

NEW LAUNCH

# Lady Candy

Benetti's latest custom displacement yacht is the ultimate charter and entertainment vessel. Reviewed by Frances and Michael Howorth



The hugely experienced yachtsman, Alan Chuang a Hong Kong based real estate developer and entrepreneur is the excited Owner of the newly delivered 56 metre Lady Candy from Benetti. He is eagerly waiting to take over his yacht and excited at the prospect of using her to indulge his passion for scuba diving He plans to enjoy the yacht together with his family and friends and has plans that see her cruising extensively throughout South East Asia.

He played an actively important role in the design paying particular attention to the interior layout which was custom-designed for him by Captain Paul Brackley's Hong Kong based Central Yacht Design Studio. He did, for example, explicitly request that the interiors be given priority over the exteriors, and doing so, he has created an enormous and exciting main

saloon that covers 88 m<sup>2</sup> of the main deck. He also had his own cabin and that of Candy, his daughter, moved to the upper deck to maximise privacy. As a keen diving and underwater enthusiast, he could not pass up on the opportunity to install a fully equipped beach club, complete with bar, gymnasium, steam shower, bathroom and living area right next to the swimming platform, that includes separate entrances for guests and crew.

## Candy girl

Named after his daughter, Lady Candy has four decks connected by a central lift that opens onto an elegant lobby leading to various spaces. To this deck is added an additional lower deck for the engine room, mechanical rooms, and various stowage areas critical to ensuring efficiency and autonomy, the laundry



## Specifications

<b>Length overall</b>	56.0 mt
<b>Beam</b>	10.6 mt
<b>Draught</b>	3.55 mt
<b>Displacement</b>	800 tons
<b>Tonnage</b>	962 gt
<b>Fuel tank capacity</b>	130,000 litres
<b>Owner &amp; guests</b>	12 persons in 6 cabins
<b>Accommodation for crew</b>	14 persons in 7 cabins
<b>Main engines</b>	2 x MTU 12V 4000 M53
<b>Output power</b>	1,320kW @ 1800 rpm
<b>Generators</b>	2 x 175 kW Cat C9 Genset - 400V - 50hz
<b>Stabilisers</b>	Naiad Zero Speed system
<b>Speed</b>	17 knots
<b>Range speed @ 12kn</b>	5,000 nm
<b>Builder</b>	Azimut Benetti Spa - Benetti Shipyard
<b>Naval Architecture</b>	Benetti Technical Department
<b>Exterior designer</b>	Central Yacht
<b>Interior designer/decorator</b>	Central Yacht/BAMO

room, and other service areas. Forward, with separate access, are five cabins and common areas for the 12- man crew. Aft, is the large engine room and still further astern is the beach club. Further forward still the garage houses the 7.3 metre Tendershipyard TS 73 tender. Regardless of the weather conditions, the launching of the tender can be easily controlled from above by opening the side door and operating a simple launching-hauling system. The garage also accommodates two jet skis, assorted water toys and a cavernous chilled garbage locker for extended cruising.

## Satisfaction guaranteed

Fitted with twin 1,320 kW MTU 12V 4000 engines and two 175 kW Cat C9 generators, the maximum speed achieved during sea trials was 17 knots, while cruising the speed is likely to be

set at 16 knots. For best fuel-economy 12 knots, gives her a range of 5,000 nautical miles. The commissioning Captain Paul Brackley is very satisfied with the finished product; he worked with the boatyard to come up with the concept, exterior style, and interior plan: "This is our third project with Benetti. The first one was back in 2005. That was the 65-metre Ambrosia, an award winning and technologically advanced vessel with a hybrid diesel-electric drive; it was the first yacht in the world with ABB compact Azipod propulsion system.

"We followed this up with the 60-metre Xanadu which won Robb Report "Best of the Best" charter yacht in 2009." Lady Candy is the first yacht to be developed directly by Central Yacht, and it has proved to be a resounding success, already receiving various nominations in design competitions.