

If yacht owners or charter guests start talking about the superyacht they've just spent a relaxing holiday on, you can bet a large part of the conversation will centre around the toys they got to use.

# TOY Story



**O**n the surface, underwater or in the air – the options are endless. The toys aren't just for kids, although most of the toys are designed to make any decent adult feel like a kid again. Keeping the owner or guests occupied while anchored in the deep blue is big business and the industry is always looking for new and whacky toys. However, your selection needs to appeal to those that want some simple safe fun all the way to the thrill seekers in equal measure. This means having a wide variety available for all tastes and abilities. You even need to cater for those that might not be too confident in the water.

For those that prefer the deep blue experience there are Aquastar Scooters a snip at €12,000 to various underwater craft such as the much hailed Seabreacher at €50,000 or various subs all the way upto €2m. Or a limited edition Cayago Magnum Seabob to help you glide under the waves at €78,000. For the thrill seekers on top of the waves, there needs to be a large choice of waterskis, wake boards and knee boards, or with an extra lift the **EVO Hydrofoil Waterski**. Paddle boards are becoming popular and are easy to master in a matter of minutes with the added benefit of being a great way to get some aerobic exercise out on the waves.

For the definitive watersport fun look no further than a personal hovercraft. There are many brands hitting the superyacht market to suit various budgets and storage issues. Hovpod offer a 120bhp 4-stroke Weber engine craft skimming 9 inches over the water at a top speed of 50mph! What would a toy selection be without the beloved

jetski? There are almost too many to choose from with a wide variety of sizes and power. However, the ultimate may be the **Venom Jet Ski**, why not add a Marine Stereo pack with iPod dock, SatNav, Saxim waterproof phone and underwater LED lights and depth sounders?

### Hot Air

Inflatables can give you the most fun and will appeal to every guest on board – they will certainly bring the kid out in 'most' people. From slides, trampolines, climbing frames to enclosed swim areas for the kids the list is endless. Relatively new to the market are the inflatable's for wake board tricks from **Freestyle Slides** – their Liquid Rail and Liquid Flyers are a must for practicing those tricks. The coolest addition to any superyacht has to be the inflatable slide. Every size is available to suit your yacht, easy to erect and dismantle you'll have the guests and crew lining up to hurtle down the slide from dawn 'til dusk.

For a quick and easy fun session the trampoline can be promptly assembled and will help to shake off a few calories. I challenge anyone not to start laughing as soon as they hit the matt and get bouncing. Not to forget the kids and those not overly happy in the water **Freestyle Slides** are having great success with their **Critter free netter areas**. A safe environment for swimmers protected by weighted nets and padded sides - a great investment for charter guests with kids.

In summary, keep a good variety for all abilities and ages on board, make sure the users know what they're doing and are suitably protected.



## You have all the toys..... So what could possibly be missing?



Arista Marine Ltd, have the ideal solution: The Phantom 24 catamaran has taken the role of the SSV and given it a twist. With its 12m beam and 210 m.sq of deck storage area the phantom has the carrying capacity of a much larger mono-hull vessel. The large open deck is close to the water so with its wide swim stairs and transom ladders, access to the sea is easy. There is a small pool on the foredeck, with sufficient room to surround it with several loungers, and there is a small bar and galley. Cleared of the tenders and toys the aft deck of the Phantom can become a great venue, for BBQ's and parties.  
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