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THE WINNERS

The World Superyacht Awards are unique in that they are judged by a dedicated team of current and former superyacht owners. Our judges travel all over the world to visit the nominated yachts, and use their knowledge and expertise to make informed judgements about each entrant. Personal inspections are supplemented by detailed dossiers on each nominee, which include photos, video, specifications, layouts and statements from the owner, designers and shipyard. Finally, voting is done by secret ballot after detailed discussions on each nominated yacht. Over the coming pages we reveal the deserved recipients of our prestigious Neptune awards...

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JUDGES' SPECIAL AWARDS



WINNER


SHINKAI

Length **54.9m** Builder **Feadship**
 Naval architects **Feadship De Voogt**
 Naval Architects/**Vitruvius**
 Exterior designer **Vitruvius Yachts**



Many superyachts are classed by their builders as expedition yachts, but when put under scrutiny few actually meet the specific needs of a vessel designed to explore the oceans from tropics to high latitudes. But the 54.9-metre De Vries-built Feadship *Shinkai*, featuring naval architecture by Vitruvius and de Voogt, is a true go-anywhere vessel. Her experienced owner's second explorer yacht, she is a development of his first Vitruvius-designed vessel that has, where necessary, refined and amplified aspects of his earlier yacht in which he twice circumnavigated the globe. *Shinkai's* worldwide cruising grounds include polar and uncharted regions, as well as the depths of the ocean, and this led to the need for ice classification, FLIR night-vision cameras and the installation of forward-looking 3D sonar and seafloor-charting equipment to assist

navigation in uncharted waters. *Shinkai's* permanently embarked U-Boat Worx submarine gives the ability to descend to between 300 and 480 metres, while she also carries a full range of tenders, including a limousine and a SOLAS tender. For land exploration, there is a six-person SUV housed in a weatherproof garage. As many of the areas that this yacht will visit are environmentally sensitive, *Shinkai* has SCR units to remove harmful emissions from her exhausts, state-of-the-art black/grey water systems, plus garbage compaction and freezing systems. Add to this a range of 6,200 nautical miles at 12 knots, an interior perfectly suited to the owner's needs, and the legendary build quality of Feadship, and the result is an extraordinarily capable explorer that so impressed the judges that it was unanimously decided to present her with a Neptune to denote a Judges' Special Award.



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3 GO DOWN EAST

Originally developed in Maine, Downeasters got their name because it was typically a downwind sail to reach the New England coast. The type is renowned for sturdy seakeeping and comfort, with a well-protected helm. It has found favour far beyond its native coast, as these three show...



EASTBAY 60 ▲

As fast as her lines suggest, this Floridian 20.74-metre is the epitome of a modern Downeast cruiser. eastbayyachts.com



BOSTON BOATWORKS 52 ▲

With a clean Winch interior and efficient lines from Zurn Yacht Design, this 17.3-metre semi-custom cruiser embodies the spirit of Nantucket. bostonboatworks.com



VICEM 65 CLASSIC ▲

Classic woody styling meets a compact flybridge and modern stabilisation with two/three cabins – all built in Turkey for this 20.05 metre. vicemyachts.com



SUNSEEKER SUPERHAWK 55

Superhawk is Sunseeker's performance sub-brand, and there have been several takes on the genre. At 17.13 metres, the 55 is the biggest yet, and follows the open sports cruiser model of its predecessors. The go-faster styling is backed up by ample power and fingertip control from a centre-console-style dash. There are sunpads fore and aft, with three pilot seats and a wet bar in the cockpit. Two spacious double cabins (there's an option for three) lie below. sunseeker.com

Riva 76 Bahamas Super

This typically elegant 23.32-metre Riva is a reprisal of the successful 76 Bahamas Super launched in 2016. It has been restyled by Officina Italiana Design in black and white with stainless-steel trim. New features include controls for the lighting in the sunpad armrest. riva-yacht.com

The Riva 76 Bahamas Super is billed as a blend of coupé and open boat



The CLB65 has diverse lounging areas around the boat



Jeanneau Yachts 55

Philippe Briand architecture and a Winch interior build some starry superyacht credentials into this 16.98-metre, three-double cabin boat. The master takes up a staggering two-thirds of the bright, elegant interior, while a dual-helm cockpit offers dining for 12. There's a wrap-around windscreen and arch for protection. jeanneau.com

CLB65

The smallest boat in CL's line-up, the 19.7-metre CLB65 is built in the same mould as the CLB72 and is still designed for adventure. It's a pocket flybridge yacht with two helm stations and twin wing stations for easy manoeuvring. In a first for the Fort Lauderdale-based brand, there is an aft galley with hinged door and a flip-up window. Owner's accommodation lies amidships, with a VIP in the forecabin and an additional twin. clyachts.com

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