



Landmark sailer
Maltese Falcon.
Below: Perini Navi's
latest launch Dahlak,
a 38m Briand-
designed sloop
packed with
the latest tech



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▶ Two Malcolm McKeon-designed carbon fibre sloops – a 33m and a 32.5m – with hulls and superstructure by Green Marine are keeping Vitters' sheds full. Also in build is *Svea*, a 43.6m aluminium J Class built to a 1937 design by Tore Holm, with naval architecture by Hoek.

VITTERS

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▶ Founded by Jan Vitters, the yard's first delivery, in 1994, was *Thalia*, a 48.5m ketch designed by Ron Holland. Vitters developed skills in carbon fibre, beginning with high tech and supremely stylish 37.2m sailing yacht *Ghost* in 2001 – and continuing with the purchase of expert composite builder Green Marine in 2010.

Details

- **Founded** 1990
- **Location** The Netherlands
- **Website** vitters.com



FUTURE SAILERS

From classic beauties to the new breed of techie racers, take a peek in the build sheds of the world's top sailing yards

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▶ Established in the early 1980s, Perini Navi focused on large, comfortable sailing yachts that could be handled by a single person. Today, the revolutionary control systems developed by Fabio Perini have become industry benchmarks. Including the first 43m yacht, built in 1983, Perini Navi has delivered 57 sailing yachts – including 88m schooner *Maltese Falcon* – and three motor yachts to date.

Details

- **Founded** 1983
- **Location** Italy
- **Website** perininavi.it



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▶ The in-build ketch *Sybaris*, at 70m the largest sailing yacht ever built in Italy, looks set to join Perini's hall of fame when she debuts at the Monaco Yacht Show in September. Commissioned by Bill Duker, she is built in aluminium with a carbon-fibre rig and masts reaching 72m and 62m. Also in build are two 60m yachts, numbers three and four of a series that includes *Perseus*³ and *Seahawk*. The fourth 60m hull is for sale – with delivery expected in mid-2018. They'll feature about 450m² of owner/guest living space, including vast stern platforms. When under way, the next-gen Perini Navi sailing system will ensure lightning control of a 2,100m² sail area.



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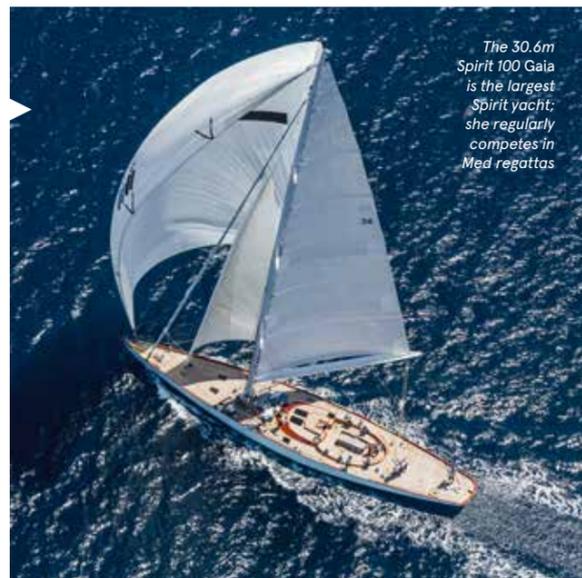
► Yacht designer Sean McMillan opened Spirit Yachts in Suffolk, UK in 1993, based on his experience creating wooden sail and power yachts from 11m to more than 30m. The yard has built more than 60 modern classic yachts to date and this summer work will start on expanding the yard to double the current build space. The design focus is "classic simplicity" in efficient, strong and lightweight wooden yachts. The most iconic Spirit sailing yacht is the Spirit 54 named *Spirit* that featured in the James Bond film *Casino Royale* (above), while the classic Spirit 52 and 74 sailing yachts are arguably the most beautiful yachts from the yard.

SPIRIT YACHTS

Details
 • **Founded** 1993
 • **Location** UK
 • **Website** spirityachts.com

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► There's plenty of sail on Spirit's books: an owner has recently signed the contract for a 19m Spirit Deckhouse, the yard's first ever yawl, and materials have been ordered for the build. Meanwhile, the first design from Spirit Yachts' brand new cruising range, the 47CR, is in build and is due to be finished in August. The yard is also finishing the hull of a Spirit 55CR cruising yacht and working with Rhoades Young Design on an elegant, high-performance 32m classic sailing yacht for a potential client.



The 30.6m Spirit 100 Gaia is the largest Spirit yacht; she regularly competes in Med regattas

► CNB (Construction Navale Bordeaux) was founded by Dieter Gust and Olivier Lafourcade on the Garonne, specialising in aluminium custom yachts. First out of the shed was Germán Frers-designed *Mari-Cha II* in 1989. In 1992 it joined the Bénéteau Group and in 1997 diversified into cruising catamarans. In 2008 came a range of Philippe Briand-designed 18m to 24m semi-custom yachts and in 2013 the 23.17m CNB 76 (below). The yard's best-known custom yacht is 35.6m *Hamilton II*, built for the Aga Khan.



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C N B

Details
 • **Founded** 1987
 • **Location** France
 • **Website** cnb-yachts.com

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► CNB has four CNB 76 sailing yachts on order and two under construction. These boats feature elegant, fluid exteriors by Philippe Briand and comfortable interiors by Jean-Marc Piaton. Also in build is the 23.28m Lagoon Seventy 7 catamaran (above): with exterior design by Patrick Le Quément and interiors by Nauta Design, it boasts a hull door opening in a cabin that creates a terrace over the water. It will be launched this autumn.



ROYAL HUISMAN

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► Taking centre stage in Royal Huisman's order book is the striking 58m sloop *Ngoni* (above) designed by Dubois Naval Architects. Also in the pipeline is a classic 56m ketch designed by Dykstra with interiors by Mark Whiteley, while an elegant Sparkman & Stephens-designed cutter-rigged sloop, with interior by Rhoades Young, provides a polar opposite with all-carbon fibre construction and jewel-like interior details. The last Royal Huisman 43 hull in a series of three, designed by Germán Frers with Rhoades Young for interior styling, is awaiting a client to specify custom features.

Details
 • **Founded** 1884
 • **Location** The Netherlands
 • **Website** royalhuisman.com



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► Jan Huisman began building diminutive fishing boats. Later, steel sailing boats in the 1950s developed into pioneering aluminium racer-cruisers in the 1960s until in the 1980s the yard decided to specialise in performance cruising superyachts. The lightweight high-tensile alloy Alustar became its signature build material and an advanced composite division opened in 1996. Today it builds hulls in both materials from 30m to 90m. The yard has a reputation for delivering one-of-a-kind boats and refitting landmark boats such as *Adèle* (below).

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► Founded in 2009 by Turkish entrepreneur Kadir Esen in Bodrum, Esenyacht's first launch was the 36m wooden ketch-rigged gulet *Glorious* (left), in 2012. Sleeping eight guests in four cabins, *Glorious* received two award nominations for design.



Details
 • **Founded** 2009
 • **Location** Turkey
 • **Website** esenyacht.com

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► In-build and due for launch later this year, 50m performance sloop *Troy* (right) will be the yard's first true superyacht. Naval architecture is by Dykstra and its flowing exterior lines by Tim Saunders, who also penned the interior. The yard also has a 47m sloop on the drawing board.

ESENYACHT



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► Willy Persico, a keen yachtsman and engineer, was having his 21m Ron Holland-designed boat built in Cape Town in 1991 when the yard went under. Persico bought it and started Southern Wind. The yard's landmark boat was the first SW100 in 2006, *Farewell* (left). In 2009, a new shed area allowed production to be supercharged, and three yachts per year are now launched.



SOUTHERN WIND

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► Southern Wind has four yachts on order, three of which are taking shape in the sheds. The fully-custom RP90 is a 27.5m with radical lines by Reichel/Pugh and interiors by Nauta Design, due for launch in December. For the first SW96, Farr Design penned the concept, Nauta the interiors. It is due for launch in April 2017 and a second SW96 is slated for January 2018. The first 105, meanwhile, is a collaboration between Southern Wind, Nauta and Farr.

Details
 • **Founded** 1991
 • **Location** South Africa
 • **Website** sws-yachts.com



The fifth SW102 Crossbow was due for launch at time of press

► From modest beginnings, Nico Claasen's projects grew quickly in size and number, along with Claasen's rep for building flat-bottomed racing yachts and then V-hulled yachts. In 2009 the yard joined forces with aluminium specialist Bloemsma – and this year with Vitters. The yard's best-known boats include 2010's *Lionheart* (below) the first J Class yacht with an aluminium hull, and last year's 38.8m *Atalante*, bigger and faster than previous Truly Classics. Star refits include *Sindbad* (ex-*Vaganda*, *Zonnekind*' and *Annie Lavinia*) in the early 1990s.



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CLAASEN

Details

- **Founded** 1966
- **Location** The Netherlands
- **Website** claasenshipyards.com

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► Claasen is putting the finishing touches to the third Truly Classic 90, designed by Hoek Design, *Acadia* (below). The 27.4m project is being completed with Peter Wilson of MCM as owner's rep, the same team behind *Atalante*. Also at an advanced stage is an aluminium 23.4m Pilot Classic yacht, based on drawings by Hoek Design, the third yacht of this model. The boat combines traditional lines with an ultra-modern underwater sections. Encouraged by the current popularity of classic yachts, the yard is building this boat on spec.



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► Turning 50 this year, Pekka Koskenkylä's yard established its racing credentials when a Swan 43 won the Admiral's Cup in 1969. Sparkman & Stephens designed the first 1,000 Swans, including Swan 65 *Sayula II*, which won the first Whitbread Round the World Race, in 1973/74. From the 1980s until very recently, Germán Frers penned all Swan yachts – more than 700 in all. Since 1998 Leonardo Ferragamo has pushed forward many changes; all work is now carried out in-house. In September 2015 the yard presented the first Swan 115 (above), the flagship of a new generation of maxi yachts.

NAUTOR'S SWAN

Details

- **Founded** 1966
- **Location** Finland
- **Website** nautorswan.com



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► Hot on the hull of the second and third 115 yachts – *Shamanna* and *Highland Fling 15* – a fourth 115 is taking shape. Among the larger yachts in build is a Swan 95 (above), an evolution of the Swan 90: longer and proportionally lighter, stiffer and faster than her predecessor. It comes in two versions – guest comfort is paramount in one, race success is the priority in the other. Also on the drawing board is the Germán Frers-designed Swan 78, a direct descendant of the original Swan 80 and 82, but shorter, beamier and more powerful.



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► Oyster has launched more than 850 yachts with its Deck Saloon design, 350 of them in partnership with Humphreys Yacht Design. Oyster can count nearly 60 yachts more than 21m and 36 more than 24m – if you include those in the order book. Nearly 70 Oyster yachts have completed a circumnavigation. Star hulls include Oyster 825 *Maegan*, which came first in class in light airs on the last day of this year's Loro Piana Regatta. The first 885 sailed 35,000 in her first 18 months in the first Oyster World rally (the 885 *Firebird* is pictured right).



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► Fresh designs from the yard include the 745 and 675 coupés, with a stretched window line and larger cockpit. These are from a new range of five similar hull shapes that started with the 885, then 825 (left) then 118 – all developed from tank testing and twin rudder designs. The Oyster 118 is on track for handover in 2018. The yard started the year with 25 orders (worth £71m), from 14m to the first 38m, and 13 yachts are in build.

Details

- **Founded** 1973
- **Location** UK
- **Website** oysteryachts.com



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► JFA Yachts, based in Concarneau on France's west coast, describes itself as a boutique shipyard that can offer great versatility and customisation to its clients. Catamarans are a speciality – JFA is building its fourth – as are aluminium and composite techniques, including full carbon. The yard's refit service has spruced up yachts including *Mari-Cha III*. JFA's best-known yachts include: *Hortense* (above), which has chalked up 80,000nm since delivery in 2009, including trips to Antarctica and Alaska in the same year; *WindQuest*, built in aluminium with a composite deck, which has sailed more than 17,000nm in less than two years; and *Aldebaran*, a pure classic vessel adapted for a small crew or even single-handed sailing.



JFA

Details

- **Founded** 1993
- **Location** France
- **Website** jfa-yachts.com

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► The yard has three boats in build. The 22.2m Fast Cruiser from Finot-Conq, known as FC², will combine an aluminium hull with a cockpit in glass fibre/epoxy infusion. It is resolutely performance-oriented, with a wide hull, large sailing plan, tight weight prediction and full-carbon rig. The 26.25m Privilege S8 by Long Island (left) will be a *WindQuest* but with interior veneers in oak and walnut and a hardtop on the flybridge that can be closed for cold regions. The 31.55m S10 by Long Island catamaran is in build but on hold while the yard finds a client. It features design and naval architecture by Marc Lombard. Concepts on the drawing board include SY 154, a full carbon 47m performance sailing yacht designed by Humphreys Yacht Design, and SY 131, a classic ketch under development with Barracuda Yacht Design.



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► Wally was founded with carbon fibre and contemporary style at its core. The yard has launched 47 sailing yachts from 11.3m to 50m. Landmark boats include 1994 *Nariida*; founder Luca Bassani calls her his "Sistine Chapel". With 43m sloop *Esense* in 2006, Wally introduced its clean signature layout, while WallyCento *Magic Carpet* (left) in 2013 was a bigger step, a cutting-edge box-ruled superyacht.

WALLY YACHTS

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► On order for a repeat client, the 28.3m performance cruiser-racer Wally 93 (below) echoes the hull lines of the WallyCentos but displaces just 36 tonnes and is equipped with a lifting keel and retractable propeller. Delivery is slated for spring 2018. Also on the books is the Wally 141, a 43m cruising sloop developed with Germán Frers, the third yacht for a repeat Wally client. It is both high performance and a true superyacht and is scheduled to be delivered in summer 2019. The fourth 30m WallyCento is also in build.

Details

- **Founded** 1994
- **Location** Italy/Monaco
- **Website** wally.com





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► Ian and Blanche Cook's yard was founded in 1990 to help build the America's Cup entry for Spain. It specialises in custom carbon yachts but motor yachts also feature – the world's biggest sport fisher is taking shape in its sheds. It's best known for the Dubois-designed 33.8m *Silvertip*, while *Endeavour* (right), the 1934 J Class, is the yard's star refit.



YACHTING DEVELOPMENTS

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► Yachting Developments is finishing up work on its latest launch, 33.83m *Cygnus Montanus* (left). She was penned by Germán Frers, with interiors by Adam Lay, for world-roaming bluewater cruises and easy handling by a small crew. She also has a lifting keel for access to remote anchorages. At time of press she was due for delivery at the end of June.



Details • Founded 1990 • Location New Zealand
• Website yachtingdevelopments.co.nz

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► Five young yacht builders defected from Nautor to form Baltic Yachts. After the Baltic 46 and 33 production sailing yachts, they delivered their first custom yacht in 1975. Today, the shipyard offers semi-custom and custom sailing and motor yachts, notable sailers being 44.8m *Visione* (right), 32.64m *Inukshuk* and last year's 35m *Nikata*.



BALTIC YACHTS

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► *Pink Gin VI* (left), the sixth Baltic for her owner, features naval architecture by Judel/Vrolijk, interiors by Design Unlimited and is built in carbon-sandwich. The 53.9m will feature a vertical bow, lifting keel and 67m mast. Delivery is due in 2017. Also on the way is a Reichel/Pugh-designed 20.7m high-speed sloop, a "high performance weekender" for a repeat client.



Details • Founded 1973 • Location Finland • Website balticyachts.fi

► A relative newcomer, Advanced Yachts was able to put together a highly experienced team in a short space of time. The general concept of its yachts is developed in partnership with Reichel/Pugh and Biscontini Yacht Design, which has long experience in America's Cup and Volvo Ocean Races, while Nauta designs the interiors. Construction includes sandwich with fibreglass and carbon reinforcements, vacuum infused with epoxy resin, as well as full-carbon builds. The first yacht to splash was the 20m A66 in 2010 (below), designed to create a beach house experience on the water. Next up was the 24m A80, an elegant design that sailed to regatta victory straight after her launch. The latest design is the 13.46m high-performance weekend sailer aimed at families.



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ADVANCED YACHTS

Details

• Founded 2009
• Location Italy
• Website advancedyachts.it

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► This summer the yard will launch two projects: the 18.8m A62, a progression of the technology and waterlines on board the A44 (above); and the 30.4m A100, a chic flagship that moves into superyacht territory.

SNAPSHOT

We just couldn't fit them all in – so here are more sail stars with dream boats shaping up in their sheds

MCP YACHTS

Guarujá, Brazil

In build is the 30.5m Silver Bullet 100 (below) designed by Alejandro Bottino and due for delivery in 2017.



CONRAD SHIPYARD

Gdansk, Poland

The sloop-rigged fast ocean cruiser project Bellkara, at 27.93m, is due this year.

NETA MARINE

Bodrum, Turkey

The 54m *Great Nautilus* sailer (below) is due this year.



OCEANCO

Alblasserdam, The Netherlands

Following its work with Vitters on *Aquijo*, the yard's 106m sailer *Solar* will be among the world's largest when delivered next year.

DREAM SHIP VICTORY

Marmaris, Turkey

Two massive projects are in build: 53.4m *Princess Maria* and 141m *Dream Symphony*.

MAYRA YACHTS

Antalya, Turkey

In the sheds is a 45.5m cold-moulded ketch due in 2017.

HOLLAND JACHTBOUW

Zaandam, The Netherlands

The Dutch yard that recently launched 46m performance sloop *Skade* is building a classic 51m schooner, designed by Dykstra and due this year.