

NEW LAUNCH

Diamonds Are Forever



Diamonds are Forever started life with the official ID at Benetti of FB253 61m. Based on Benetti naval architecture and engineering, the elegant external line bears the signature of Stefano Natucci and is characterised by compact forms and dynamic slender lines: a balanced combination of traditional design elements and modern innovative stylistic solutions which have become the shipyard's distinguishing mark throughout the world. Sold as a new build project, by Ocean Independence's Peter Thompson in early 2010 she became the property of Mr Staluppi, who has always been a fan of the inimitable Bond, James Bond, saga. She became **Diamonds Are Forever** during a Bond styled christening party on Saturday 26th

November 2011 held in the presence of the Owners, Captain Scott Lizza with his 14 man crew and the yacht's construction team.

A Glittering Affair

The event took place under sunny Tuscan skies beginning with speeches and presentations by Benetti's CEO Vincenzo Poerio, Chairman Paolo Vitelli and head of project management Nicola Nicolai to the Owners, their project team and crew. The naming was followed by a rendition of the theme tune to the **Diamonds Are Forever** movie and an acrobatic enactment of a daring Bond fight scene complete with Aston Martin using the magnificent yacht as the scenes backdrop.

The 61 metre superyacht *Diamonds Are Forever* was launched in November by Benetti at Livorno. The Bond title of her name identifies her with the serial superyacht owner John Staluppi whose yachts are always named thus. Review by Frances and Michael Howorth

Specifications:

LOA: 61.0m
Beam: 10.6m
Draught: 2.9m
Displacement: 920 tonnes
GT: 1,100
Flag: USA
Guests: 12
Crew: 15
Engines: 2 x CAT 3512 HD turbo charged
Power Output: 1380 Kw @ 1600 RPM
Speed (Max): 16 knots
Speed (Cruising): 15 knots
Range: 4,800 nm @ 12 knots
Exterior Designer: Stefano Natucci
Interior Designer: Evan K Marshall
Builder: Benetti
Year: 2011
Charter and Management Web site: www.oceanindependence.com
Builders Website: www.benettiyachts.it
Charter Rates:
Winter 2011-12
US\$ 450,000 per week high
US\$ 395,000 per week low
Summer 2012
EUR 365,000 per week high
EUR 330,000 per week low

The yacht was then given a traditional blessing and feted with champagne and lunch.

She features an Evan K Marshall interior. The synergy created through the longstanding owner designer relationship with Mr Staluppi has resulted in a well thought out layout and sophisticated styling, focusing on a full service guest concept for the charter market.

Needs and Desires

On board, customisation to meet the needs and desires of the owner is total: the particular arrangement of the cabins, the location of the wheelhouse on the flybridge, the interior design and decor, the engine room made entirely of stainless

steel and the addition of the top deck above the flybridge, a private panoramic deck 12 metres above the sea which can be reached by the glass lift that serves all the yacht decks.

Accommodation comprises of two panoramic master suites and four guest staterooms, a guest elevator to all decks, a full beam sky lounge and vast open and shaded deck spaces. Of particular note is the additional top deck located above the sun deck, which forms a very private deck served by the central elevator. The aft part of the sun-deck also allows easy touch and go helicopter operations.

Once the final stages of fitting out are complete ***Diamonds Are Forever*** will head for the Caribbean where she begins working under Ocean Independence charter management.