

The Winners of the World Superyacht Awards 2020 Announced

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The winners of the 2020 World Superyacht Awards have been revealed. From the newly crowned Motor Yacht of the Year to the prestigious Voyager's Award, find out which yachts scooped this year's coveted Neptunes...

Displacement Motor Yachts Between 500GT and 999GT - *Najiba*



Length: 58m

Builder: Feadship

Naval architect: Feadship De Voogt Naval Architects/ Philippe Briand

Exterior design: Vitruvius Yachts

Interior design: Claudio Cicconetti Architetto/Liaigre

It was a tough field in this class, which pitted three exquisite yachts from some of northern Europe's most distinguished yards against one another. The dimensions, power packs and propulsion of all three yachts displayed close similarity, but the detail, such as beam and gross tonnage, showed greater divergence. So did the performance figures, which first drew the judges' attention to the Feadship *Najiba*.

Built at the De Vries yard, with naval architecture and styling from Philippe Briand and his Vitruvius Yachts brand, *Najiba's* numbers are phenomenal for a 58-metre yacht. Her top speed of 17 knots surpassed her rivals, while her fuel burn at her 12-knot economical cruise speed was just 137 litres/hour – around half that of her competitors despite her greater beam, clearly demonstrating an efficient hull design.

Added to this, the judges were impressed by her clean, harmonious exterior lines that cradled practical deck areas bordered by solid bulwarks and a glass rail that disappears from view when seen from a distance. Her interior layout, planned by Claudio Cicconetti, was considered fresh and innovative, particularly the yacht's main entrance from the stern platform that rises up a central stairway from a reception area to the main deck aft. From here, arriving guests pass directly into the main saloon, a room that provides their first introduction to the much admired work of the yacht's Paris-based interior designer, Studio Liaigre.

On top of all this, the judges' final accolade went to the extremely high quality of construction seen throughout the yacht. She is, they were certain, a worthy winner of this highly competitive class.