

# Yachts

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## SUPER SUITES

**The most important person on a yacht is the owner, and the most important room on the yacht is their suite. Miriam Cain looks at the yachts taking owner's suites to new levels**

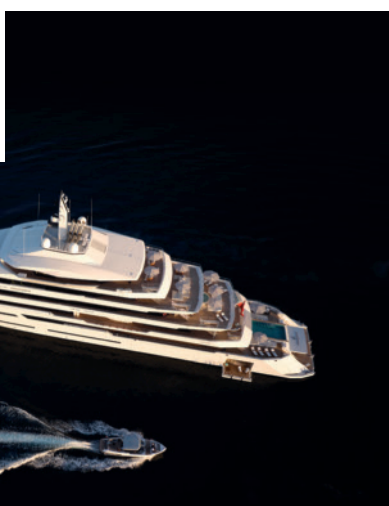
Prior to the last decade or so, the owner's suite was similar to the other guest cabins, albeit slightly larger. These days, with yachts becoming larger and larger, the amount of real estate these suites occupy has also expanded — in some cases an entire deck is now devoted to the owner's suite. Robert Drontmann, sales director at Heesen Yachts, explains: "This trend is largely driven by the fact that more owners are choosing to spend extended periods on board. Many are now working from their yachts for the whole summer, thanks to improved satellite communications and the rise of hybrid working models. As a result, it has become essential for owners that they have a combination of social and private spaces."

One of the most talked about yachts on the charter market today is the 2023 Friere-built *Renaissance*. Despite her colossal length of 367.5 ft, the designers at Bannenberg & Rowell still managed to create spaces that feel intimate and private. This includes the dedicated owner's deck featuring a palatial stateroom with forward-facing views and access to a private deck with a Jacuzzi and lounging areas. The owner's deck also has a private salon, office and alfresco dining on the aft deck.

Another example of a superb master suite can be found aboard the brand-new, 400.3-ft *Kismet*. The master suite is not just an owner's deck but spans two levels. "The dedicated suite includes a master stateroom, complete with a huge skylight and fireplace, his and hers bathrooms, his and hers dressing rooms, and a beauty salon," says Liz Cox, partner at Cecil Wright. "A private Jacuzzi and sunbathing area are located forward, while a staircase leads to the master office, where panoramic views encourage productivity but are also a welcome distraction."



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*Kismet* will be cruising the Caribbean this winter season, followed by a summer in the Mediterranean. From €3m (approx \$3.3m) per week, cecilwright.com



**From right**  
*Renaissance* will be cruising the Caribbean this winter season and the Mediterranean in summer 2025. From \$3.5m per week, burgessyachts.com

