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## YACHTS

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### **RULE THE WAVES!**

From chartering your first boat (you lucky thing) to getting into the best yachting clubs – and who to name-drop while doing so. Welcome to Tatler's sexy, shiny new guide to yachts

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# PLAYING WITH

*Let's face it, you'll probably never own a superyacht – a week or two. Michelle Jana Chan on the beautiful boats that*

## BEST FOR: OLD-SCHOOL GLAMOUR

### Elena

*Elena* has big-time heritage, and she's a looker too, with eight billowing sails and a mainmast reaching up to 47m. Built using the original drawings of revolutionary naval architect Nathanael Greene Herreshoff, this 55m racing schooner is a replica of a 1911 boat that participated in the 1928 King's Cup transatlantic race.

**The cabins** New England chic, with plenty of mahogany panelling. There's an owner's stateroom and four more cabins, each named after a Herreshoff schooner.

**The toys** Two tenders, including a gorgeous Wally, plus kayaks, and kitesurf/waterski/fishing gear.

**Ideal shipmate** George Clooney. In shorts.

**Set sail for** Amalfi.

**Book it** From €80,000 (£65,240) a week; Y.CO (y.co).



GEORGE CLOONEY

### Christina O

The most famous of old-school yachts (see page tkt), *Christina O* oozes Fifties Hollywood glamour. Former owner Aristotle Onassis wine and dined EVERYONE on her decks: Frank Sinatra, Marilyn Monroe, Greta Garbo, Liz Taylor, Jackie Kennedy (who soon became Jackie O...). She's only improved with age, and along with vast staterooms has a Six Senses spa and a beautiful mosaic-tiled pool that transforms into a dancefloor for nighttime frolics. And the bar stools are said to be upholstered with sperm-whale foreskin – which is just the thing to drop into a conversational lull.

**The cabins** More than most: 17 doubles in total. The Onassis Suite has a library, a fireplace and a Renoir, *naturellement*.

**The toys** Two classic wooden launches, as well as Zodiacs, an inflatable swim platform and sea toys.

**Ideal shipmate** Sophia Loren.

**Set sail for** The Greek Islands.

**Book it** From €455,000 (£370,795) a week; Camper & Nicholson's (camperandnicholsons.com).



SOPHIA LOREN



BEN AINSLIE

### Shamrock V

Built in 1930, this is the oldest J-Class yacht racing today – which gives you automatic bragging rights among yachties. The exterior fittings glint with polished copper and below deck glows with bird's-eye maple. A ship to make you look like a pro (even if you're just hanging around, staring vacantly at the hullabaloo).

**The cabins** Four, all super-traditional. The wood-panelled master suite has a writing desk for jotting down your seafaring memoirs.

**The toys** A Novurania tender, Zodiac and waterski gear.

**Ideal shipmate** Ben Ainslie.

**Set sail for** Sardinia.

**Book it** From €65,000 (£52,975) a week; Edmiston (edmiston.com).

BEST FOR: GETTING NOTICED

Silver Angel

Properly attention-seeking, with a fabulous sundeck perfect for waving at the paps. There's alfresco dining on three decks, plus four bars and a mosaic-tiled pool with resistance jets. Interiors are dark oak, mirrored surfaces, white onyx and oodles of Lalique crystal and silver-leaf sculptures.

**The cabins** A master, four doubles and two twins.

**The toys** Classic mahogany speedboat and dive-support RIB; a Tee It golf machine with balls made of fish food (sweet); plus an inflatable slide.

**Ideal shipmate** Liz Hurley.

**Set sail for** Turkbuku, Turkey.

**Book it** From €425,000 (£345,905)

a week; Camper & Nicholsons (camperandnicholsons.com).



LIZ HURLEY



Wally B

*Wally B* is the one to choose if you want to be taken seriously. She's all about top-notch sailing performance, but that's not to say she's not pretty, too – in fact, she's a stunner, with sinuous lines, spacious sunken decks and a central cockpit where you can dine under the stars. And the new captain knows his stuff.

**The cabins** Three snug doubles.

**The toys** A Zodiac tender and waterski gear.

**Ideal shipmate**

Uma Thurman, in a yellow jumpsuit.

**Set sail for** BVI.

**Book it** From

€45,000

(£36,690)

a week; Y.CO

(y.co).

UMA THURMAN



DB9

The polished gold exterior – yes, it's GOLD – is just the thing for attracting long lenses. If you do decide that you want a bit of privacy, you can raise the surrounding side walls to block out prying eyes – but where would be the fun in that? This yacht has the ultimate party set-up: a huge lap pool, an infinity jacuzzi, a BBQ and an outdoor cinema. Inside are double-height ceilings and a baby grand to sprawl on like Michelle

Pfeiffer in *The Fabulous Baker Boys*.

**The cabins** There's a full-beam master suite, two additional doubles and two twins.

**The toys** Jet-ski training facilities, plus dive gear and sea toys.

**Ideal shipmate** Daniel Craig, in *those* shorts.

**Set sail for** St Barth's.

**Book it** From €190,000 (£154,870) a week;

Edmiston (edmiston.com).



DANIEL CRAIG



BEST FOR: TAKING THE KIDS



Polar Star

This one will go anywhere. There's an outdoor cinema on the sundeck if you're in the balmy tropics and an ice-class hull for Arctic exploration (warm up in the 10-person jacuzzi). And the crew can do anything: among them are pilots, photographers, fishermen, beauty therapists and bartenders extraordinaire.

**The cabins** Traditional and cosy, with pretty hand-painted murals. The main cabin occupies its own deck and there are two additional doubles and three twins.

**The toys** A sailing-yacht training centre with two instructors. There's on-the-spot surfing behind the Malibu tender, plus a 36ft open chase boat, dive gear and towables.

**Ideal shipmates** The McCartney tribe.

**Set sail for**

Anywhere, remember?  
**Book it** From \$380,000 (£225,770); Camper & Nicholson's (camperandnicholson's.com).



Maltese Falcon

Holy moly, what a ship. A statement yacht with sci-fi design and swift cruising credentials, as well as all the gear for sprogs. Movies are projected onto one of the mast's lower sails, a waterslide drops into an inflatable pool and there are about a million toys, including Segways, Seabobs and a banana boat. The chef has worked for Gordon Ramsay and whizzes up a mean spag bol for fussy eaters.

**The cabins** Five cabins, plus the vast master suite, which has its own gym.

**The toys** Two RIBs, a Jet tender, two windsurfers, dive gear and kid-friendly sea toys.

**Ideal shipmates** The Incredibles.

**Set sail for** Santorini.

**Book it** From €315,000 (£256,820) a week; Burgess (burgessyachts.com).



Dunia Baru

Hit the high seas on this 50m adventurer, which blends Indonesian boat-building traditions with superyacht tweaks. Your kids will think they're on a pirate ship – there are billowing sails and ladders and vast teak decks and a plank. Not really – there's no plank. But there is an underwater lighting system that attracts marine life, and the boat manager, Courtney Robba, is a former sailing champion and can organise any sea or land adventure you might dream up. Trek through jungles, go treasure hunting on deserted beaches or learn the art of underwater photography. And spend a lot of time yelling, 'Ooh, arrr me hearties!' at the top of your lungs.

**The cabins** The full-width master cabin has a private deck with a day bed. There are six additional cabins, all mellow teak and soothing Indonesian art.

**The toys** Three RIBs, diving gear and sea toys.

**Ideal shipmate** Captain Jack Sparrow.

**Set sail for** Komodo.

**Book it** From \$83,490 (£49,710) a week; Indonesia Yacht Charter (indonesia-yacht-charter.com).



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