy in North Wales and that's the place that I call home when I'm in the UK. I love living life to the fullest with a positive outlook. Fitness and being outdoors are both passions of mine, and many don't realise that in my spare time, I'm a qualified personal trainer.

<http://www.instagram.com/p/CVBZ08yorkKC/>

1. Are you still pursuing a career in yachting since finishing Season 6? If so, has starring on the show affected your career in any way?

Yes, I'm still yachting. In 2021, I switched from a Stewardess to Deckhand and have loved every moment!

Appearing on Below Deck didn't affect my career in yachting – I think it all depends on how your work ethic comes across during the season. I went back to my past yachts one 136m in

size as a service stewardess and then went into a 75m as a deckhand/personal trainer. I've now decided to enjoy Christmas at home with my family and friends.

2. What did your lifestyle look like before Below Deck and what jobs did you do?

I had been working in the yachting industry for just over 2.5 years before filming the Below Deck, so my life was pretty similar. Prior to getting into yachting, I worked a variety of jobs including something similar on boats around the Whitsundays in Australia, a performer in Disneyland Paris, and a resort representative for Crystal Ski in Kitzbühel, Austria.

3. Have you got any other reality tv series that you'd like to star on? If so, which ones?

I'm always open to new opportunities and coming from a performing background I would love to do something like Strictly Come Dancing or Dancing on Ice.

4 . We see your home town in Wales, in saying that Wales is far from the luxury lifestyle on board. Do you like having a diversity of lifestyles?

I think when people think of Wales, people think of hills, sheep, and farmers. North Wales is one of the most beautiful places in the world. Even after travelling so much, I love coming home to Conwy. The Snowdonia area has amazing scenery, walking routes, and wonderful experiences to offer. If you haven't been, I highly recommend it – you're missing out!

5. Favourite things to do when you're back in the UK?

When I'm back, I like to spend as much time as possible with my friends and family is a priority. I'm nearly always on a tight time frame so it's so lovely being home at the moment. In my spare time, you can find me either in the gym, drinking coffee in my favourite place.

6. Do you feel the Below Deck production team reflected your true personality/character accurately?

Yes, I do think so. It's a reality TV show designed for the viewer's entertainment, so they will always chop and change some clips. But I feel very fortunate to have such a fantastic production team behind the scenes. I was myself and I came across quite well – apart from after too many tequila shots of course!

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7. What opportunities have you been given since appearing on Below Deck?

People are always interested to see what you're doing post-Below Deck, so my social media followers have grown. I'm very grateful for every opportunity that has come my way.

8. Top tips for keeping fit onboard:

Any job in yachting is extremely physically demanding and it's very hard to find motivation when you're working long shifts and all you want to do is sleep. However, I can't stress enough how much a workout or yoga/stretch session in the morning can help you mentally and set you up for the day.

Working out can also be tough on smaller yachts so I make sure to have a resistance band with me so I can still do different workouts in my cabin.

9. If you could choose your dream yacht crew team, who would you choose?

Celebrity-wise, if Anthony Joshua had a career change then he would be at the top of my list haha! But I would also love to work with the crew from Below Deck Season 6 again and most people from one of my previous yachts. And of course my favourite, [Captain Sandy](#).

10. Lastly, will we see you on the Below deck in the future?

We will have to wait and see! Fingers crossed.

For more information on the below-deck crew, keep up to date with – [Superyacht Content Crewmess](#)

Yacht Fire: 30m Yacht Destroyed At Ferretti Shipyard

Ferretti Shipyard devastated as Yacht fire damages 3 Superyachts

Around 9:30 in the morning on the 11th of January, reports came in of a yacht fire at the [Ferretti Shipyard](#). Sadly, the 30-metre superyacht, valued at around €10,000,000 and ready for delivery, was destroyed in the tragedy. According to reports, two other yachts were also damaged by the fire.

Please see the reported images below



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Ferretti Group released a statement about the fire, explaining: "The fire that broke out in the early hours of the morning yesterday, Tuesday, January 11, involving a boat under construction at the Cattolica shipyard, caused no injuries thanks to the immediate implementation of safety procedures, with the intervention of the shipyard's fire-fighting teams and the local fire brigade."

"The fire has been contained and extinguished, the site is safe. The causes of the incident are currently under investigation."

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