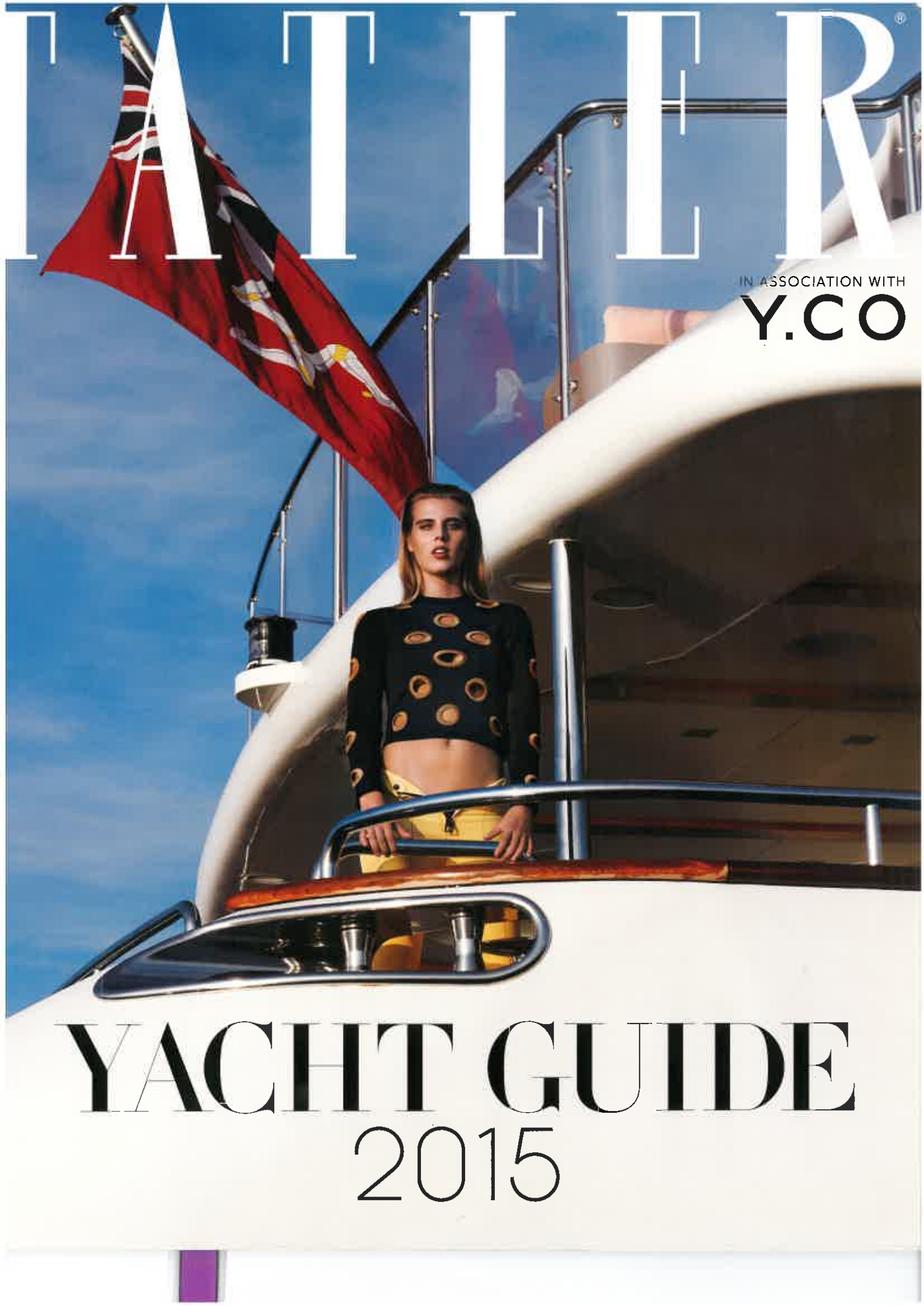
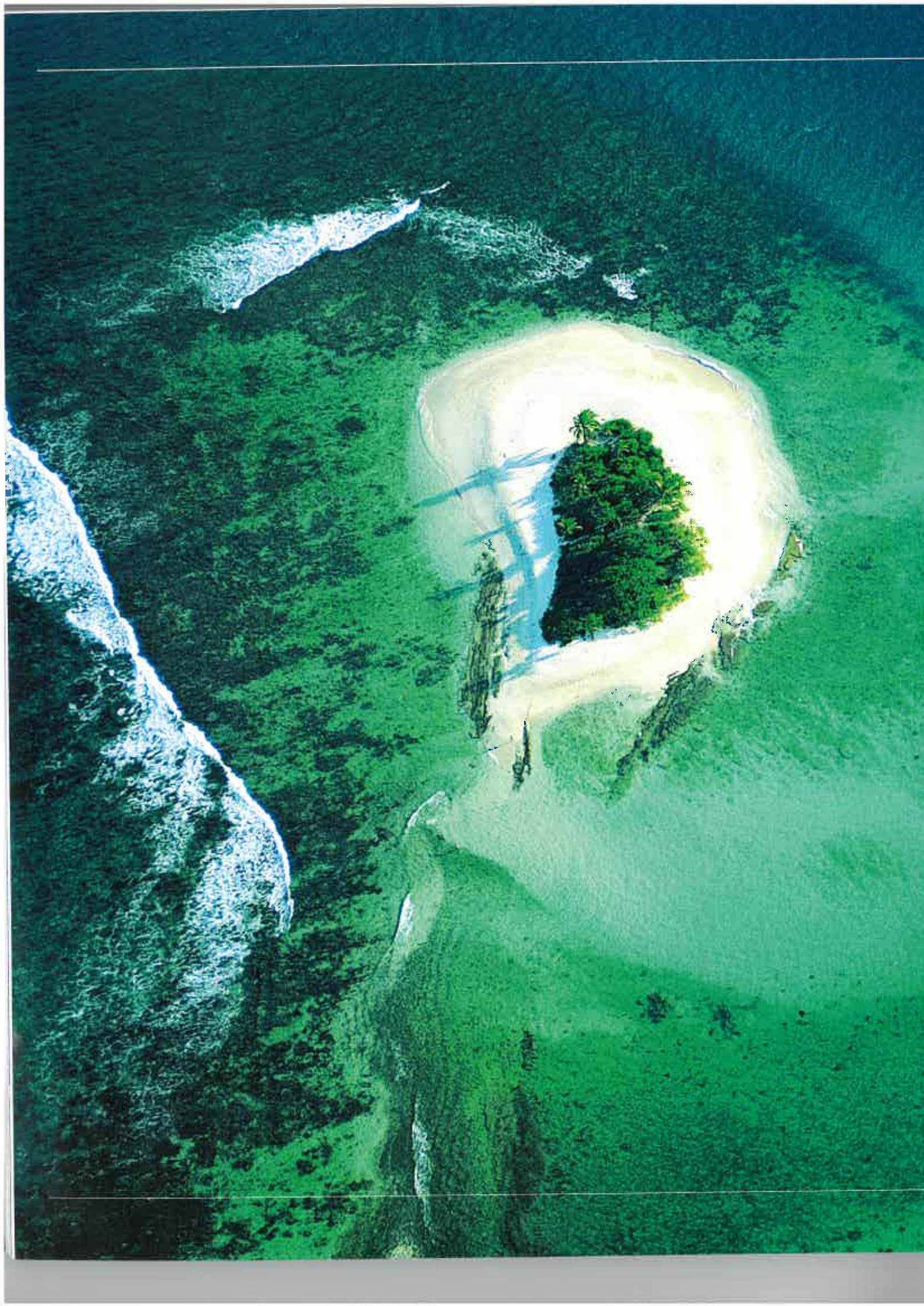


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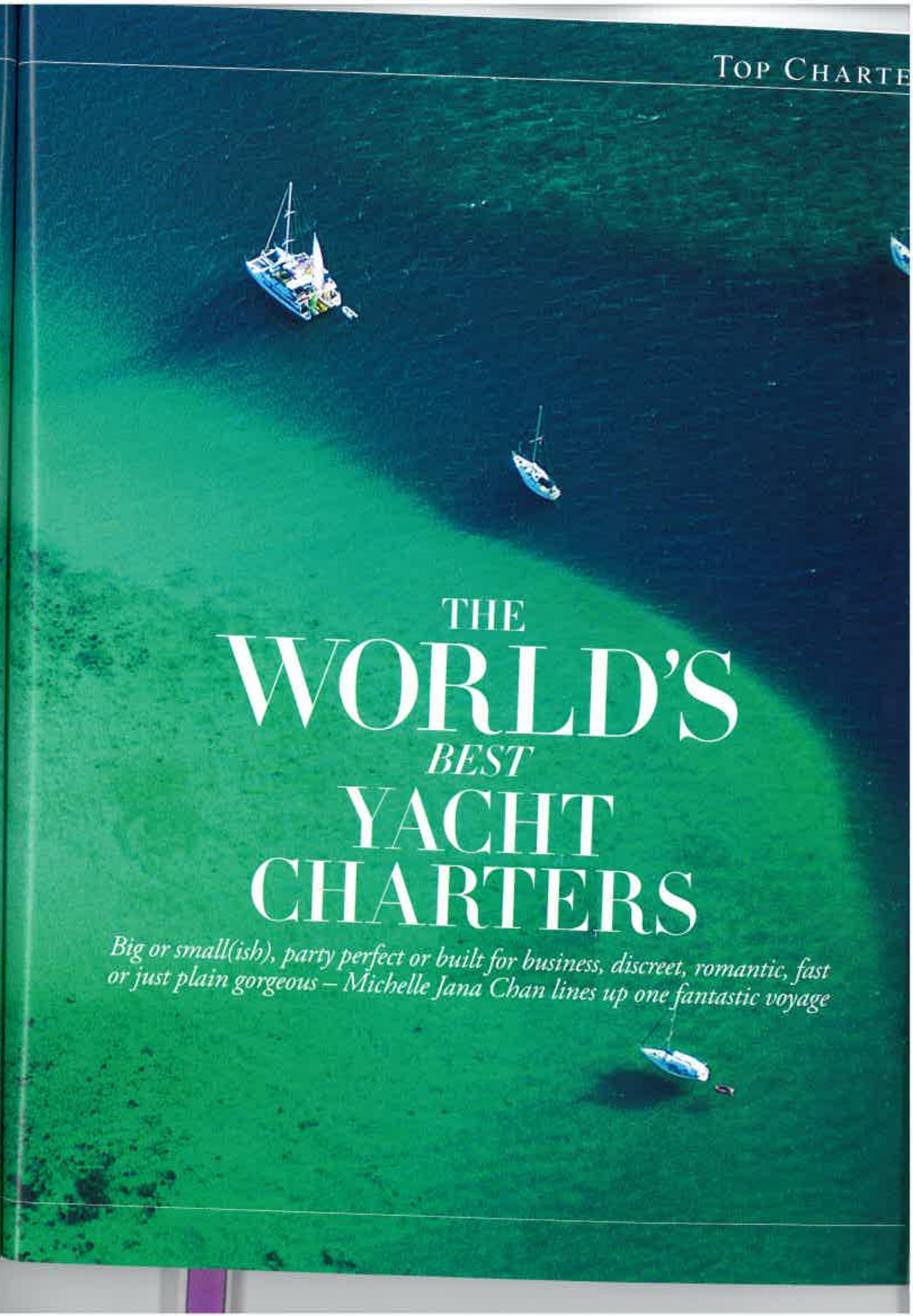


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Big or small(ish), party perfect or built for business, discreet, romantic, fast or just plain gorgeous – Michelle Jana Chan lines up one fantastic voyage





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L'ALBATROS

The lowdown This 43m gentlemen's cruiser manages to pull off a stately feel that's also ever so French. Following a complete overhaul of the navigational system, she manoeuvres as easy as pie into the smallest of harbours. The yacht has two rotating captains; both are keen fishermen and are on hand to help you haul in a catch.

USP One of the owners has a vineyard, so there's a vast cellar on board and the chief steward will happily conduct wine tastings for guests.

Where to anchor St Barth's (almost more French than France), and then down to Los Roques, Venezuela, for some of the world's best bonefishing.

Book it From €75,000 (£59,000) a week; Fraser Yachts (fraseryachts.com).



VANTAGE

The lowdown At just over 45m, this statement yacht has a shallow hull, so she can fit perfectly into the Med's *petits ports* and snug anchorages, including stern-to in St Tropez (the holy grail, if that's your thing). Her clever deck layout allows for maximum privacy as the hordes trudge past, yet guests still get a bird's-eye view of all the quayside action from the sundeck's jacuzzi. The suave chef hails from south-west France and brings aboard wine and cognac from his own vineyard. There's also a 12m Van Dutch chase boat with a dedicated captain – for nipping over to Pampelonne beach to swim.

USP The multitasking kitchen staff can cook kosher food.

Where to anchor St Tropez – because she fits, and outshines all other yachts there.

Book it From €192,500 (£150,000) a week; Camper & Nicholson's (camperandnicholsons.com).

