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40 YEARS

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(of the past 40 years)

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The top 40 trailblazers

They took styling cues from bug-eyed Parisian buses, levied terrifying bets on contract speeds, tested the limits of structural glass, plated staircases in silver and redefined the explorer yacht. The last four decades in superyachting have offered a frenzy of innovation, passion and ingenious solutions.

Marilyn Mower leads us through 40 of the most significant superyachts – and a few honourable mentions – from the past 40 years



Exuma has a 5,500nm range, thanks to a slender hull that has 25 per cent less resistance than your average yacht's hull



EXUMA (NOW FALCO MOSCATA)

49.5M, 2010, PERINI NAVI

This yacht introduced the Vitruvius motor yacht concept by Philippe Briand and Veerle Battiau. Their slim and sleek designs aim to create the most efficient and balanced yachts possible, consuming 20 to 30 per cent less fuel and reducing their carbon footprints. Surprise; this deliciously sleek thing is an expedition yacht, which it proved by taking its original owner to the far corners of the globe. From the full beam owner's suite to the gym and spa pool, nothing is missing except a sundeck, but there is a large teak-clad foredeck for use at anchor.

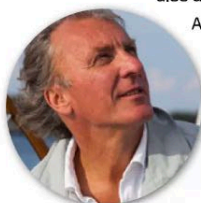
In her wake: Galileo G, Grace E (now Nautilus), Najiba

DESIGN DYNAMO: PHILIPPE BRIAND

Briand says he began designing sailing boats at age 11. Perhaps that is not surprising, since his father was an Olympic sailor and owned the largest sail loft in France. To date, Briand believes there are 12,500 of his boats on the water, including 175 production models, created during the last 40 years. Like most sailing yacht designers, Briand was a racer, notching two world championships as a helmsman. The boats that he and his team designed have achieved nine world titles. He

also designed yachts for six America's Cup campaigns.

Although he never studied naval architecture or marine engineering, he's won 34 yacht design awards.



SERENE

133.9M, 2011, FINCANTIERI

The first superyacht from an Italian cruise ship builder, this SOLAS-classed yacht's volume is a staggering 8,231GT. Unique amenities among seven decks include multiple fireplaces, a spa with a snow room, a Nemo room with underwater viewing ports, two helipads and a helihanger, and stowage for a mini-sub. Her diesel-electric power plant is fuelled by eight MTUs. Espen Øino's well-proportioned exterior is elevated by Raymond Langton's imaginative and luxurious use of space and decor. Originally built for Russian vodka mogul Yuri Shefler, she was sold in 2014.

Serene launched her interior design team, Raymond Langton, into the sphere of very large yachts

