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Dutch Yard Production Up 8.2 Percent

In 2012, Dutch superyacht yards saw the most growth according to Boat International's December 2012 update of the Global Order Book. The total length of vessels under construction in the Netherlands increased 15.85 percent and the overall number of projects also increased. from 61 to 66. Additionally, Dutch yard production increased 8.2 percent, more than any other yacht producing country. For this issue, the top management at the Netherlands' leading yards spoke exclusively with SYI editor Courtney Fray and revealed their reaction and insights to these statistics. With production on the rise, will 2013 be the Year of the Dutch? Find out what they had to say starting on page 22.

Race Record Following Full Interior Refit



Fresh from her refit earlier this year that included the installation on a new interior designed by Design Unlimited, Mike Slade's 30.5m canting keel maxi ICAP Leopard 3 has set a new course record for the 3,300nm IMA Transatlantic Race of 7d 8h 59m 12s. Mr Slade said on Leopard's arrival at Virgin Gorda: "Isn't it fantastic? Leopard hasn't lost any of her pace, even though we have added a couple of tonnes with a full interior. In fact, the extra weight of five cabins forward may well have improved her in certain conditions. She looks magnificent and is far more comfortable."

Perini Navi Launches State of Grace

Italy-based Perini Navi recently celebrated the launch of the first sailing yacht in their 40m Fast Cruising series - State of Grace - at their Istanbul/Yildiz shipyard. Following the 88m clipper The Maltese Falcon, this is the second Perini Navi yacht to have been constructed entirely at the Group's Istanbul shipyard. Designed in-house by Perini Navi naval architects in collaboration with New Zealander Ron Holland, State of Grace boasts an aluminium hull and superstructure. With just 220t displacement, this yacht is sure to perform brilliantly in all sailing conditions.



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Benetti Debuts Petrus II in Miami

Petrus II, Benetti's new jewel, and the first hull built in their new Classic range, debuts in the US at the Miami Boat Show 2013 in February. The 40m Petrus II represents a further evolution of the Benetti look, magnificently interpreted by the architect Righini, in complete harmony with the rest of the Benetti Class range. The new Benetti Classic Supreme 132' was designed to exalt the characteristics of a displacement yacht, with ample interior and exterior volumes, combined with a high level of on board comfort.

Designer Fabric Collections



Already a favourite of superyacht designers, owners and crews, Extex has developed two further collections; Enső and Wave, in collaboration with renowned textile designer, Nigel Atkinson. The genius of these cutting edge fabrics is that they combine his trademark high-end style with an innovative printing technique, which gives them a three dimensional surface pattern.

Claasen's New Racer Under Construction

Claasen Shipyards now has the racer sailing yacht Bougainville under construction at their facility in the Netherlands. With a modest length of 22 m and a beam of 5.63 m, Bougainville is a special project because she incorporates the very latest technologies and most advanced yacht building methods. The keel is fitted with a hydraulic lifting system, giving the yacht a depth of 2.3 m and 3.9 m, respectively. Bougainville is being built to the MCA code for sailing yachts up to 24 m and will be CE-A certified. Bougainville's owner requires a yacht that will

perform equally well as a cruiser and a racer, which means that weight plays a crucial role.



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Ferretti's Chopi Chopi Launched

Three thousand people turned out to see the launch of Chopi Chopi at Ferretti Group's Ancona yard. Constructed entirely at the yard, the 80m fullycustom build is the largest yacht in the yard's 50-year history. Both the architectural firm in charge of the yacht's exterior lines and interior layout -Studio Zuccon International Project - and the firm that took care of interior design and furnishings -Studio Laura Sessa – are Italian. Chopi Chopi will be on show at the Monaco Boat Show in September.

Twizzle's Asian Getaway

After an appearance at the invitation-only Asia Rendezvous in December, the 57.5m flybridge ketch Twizzle - built by Royal Huisman in 2010 - is enjoying extended cruising in the Andaman Sea to April 2013. Twizzle is already well known and admired in superyacht circles within the area, having been awarded Best Custom Yacht at the 2011 Asia Boating Awards. The co-creators of this exceptional yacht are Redman Whiteley Dixon (exterior and interior design), Dubois Naval Architects (naval architecture) and Todhunter Earle Interiors (Interior Décor).



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New 58m **Heesen &** Francesco Paszkowski Design

Fabio Ermetto, Sales and Marketing Director at Heesen, comments: "Paszkowski has created a very innovative interpretation of Heesen's traditional lines; the look of this 58 metre vessel has a family feeling within its strong individuality. At Heesen we are very happy to have the chance to work with such a creative designer. This project, which we already studied and are ready to build, will sport a fast displacement hull (FDHF) created by Van Oossanen Naval Architects and will reach a maximum speed of approximately 23 knots powered by a pair of MTU engines of 16V 4000 M93L."

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Luxury Lighting Borrows from Subsea Technology



As lighting below the waterline becomes increasingly spectacular, UK-based Underwater Lights have stayed at the frontfront of luxury lighting since 1991. The quest for quality takes them not only to the boundaries of high wattage LEDs, but also to the depths of oil and gas subsea technology. Concerned with galvanic corrosion, the company says using plastic as a base material for their lights was not an option. Instead, new high tech coatings used in offshore subsea well heads have proven to be very reliable. Underwater Lights tested these coatings and they will be applied to the range.

Having impressed VIPs across the Asia during her pioneering tour of the region in 2012, Feadship's 45m Helix is up for sale. As this superb motoryacht heads for the coming season in the Med, Feadship has reduced the asking price to 29.8 million EUR. This is an impressive offer for a yacht that has won a number of major prizes, including the World Superyacht Award. A showcase for new and potential clients across Asia, Helix receiving honoured guests on board in China, Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand during 2012. She also participated in various Chinese boat shows, which resulted in the first sale of a new build custom superyacht by a 'Western' yard to a client from the Chinese mainland.



Barcelona Marina Refurbishes & Expands



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Barcelona's Marina Port Vell announced it is set to become one of the world's most elite superyacht destinations and the preeminent home port in the Mediterranean following the refurbishment and an overall size expansion. This critical approval provides Marina Port Vell the opportunity to act on worldwide interest from yacht owners and captains to secure homeport and transient berthing needs.

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