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Former superyacht crew, now respected industry specialist journalists **Frances** and **Michael Howorth** look at tenders from the wild and whacky to the sensible and highly desirable.



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It was a hot, clear day, the sky was blue, the sun was shining and the sea was as smooth as a Force 2 wind out of the South East would permit. We were approaching the Islands off Cannes at a speed of 37 knots and our wake rumbled white as it creamed astern, the apparent 40 knot wind ruffled our hair yet despite the wind noise, conversation was still possible because the twin 300hp Mercruisers were not at all noisy. That's it! That is all we can tell you about that top secret tender because it is owned by, oops, sorry, we can't say and stowed in the garage of, well that's top secret too!

Such is the nature of the superyacht world that now sometimes even the make and design of some tenders cannot be discussed in the media. Fortunately there are tenders that can be written about and some of them make for exciting reading.

Zodiac Hurricane, part of the Zodiac marine group and based in Vancouver Canada, has been supplying an ever increasing amount of Adventure Tenders to superyachts especially those heading further and further afield and as far as both Arctic regions. Indeed, these yachts, often Ice Class themselves, are calling for rugged and ultra reliable Tenders, that can cope with remote region operations.

Zodiac offers these up to 11m in either aluminium or GRP. Available through Boating Matters they both feature patented stepped hulls for increased efficiency. Built to the same Military Specification (Milspec) standard as their Navy counterparts, Captains, Engineers and Owners are finding they appreciate these qualities when they are far away from the waters of the Mediterranean and Caribbean. Prices start at around CAD\$ 300,000 for an 8m diesel Adventure Tender with suspension seating and among the yachts that already have one is the Lursen built **Northern Star**.

Here is a name you have probably not heard of before in connection with superyacht tenders, it is Hodgdon Yachts whose base is in Boothbay Harbor Maine USA. That said now that a certain famous film producer has specified them to be carried aboard the brand new 86 metre Oceanco **Seven Seas** we expect a lot more crew will get to see them. Your first chance may well be the Monaco Yacht Show this year where they will make their of-



ficial debut. The sexy looking limousine tenders are the first of a line of custom composite tenders from a boatyard that has been building boats in Maine for over 200 years.

Constructed to the same high standards as the yard's superyachts with custom hardware, varnished mahogany cap rails, teak decking and fine joinery. The full salon hardtop with full height headroom offers privacy for up to 12 guests in luxurious leather seats. The tender handles beautifully at speeds over 30 knots even when loaded. In cold, rough or pouring with rain guests will reach shore dry and warm. Crew will appreciate the robust built-in pick up points located to match the mother ship's gear and the hardtop lowers to allow stowage on board where headroom is tight.

One name familiar to all yacht crew is Novurania of America, based in Vero Beach, Florida and they have been busy bringing new models to market. Expanding on their already successful Chase 38 and 31 models, they have added a 27, 23 and a 19 to make a very complete range. The series features a GRP high sided deep V hull fitted with a closed cell foam collar for protection and added buoyancy. These refined tenders are dry riding, elegant to look at and are packed with features that encompass total comfort for their passengers. A bow cuddy canopy is standard on all models and these store in a foredeck recess available for quick and easy deployment should weather conditions require it.

Spacious seating areas, both fore and aft, make sensible use of space, maximizing comfort and elegance for the Owner and guests. There is an aft deck area for watersports or sunning. The crew's control console is located amidships, offset to starboard, to enable them to come alongside and assist to board passengers through the port side entry door and step way. Crew can serve chilled drinks from a discreet refrigerated drawer in the console. Prices start at US \$185,000 for a Chase 19 and \$330,000 for a Chase 38

In 2012, Novurania will introduce a newly redesigned Launch series. These 6m and 7m models will feature a bow ramp door that enables a variety of uses including beach landings for ashore parties and different load carrying applications. 2012 pricing is estimated at US\$ 165,000 for a 6m model.

Tim Fleming of Boating Matters says, "A Captain could do a lot





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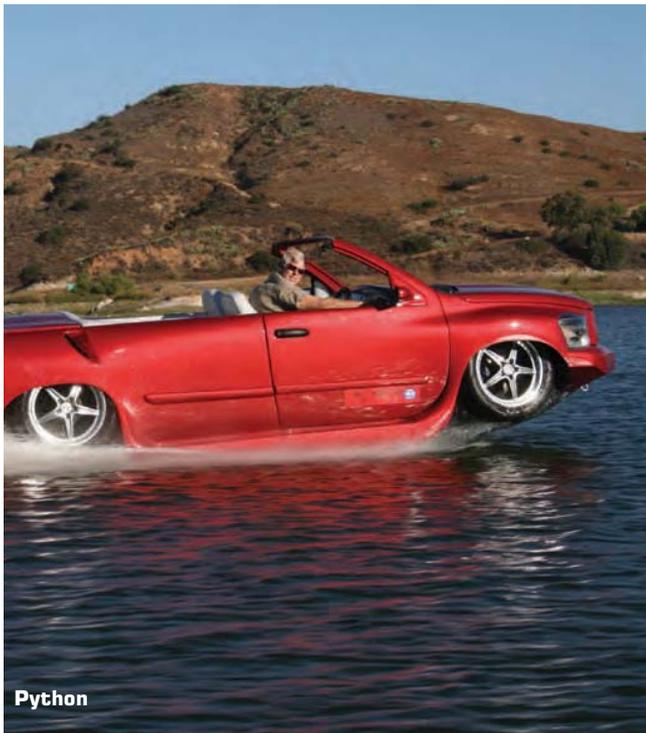


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Res-Q Tenders



Python

worse than choosing a new Novurania Launch and a new Novurania Chase as his Tender combination; benefitting from the same styling, spare parts and maintenance processes."

Perhaps the ultimate tender and one that most crew would like to get their hands on is the Python from WaterCar. This, the world's fastest amphibious vehicle is capable of 58mph on water while on land 0-60mph in 4.5 seconds and in excess of 125mph. It is not a conversion but a custom manufactured car built with corrosion resistant components. Special doors ensure water is kept out but allows passengers to get in from the water. Personal choice dictates colour, engine, interior layout and finish to ensure each car is one of a kind. Available directly from the company in southern California for around US\$200,000, currently only a prototype but orders are being taken for production shortly.

With more than 40 years experience in building versatile and sporty tenders is Nuova Jolly. Their impressive portfolio of tenders will suit any size yacht whether for a single main tender or as the secondary crew tender. Striking to look at, they boasts bags of Mediterranean flair and are styled with classic livery that gives them a smart business like appearance.

Rescue tenders are the bone of many a contention aboard superyachts and it is good to see that finally one is being purpose designed and built for the job it has to perform on board

a superyacht. Two 4.2m (14') SOLAS approved diesel aluminium yacht tenders are currently being built and will appear in both the Monaco and Fort Lauderdale Boat shows. To be known as Res-Q-Tenders, this line has been designed by Vripak the Naval Architect, built by EOS and Marketed by Boating Matters. They comply with the latest SOLAS regulations covering Rescue Boats, they are also compliant with the MCA Large Yacht Code. Catering to a small but highly specialised section of the market, these custom rescue boats require a high degree of individual engineering to make them work for their Owners and the Shipyards that must install them in confined spaces. The length of the RQT can be changed in 10 cm increments to fit specific storage spaces thanks to its modular aluminium construction. Therefore sizes from 4,2m through to 5,5m can be achieved. The inflatable buoyancy tube is removable for repair or replacement by the yacht crew and the engine cover comes apart completely for onboard engineering maintenance. Prices start at Euros 95,000 for the 4.2m model with a 125hp diesel and waterjet. Stern drive models are custom options.

The choice of tenders available to Captains can seem, at times, to be overwhelming. Little wonder that some are turning to independent consultants for help sourcing tenders that exactly meet their requirements of the yacht, such as space restrictions, usage and budget. Consultants like John App at EYOS and Tim Fleming at Boating Matters both offer objective advice on the best options available based upon their expert knowledge of the industry. If you want something special, they can help Captains customise individual designs to suit specific needs.

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EYOS

EYOS Tenders are independent consultants and have helped to source and purchase Yacht Tenders for Owners, Captains, and Management Companies since 2004. By finding out the exact requirements of the yacht, such as space restrictions, usage and budget, they offer objective advice on the best options available based upon their expert knowledge of the industry. If you want something special, they can help you customize individual designs to suit your specific needs, or if you want something totally bespoke, EYOS can help you design, plan, and build your perfect tender. Earlier in the year EYOS Tenders oversaw the custom build of a

Windy SR52. The owner liked the stylish design but wanted to change the interior cabin and seating arrangement and EYOS oversaw the construction to their exact specification and standard.

"It is the first time that we have worked with EYOS as the intermediary/project manager on the build of a boat and it worked extremely well" said Trevor Fenlon, Head of Production of Windy Boats Sweden. "They knew exactly what was possible to have with this type of boat and it eliminated the process of back and forth between owner/captain and the yard. It simply made the whole project much easier for ourselves and I'm sure for the owner too."

The Captain, David Broome added "Having EYOS first provide us with a selection of possible tenders based on our specific needs, advise us and then also following each stage of the construction has been a huge advantage. Their knowledge has been invaluable and I would definitely recommend them to anyone else who is looking for a tender."

As EYOS are not sales agents for any particular brand, they are able to offer an unbiased opinion on what is available on the market, explaining the good points and also the occasional flaws in the boats being offered.

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Tender Loving Care

Looking for some advice on what tender to buy?

Novurania

Novurania continues to add new models to a well established range of Superyacht tenders.

Novurania of America Inc. based in Vero Beach, Florida is continuing to raise the bar on dedicated Tenders for Superyachts. Their Chase range of Tenders has recently been augmented by the dazzling new Chase 19 which brings big Tender features to a small package. Only Novurania, after 40 years in the business has been able to include such a passion for detail in a 19' (5.8m) envelope. Look out for the introduction of the new 6m and 7m Launch series in 2012; these include an ingenious bow ramp door that enables elegant embark/disembarkation for passengers on a sandy beach.

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Prince 35 'Sport Cabin

It's the new flagship of NUOVA JOLLY MARINE. Advance a sporty profile with rounded shapes that alternate with taut lines, integrated with the tubes in extraordinary harmony that boasts the "wave's effect", which tends to rise from the center of the boat to the bow. A solution that offers a better behaviour with the sea at the bow and the maximum protection for those who are in the cockpit.

The Prince 35 'Sport Cabin is able to offer two huge sunbathing area at the bow and stern, a convivial seating (available in two configurations), a sportive walk-around console and a cabin with three beds and a separate toilet with marine wc, shower and sink. On request, it's also possible setting up a second cabin in the astern locker.

The Prince 35 'Sport Cabin has a fiberglass bow in which the tubes are inserted, while the hull is made using the vacuum infusion method to optimize the use of the resin, increase the robustness of construction and reduce the weight of the boat.

The Prince 35 'Sport Cabin is available in outboard and stern-drive.

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Vikal

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Size 11.3

Speed 50 knots at full power

Power Twin 370 hp Volvo Diesel

Capacity 14 passengers + 2 crew

Website: www.vikal.com.au

Price: Price upon application



Dymax Shuttle Tender

A diminutive, slender, planning craft that is part tender, part toy with exactly the shape you would expect from something called 'shuttle'. It is a lightweight and comfortable two seated craft with outstanding acceleration. Small enough to fit on to most superyachts, this is a fast, fun boat for dashing from A to B rather than sedately carrying guests and their luggage.

Size 5.45 metres

Speed 40 knots

Power xx

Capacity Just two people

Website: www.felleryachting.de

Price: Prices start at €48,000



Whitmarsh

After years in the superyacht industry and offshore powerboat racing, James Whitmarsh has launched his own company to build his first fabulous, fast speed machine tender that is part rib, part chase boat and part coastal cruiser. Superb handling, high-quality, incredible acceleration and sleek, eye-catching looks make this a perfect tender for superyachts demanding safety, style and speed. Getting from ship to shore in a hurry is no problem for this tender.

Size 11 metres

Speed 70 knots

Power Twin Mercury Verado 4 stroke outboards

Capacity xx

Website: www.whitmarsh-ribs.com

Price: Prices start at €182,000



From small 5 metre ribs to a nice \$1m tender



Riva

Only 22 of the limited edition Aquariva by Avant-garde Australian designer Marc Newson will ever be made. It is an extension of the artist's work with planes and cars, with a feel of the 1950's and 60's combined with the newest trend in nautical design. This means the latest bow thruster and electronic transmission for example has been combined with an instrument panel and deck area created from phenolic composite. This material is a wood-like textile-based laminate developed in the first half of the 20th century and a precursor to fibreglass.

Size 10 metres

Speed 41 knots

Power 2 x Yanmar 6 LY3/UTP 380 mhp/279 kW

Capacity 8

Website: www.riva-yacht.com

Price: Over €1 million

McMullen & Wing

Walk on board the 73m superyacht **Pegaso** at Monaco and you could get to see a custom built tender based on a proven McMullen and Wing patent hull form. Designed as a key element of **Pegaso's** impressive oceanographic research capability she has been constructed with a rugged aluminium hull with deep V hull. Sized and configured as a dive boat and submarine support vessel she features special fittings for easy launch and retrieval by the mother ship. It is also equipped with specialist sonar equipment for monitoring and communicating with the yacht's own research submarine.

Size 9 metres

Speed 36 knots

Power Twin Yanmar 315HP

Capacity 15 max

Website: www.mcmullenandwing.com

Price: Prices upon application



Spire Boat

The result of this collaboration between Thierry Mugler and Spire Boat is this glistening retro-futuristic, inspired by the muscle cars of the 1950's and entirely representative of the aesthetic canons of its brand and its iconic designer. Board by board and curve by curve, this extraordinary boat morphed into shape. The finished product looks as if part of a movie set or just something that emerged from the depths of the ocean. It conveys its obvious speed and power while maintaining its hydrodynamic, ergonomic, and aerodynamic aspects. It will be presented Monaco Yacht Show this September.

Size 9.5 metres

Speed 110 knots

Power 2 x Yamaha F300B

Capacity 4

Website: www.spireboat.com

Price: Prices start at €48,000

