



British shipyard group seeks motivated owner to back 'Project Nelson'

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PRINCIPAL DIMENSIONS

- LOA 80m
- LWL 73.37m
- Beam 12.48m
- Draught 4.00m
- Guests 12 in 6 cabins
- Crew 24 in 14 cabin

Once the facility currently refitting the 65 metre **Shemara** becomes free in June of this year, Burgess Marine are hoping to use the UK’s last large independent Superyacht ship building facility at Trafalgar Wharf, Portchester, to build **Project Nelson**. Described as the ‘Best of British’ she is to become a modern take on a classic Gentleman’s Motor Yacht.

Promoted jointly by Burgess Marine and Laurent Giles the team seek an enthusiastic owner, keen to be integrally involved, with an outstanding passion for all things ‘Best of British’. The project will be structured in an entirely unique fashion and will continue to challenge the conventional way of Superyacht building.

“It’s not the normal way of doing things but it really does work,” says Nicholas Warren, the MD of Burgess Marine.

The idea is to utilise the local ship building labour and regional industry expertise. Warren adds, “There is a huge opportunity to capitalise on the expertise and passion for ship building in and around this great

maritime city - as an industry we should be able to make this work.”

“If we can find an Owner or Head of State interested in **Project Nelson** and ship building in Portsmouth then I am sure that we can deliver a superb product

“The opportunity presented, especially to the superyacht industry, by the owner of **Shemara** and the unique organisational ‘make-up’ of the project is phenomenal and one that simply cannot be ignored. It’s been proven that if you have willing and enthusiastic owner anything can be achieved. You can build your own superyacht, to the very highest of standards, and keep complete control of both the project and all the costs associated with the build.

David Lewis, the MD of naval architects Laurent Giles goes on to say: “The facility in Portchester is unique, as is this approach. We’ve designed a superb yacht, to the very highest of modern standards. With our high level of expertise and experience and with Burgess’s engineering knowledge and know-how the end result is sure to be mind-blowing.”

Building semi production superyachts cuts delivery time

The sale in February of a new build 54 superyacht highlights the increasing trend of owners towards semi production craft. Amels, the yacht building division of the Dutch based commercial shipbuilding group Damen, has perfected the art of semi production superyachts that guarantees superior delivery times combined with exceptional quality and design.

Across the industry delivery time is seen as increasingly pivotal in owners’ decision-making, and this new order brokered by Burgess confirms the trend. This yacht will be delivered in May 2015 just 16 months after she was commissioned

The platform used by the builder eliminates technical risk and allows the owners to focus on customising the ‘fun parts’ secure in the knowledge that their yacht will be delivered on time. The yachts owners opted for a 55-metre yacht from the builders Limited Edition line with interiors customised to the owners’ wishes by designer Christian Liaigre.

This is the first time the international design house in Paris has worked on a yacht, built by the yard and his work will complement the bold and elegant exterior design by award-winning British designer Tim Heywood.



The owners’ suite will feature a folding balcony, while the main saloon has port and starboard folding balconies, amplifying the inside-out feeling on board. Further features include a touch-and-go helideck and an extensive beach club to enhance connection with the ocean, including space for watertoys, a steam room and swimming platform with integrated stairs.



Same team set to produce duplicate masterpiece

One of the most successful superyacht interiors is that seen aboard **Kismet**, the 68 metre yacht built for clients of Moran Yacht & Ship by Lürssen Yachts of Bremen, Germany.

Her art deco interior from Reymond Langton was without doubt a head turner when she was launched and remains so today.

Her lavish crew areas were so palatial that one junior crewmember turned down promotion to stay on board her because he knew the accommodation on the next yacht would not match that of **Kismet**. So it is great news that the owner of the original **Kismet** (now renamed **Global** having been sold) is building her successor and is keeping the same team to bring her together.

Brokers Moran Yacht & Ship will oversee the build and then handle the charter arrangements. Lürssen are building the new 94 metre yacht that will be launched later this year. Espen Oeino, the multiple-award-winning Norwegian designer is again the stylist of choice. And yes, **Kismet II**, as she is to be known, also boasts a Reymond Langton designed interior which will undoubtedly become yet again one of the most admired and talked about of any yacht built to date.

The yacht will we learn feature a winter garden deck, a relaxing full service spa and an enormous swimming pool including a one of a kind retractable outdoor fireplace.



Project Name: Sunrise N681

Length: 67.50m/221'

Beam (moulded): 11.30m/37'

Draught (max): 3.15m/10'3"

Displacement: 900 tons

Tonnage: 1,300 gt

Max speed: 23 knots

Range: 5,000 nautical miles

Guests: 12

Crew: 16

Yacht Design: AVC. & Co Vallicelli Design, Rome, Italy

Interior Design: Focus Yacht Design, Bremen, Germany

Naval Architecture: Mulder Design/OYD

Classification: Bureau Veritas / LY3

Hull type & Material: Fast-displacement - Steel

Superstructure material: Aluminium

Engines: 2 x MTU 16V4000M93

Propulsion System: Voith Linear Jets

Generators: 2 x 220 kW + 1 x 200 kW MME microturbine

Sunrise Yachts to build Skyfall, a 68 metre yacht for Staluppi

American serial superyacht owners John and Jeanette Staluppi have always named their yachts after the James Bond movies. The theme has seen Staluppi commission **Goldeneye**, **Diamonds Are Forever**, **Casino Royal**, **Octopussy** and the worlds fastest superyacht **Never Say Never** along with a fleet of others

Now the couple have commissioned their 19th superyacht to be known as **Sykfall** and they have departed from their normal list of builders. Instead of choosing the more tried and tested yards of North America and Europe, the yacht will be built in Antalya Turkey, by Sunrise Yachts, a company founded in 2006 by German businessman and yachtsman Herbert P Baum and British-French yacht-builder Guillaume Roché.

The deal was brokered by Worth Avenue Yachts of Palm Beach for a 68 metre yacht to be designed

by Vallicelli & Co, with an interior design by Focus Yacht Design and naval architecture by Mulder Design and OYD.

This will bring the number of Sunrise yachts under construction to six. After delivering the 45 metre **Africa** in 2009, the company is currently building five super yachts, from 34 to 63 metres in length.

Guillaume Roché, Sunrise Yachts CEO, states: "It means a lot to us to be chosen to build such an ambitious project, especially for one of the world's most experienced yacht owners. It is both an acknowledgement of our achievements in the six short years of our shipyard's operation, and a motivation to further pursue excellence in our standards. We are looking forward with great anticipation to this unique opportunity that is creating a floating work of art with creative and competent people."



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