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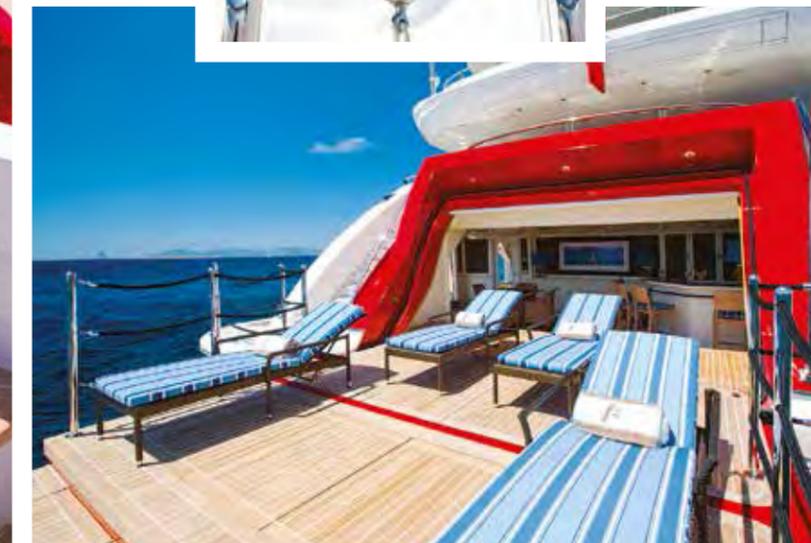
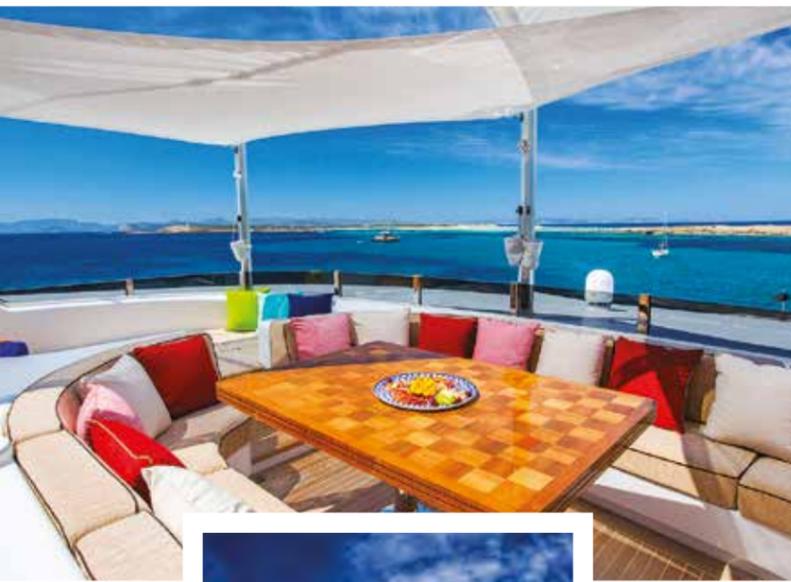


# LOVE STORY



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*Built with passion from a design that was love at first sight,  
Forever One is a home on the sea for the owner and his beloved.*



There is very little about the 179-foot ISA Yachts *Forever One* that conforms to what we are used to seeing in a superyacht. With her imposing volume, more than 1,050 gross tons, lofty bow and flashy white and red livery, *Forever One* stands out wherever she goes and rarely leaves people indifferent.

Passion seems the most appropriate word to use when describing the yacht's build. The project stems from an experienced Mexican owner, Bruce Grossman, who entrusted Fernando Nicholson of Camper & Nicholson's International and designer and naval architect Horacio Bozzo to fine-tune his ideas.

"Bruce was adamant that the design should be both unique and reliable. He wanted a yacht that distinguished herself from the crowd, the right place to spend long, relaxed holidays with his beloved wife, Elsa...the 'forever one' to whom the yacht is dedicated," says Nicholson. "He wasn't interested in building a yacht with resale in mind." Thinking about resale value and charter use, as most owners do at the time of purchasing a new boat, would have affected design and layout options, and Grossman didn't want such constraints.

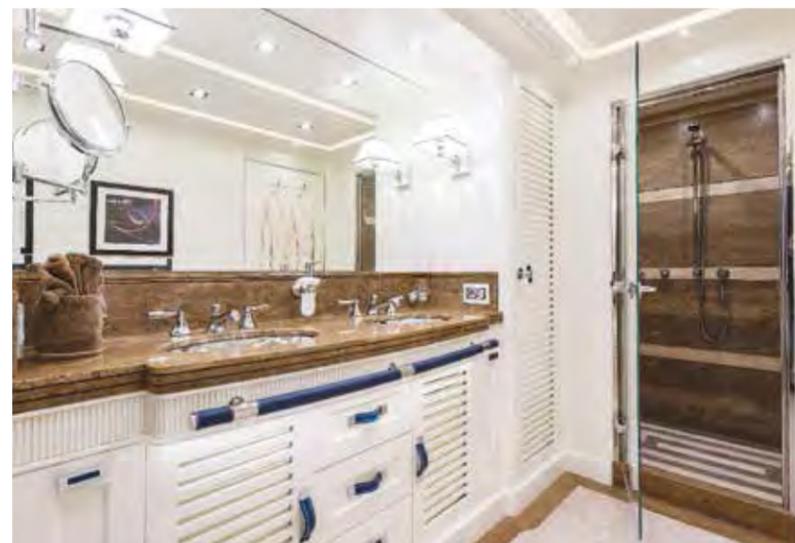
The Grossmans owned several yachts before this, the last being a sporty jet-driven Mangusta 130. "My wife and I spent memorable holidays on board our Mangusta in these last few years, but the time had come to move forward. Despite our enthusiasm, the Mangusta didn't suit our needs any longer. We needed a large displacement yacht that might allow us to sail comfortably whatever the season and weather conditions. As we spend months and months on board our yacht, just the two of us or together with a restricted number of friends, my new *Forever One* had to be a floating home," Grossman says. "The projects brought to my attention by many reputed shipyards and designers neither matched my needs nor expectations. I wanted a yacht that was shaped on our lifestyle. We do love having both private and social areas providing us with all comforts, space and amenities we are used to at home."

Bozzo, an Argentine naval architect and designer based in Italy and founder of Axis Group Yacht Design, had already worked out a concept with Nicholson for a yacht featuring an almost reverse bow, massive volume and muscular exterior lines. When they showed their idea to Grossman it was love at first sight. The winning concept rapidly evolved into a project and ISA Yachts was entrusted to build it. Throughout the

*A strictly private yacht does not mean Forever One lacks in any way; her expansive decks have room for a large Jacuzzi in a nest of sunpads and her well-finished beach club is second to none.*



*With its Hamptons-style, shore-inspired colors, the interior is bright and breezy. Discreet window treatments let plenty of natural daylight pour in.*



project's development, the overall design remained nearly untouched while the interior layout took shape according to her owner's input. With the creativity of a passionate designer and the meticulous approach of a naval architect, Bozzo designed everything down to the smallest element and provided the builder with detailed instructions on how to build the complicated transom door and how to align the coaming with a hinge or handrail socket.

"My goal was to offer this open-minded owner a product that surpassed even his greatest expectations," Bozzo says. "Even minor details were designed carefully to be part of a harmonious construction." Bozzo and his staff created hundreds of sketches and renderings and discussed every detail with Nicholson, the owner's long-term captain, Colin Skinner, and the yard's technical department. The owner, initially closely involved in refining the concept, left the project's management to his trusted team.

*Forever One* is a complex yacht whose massive volume encompasses features such as very large folding balconies, gullwing side hatches, which required considerable research into longitudinal and torsional bending forces, and an articulated transom that opens up as a magnificent on-the-water lounge.

This beach club is indeed a highlight, a bold statement of design and technical skills. As Grossman asked for plenty of cozy social areas, the interior of the beach club was also designed and furnished as an area that can be used when underway. A window and a hatch that hinges upward allow fresh air and light into the room. Teak panels cover both window and hatch to form an extended flush, walkable area when the door folds open at anchor.

As the project took shape, Alessandro Massari, a young and talented designer, joined the team with the mission of defining *Forever One's* interior decoration. The main salon sets the tone for the inspired, refreshing interior design.

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*With a different use of space than the norm, the main deck has room for both a large multipurpose room (top) that combines dining and entertainment forward of the lobby's glass elevator (above) and the salon (opposite top). Opposite bottom: Each guest room and bathroom has a different color scheme.*



The master suite (opposite) is adjacent to a private lounge, also on the bridge deck. The color red is a fiery accent throughout the boat, inside and out.



With its Hamptons-style, shore-inspired colors, the interior is bright and breezy. Discreet window treatments let plenty of natural daylight pour in. White, creamy hues of seashells and whalebone and rich earth and sand colors make up *Forever One's* palette. Dark brown wood frames the predominantly white fabrics, furniture, doors and walls with hints of color brightening the scheme. The grand salon on the main deck doubles as a cinema room. Full height-glass sliding doors open onto side passages and fold-down balconies that, when opened at anchor, double the room's width. The weathered dark oak floor provides a pleasant tactile experience for bare feet.

A full-beam, multipurpose dining room is located in a separate area on the main deck, forward of the large lobby and the round glass elevator that connects all decks. In this dining/lounging room, standalone furnishings allow small groups of guests to pursue different activities at once.

Alongside a custom-designed square dining table that can be extended to host up to 12 guests, this homey environment encompasses a games table, armchairs, comfy sofas, plus a bar with high stools. *Forever One* indeed has five bars so guests can be served quickly and easily on all decks, both inside and outside. Guests have at their disposal versatile indoor areas and expansive exterior living spaces on all decks, both astern and forward, and anyone who wants to enjoy quiet time alone surely will find nooks where they can relax.

"On board *Forever One*, I want to offer my guests the best comfort and amenities," says Grossman. "I love to spend time in good company; nevertheless, my wife and I need our privacy. This is the reason why we have our own apartment on the upper deck aft where on a yacht of this size a panoramic salon would normally be. Aft of our suite, a cozy lounging area opens onto the aft terrace. This is our intimate retreat on board." The master suite also includes his- and-hers large bathrooms, two walk-in closets and a room dedicated to his shoe collection, an array of colorful moccasins to match all of his suits.



As *Forever One* is not meant for the charter market, this yacht only has three large guest suites, all on the lower deck. A fourth room is fitted with high-end gym equipment.

On the same deck forward, the roomy bow shape allows for very comfortable crew quarters encompassing six double cabins, a generous dinette and a pantry directly connected to the galley on the main deck. Besides being spacious, the crew quarters boast a finish and joinery comparable to guest areas.

"Our crew is at our disposal all year round, and the yacht has to be perfectly maintained and ready to leave whenever we decide," Grossman says as we walk through the crew quarters.

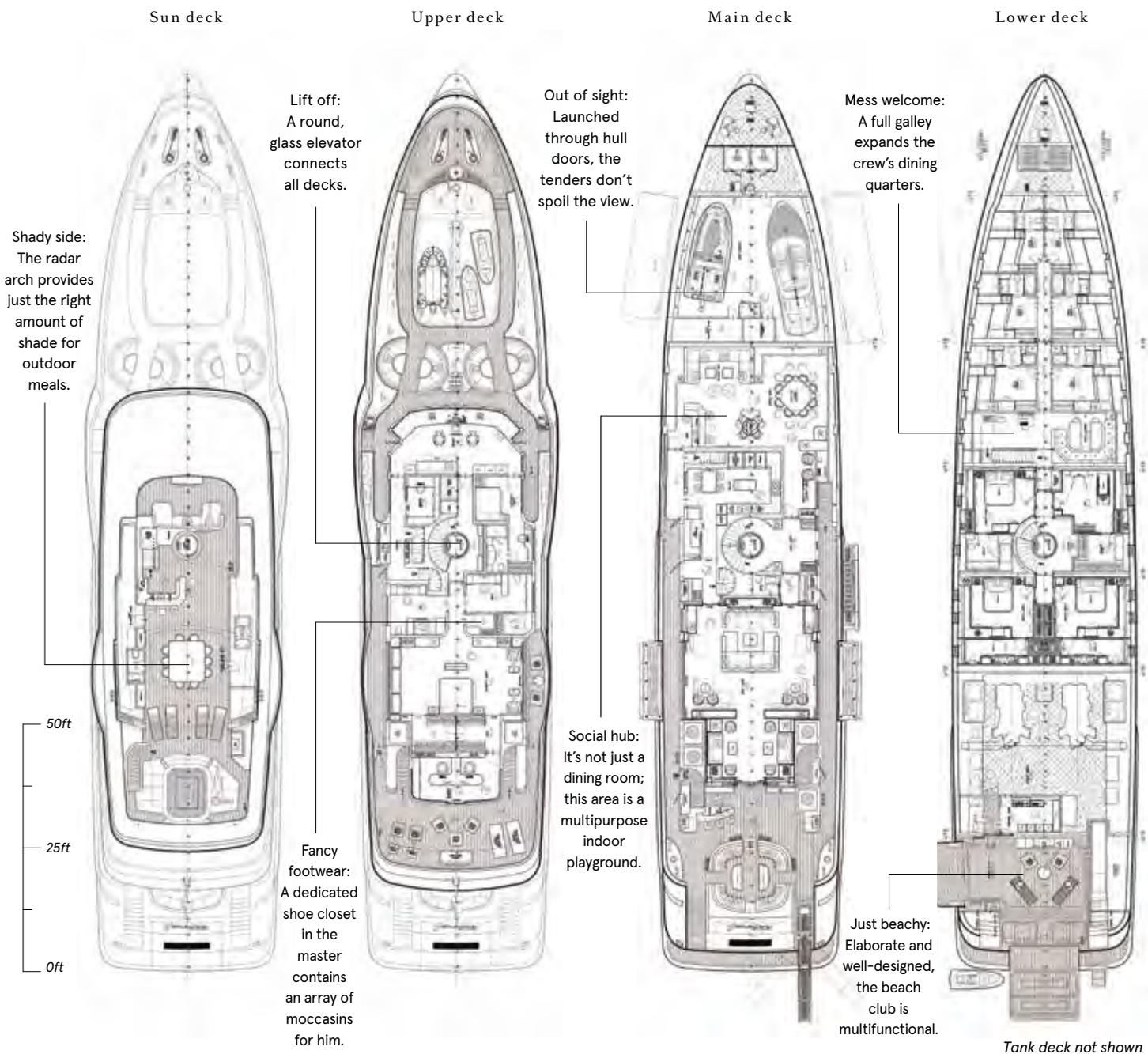
"We take into great consideration Captain Skinner and his crew, so as we spend prolonged periods on board, sometimes we go ashore in a hotel to give them a little rest.

### *She has indeed proven herself to be a special, life-enhancing yacht.*

From the crew area, a flight of stairs leads to the bilge deck where abundant storage, refrigerators and freezers, cold rooms and laundry are located. On both sides, the stabilizer compartments are easily accessed. A split-level engine room at the opposite end of the hull houses two Caterpillar 3512C engines producing more than 1,900 horsepower each when the throttles push them up to 1,600 rpm, enough to ensure *Forever One's* top speed of 16.5 knots.

Following the launch, *Forever One's* maiden voyage took her owners northbound to Venice in the Adriatic Sea. Grossman reported back that they were delighted with the yacht's performances in all conditions and how comfortable they felt in their new floating home. She has indeed proven herself to be a special, life-enhancing yacht. ■

## Forever One – ISA Yachts



**LOA:** 179' 3" (54.7m)  
**LWL:** 176' 2" (53.7m)  
**Beam:** 38' 1" (11.6m)  
**Draft (full load):**  
 10' 2" (3.1m)  
**Displacement (full load):**  
 880 tonnes  
**Gross tonnage:**  
 1,050 GT

**Power:** 2 x 1,910-hp  
 Caterpillar 3512C  
**Speed (max/cruise):**  
 16.5/15 knots  
**Range:** 4,200 nm @ 12 knots  
**Stabilizers:**  
 Naiad Marine Zero Speed  
**Generators:** 2 x 175kW  
 Caterpillar C9; 1 x 82kW C4.4

**Bow thruster:** 130kW  
**Fuel capacity:**  
 31,700 U.S. gallons  
**Freshwater capacity:**  
 5,283 U.S. gallons  
**Gray/black water:**  
 3,170 U.S. gallons  
**Tenders:** Riva Iseo 27,  
 Novurania

**Owners and guests:** 8  
**Crew:** 13  
**Construction:** Steel, aluminum  
**Classification:** C, #HULL,  
 #MACH, YCH (MCA), Unrestricted  
 Navigation, AUT-UMS; MCA LY3  
 compliant  
**Naval architecture:**  
 Horacio Bozzo Design/  
 ISA Technical Department

**Exterior styling:**  
 Horacio Bozzo Design  
**Interior design:** Studio Massari  
 Architecture & Design  
**Builder/year:**  
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