

Superyacht One

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On board

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One of the most anticipated superyachts of this crazy 2020 season, which has given us one surprise after another, is SOARING, the latest creation from well-established German shipyard Abeking & Rasmussen. That this beautiful 68.2 metre craft was built at all represents a success over all the adversities that this year has thrown up.

SOARING has risen above the difficult conditions we are going through and demonstrated its boldness, with all deadlines met within the times promised.

Her debut in the Mediterranean has exceeded all expectations, showing an energy created through the design by Bremen-based Focus Yacht Design. The designer has paid close attention to the needs of the owner, working alongside Klaus Rodiek Studio of Lemwerder, which took care of the interiors, carefully and tastefully deploying precious and sought-after materials.

She has a harmonious and original line, and her steel/aluminium structure offers a highly-usable volume of 1,541 GT, with contemporary and distinctive design features, as her creator Thomas Mühe explains: "I have experimented with this solid line, stretching the entire length

of the superyacht, for years. And it all, finally, came together in SOARING".

Speaking about the philosophy behind the design and the owner's needs, Mühe added: "Our goal was not to put together a selection of attractive details, but to create a coherent and harmonious whole that was to be simultaneously impressive and imposing but most of all a reflection and representation of the owner's central life themes and requests. Early on it was clear that the owner valued originality and had no interest in a yacht that could easily be mistaken for another".

SOARING is naturally awash with distinctive features. There is for instance the line that stretches from the swim platform aft to the curvy side windows at the bow, whose solidity preserves the vessel's harmony, distributed over the decks and continuing on the inside, complying with the owner's requests. Among the instructions received, the owner wanted to enjoy an aft-looking master suite on his own deck. To discover the soul of SOARING, we can easily go on board from the swim platform via comfortable stairs or via a swivel gangway when docked in order to reach the main deck, which has generous spaces and is immediately welcoming but







also extremely reserved, especially when staying in busy tourist marinas.

A comfortable sofa with two coffee tables welcome guests aboard, and a round dining table placed centrally for all twelve guests is a great setting for a meal enjoyed in good company. Guests' privacy is guaranteed by a side board with a frosted glass panel which can be retracted in order to enjoy wonderful moments of relaxation outdoors.

On the inside is a generous 471 square metres of living space, decorated with a variety of precious materials, such as the noble and charismatic Amara, a type of ebony native to south-east Asia, the high-quality and sturdy Tiama wood, impregnated with essences of Tropical Africa, natural stones such as the evergreen travertine, and finally the soft natural leather skilfully crafted to convey a tactile experience combined with a soft view.

Going inside through the large glass doors there is a large salon of 80 square metres, divided into two areas, lounge and dining area. The first setting has hand-made bespoke sofas with generous padding and leather cushions standing on a hand-quilted carpet. The second area, to the fore, is extremely private but hospitable, con-

taining a long table seating twelve persons for elegant and sophisticated dinners, artfully illuminated by an original chandelier, with a ceiling-high room divider with an inset TV set facing the sofa. An exceptional amount of light enters this setting thanks to large side windows together with the dazzle of the bronze tiles covering the partition, reflecting natural sun rays. Ceiling lighting has been studied in detail, along with decorative elements showing sky constellations, a "cosmic" touch desired by the owner, along with a piece of a real meteorite set into one of the warm wooden panels.

Our feet sink into the soft carpet as we continue our discovery of SOARING's heart, opening the starboard door that leads into the lobby and staircase. Here we can admire a sculpture depicting two stylized hippos created by the artist Claus Hartmann of Weser Island Harriersand, a paean to the love of nature.

All guest cabins are located towards the bow of the same deck. It is easy to reach the four bright rooms, each having its own nature-related theme: Nautilus, Ginkgo, Turtle and Bamboo. All four are 20 square metres in size, three have double beds and one has two single beds. Original de-







tails are provided by the bed headboards and the travertine inlays of the bathtub, in keeping with the theme of each cabin. At the end of the passageway is a luxury 33-metre VIP cabin, having a Waterlily theme, and also having a separate dressing room.

As requested by him, the upper aft deck is reserved for the owner. The 82 square meter master suite aft of the yacht is accessible through an 11 square meter office. The seemingly minimal furnishings are actually extremely refined. An Eagle is depicted on the headboard of the master bed, conveying the bond with nature and its open and free spaces. The opulent armchair turns its gaze towards the side windows and the large glass doors that open onto the aft deck, affording breathtaking views of sunrises and sunsets in complete privacy. This large suite also has the luxuries of a real dressing room, 13 square metres in size, and a bathroom with separate bath and shower unit. The space outside provides an intimate setting for a couple to chat in complete privacy, with a table for a romantic dinner and comfortable sofas from which to admire the colours of the sky and the sea in absolute freedom, sipping cocktails or tasting

wine in the sea breezes.

Further forward are the technical rooms and crew cabins, plus an unconventional all-in-one library with an onyx backlit bookshelf, which helps to create an atmosphere of total tranquillity, along with the comfort of three U-shaped white sofas offering great views on three sides, also while cruising, with large doors and windows. This setting can be darkened completely, turning this room into a private cinema. Outside, sheltered couches are ideal for relaxing in the open air, while cruising. Guests can also let their imaginations run riot as the spacious deck lends itself to fun activities, including practising one's golf swing using fully biodegradable golf balls that are soluble in water.

From the upper deck the ship's captain and his officers pilot the craft from the wheelhouse and manage all on-board activities with the support of an ad hoc office. A 16 square metre cabin ensures the captain can respond promptly to all on-board needs.

The aft deck is dedicated to pure relaxation and fun, being equipped with a three-metre diameter hot tub with attached bar and generous sundeck all around. And if the desire for a barbecue is overpowe-









ring, the crew is ready to take orders. The area most dedicated to leisure and wellness activities is certainly on the lower deck, possessing an extremely well-equipped beach club with direct access to the swim platform and a wellness center of 74 square metres. The teak used for the flooring has been combined with glossy eucalyptus wall panels braided with 30 cm long silver strings.

There is a large sofa in soft marine colours made to measure for the superyacht, and an Italian light sculpture rising up to the ceiling which, together with the other light points, creates a fresh and convivial setting.

Keeping fit is more and more a part of our lives, so a rowing machine, spinning bike and in-floor treadmill are available to take off some of the extra calories consumed on vacation. But there is more than just equipment. With superyachts of such prestige it is more and more usual to employ professionals in this area, for example yoga classes are given by a professionally trained SOARING stewardess, and there is a massage room for up to two persons with various treatments available.

If guests prefer purifying relaxation to gym work, there is a magnificent ham-

mam decorated in natural stone for up to six people. A refreshment bar is available for guests when they have completed their revitalisation therapies.

If guests prefer to play with the water toys from the outdoor platform, a complete collection is available thanks to starboard stowage 25 square metres in size, a side hatch being used to load and unload kayaks, surfboards, sea bobs, bicycles, electric scooters and more.

Continuing further along the lower deck, the upper level of the engine room is located amidships, where two powerful 1,492 kilowatt MTU engines draw from large diesel tanks to ensure a cruising radius of 4,500 nautical miles.

Two Schottel thrusters and Naiad Zero Speed stabilisers are added to ensure a smooth ride and comfortable manoeuvring on board. The environment is protected by means of an exemplary waste gas purification system, which complies with IMO TIER III regulations.

Generous double and single crew cabins are located at the bow for up to 18 crew members, who will perform convenient and comfortable water transfers using two tenders, a 7.5 m sporting tender and a 9 m long limousine, positioned at the bow















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of the main deck.

In this unprecedented season, SOARING has been one of the most interesting market entries, sure to offer a thrilling experience for one's holidays in the company of family or close friends, in complete safety thanks to the broker, Ocean Independence. It may even serve as a residence on the water, always ready for any occasion, in any season, anywhere.

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