

DRAWING BOARD TO SEABOARD

The European summer season is fast approaching and with it comes an exciting period courtesy of a veritable flotilla of new launches. Behind the scenes the yards are working feverishly to meet scheduled deliveries and in studios across the globe designers continue to explore projects that will pioneer new areas in yachting. For this issue we've collected a number of yachts that will soon emerge into the sunlight, others that are still incubating in dark halls, and projects we hope will eventually see the light of day. **BY CRAIG BARNETT**

FROM VIRTUAL TO REALITY



288' Of Clear Thinking

Azure Naval Architects Dylana

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Far from just sitting back and admiring recent launches that have featured their naval architecture, including two milestone Oceanos in the 291' (89m) Nirvana and the 280' (85.6m) St Princess Olga, Azure Naval Architects have been busy creating this dramatic new design project. Released under the project name MY Dylana 88m, which translates literally from 'born from the waves' the eye is immediately drawn to the arcing sweep of the superstructure. A second glance however reveals a spectacular drop of glazing that extends three whole decks! The design exercise incorporates too many innovative and thought-provoking features to cover here, so we'll just consider some of the highlights. Starting at the voluptuous curves of her aft quarters, the stern elevation also shows a distinctive spiral staircase leading up from the cockpit to aft terrace of the owner's deck. The owner's staterooms features slide-out balconies to port and starboard, allowing sun to be enjoyed whatever the yacht's position. Another very neat feature resides above the owner's suite, with a multi-level sundeck. Accessed from the glass enclosed gym - protected from the sun by retractable blinds - into a sunken area that showcases the cascade of a split-level pool, steps lead up to the pool proper and solarium area. From her the sweep of a dual staircase leads up another level to the elevated observation deck. An intriguing proposition indeed! Other facilities aboard Dylana include six spacious guest rooms, a cinema and a helideck. Attended to by 24 crewmembers, guest can be entertained with the contents of the toy garage that includes two 36' (10m) tenders, personal watercraft and surfboards. Perhaps the most interesting proposition for us however is the triple deck glazing drop, which from early renderings appears to conceal a double-height atrium in the owner's staterooms and makes use of the area behind the pilothouse. From here the captain is afforded a clear view of the forward technical area and can navigate comfortably at a cruising speed of 15-knots, or push out to the top speed of 20-knots. The captain also benefits from wing stations when maneuvering in port.

LOA: 288' (88M)

BEAM: 45' 6" (14.2M)

PASSENGERS: 12

CREW: 24

CRUISING SPEED: 15-KNOTS

TOP SPEED: 20-KNOTS