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AZIMUT MAGELLANO 25 METRI



## THE SHOW THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN

*As a tribute to the efforts of the Cannes Yachting Festival organisers and the shipyards that supported the show, Yacht Style 'reports' on the 2020 event that was so close to happening.*

WORDS **CLAIRE LIM** PHOTOS **CANNES YACHTING FESTIVAL**

Organisers of this year's Cannes Yachting Festival were expecting about 400 yachts, less than two-thirds of the 650 units on display in 2019 but still an ambitious target in a year in which events of all shapes and sizes have been unable to proceed. And although not every builder could commit the same resources to the show as they usually do, the provisional line-up of boats was still impressive, featuring a significant number of world premieres and 2020 models.

However, following various government updates due to a worsening Covid-19 situation, organisers announced the cancellation of the show to exhibitors on August 21, stating that the Alpes-Maritimes prefecture decided not to grant the dispensation that would have allowed the show to go ahead with more than 5,000 visitors daily. To preserve what the organisers and shipyards had committed to, we 'report' on the event that never happened from September 8-13, 2020.

*Azimut-Benetti and Ferretti Group are traditionally two of the strongest exhibitors in Vieux Port and both again had a solid presence.*

*Azimut's line-up included the Magellano 25 Metri's world premiere, Grande 25 Metri and 35 Metri models, the S6, S7 and S8 from the S Collection, the 55 and 78 from the Flybridge Collection, and the Atlantis 51. Benetti, meanwhile, chose Cannes for the world premiere of its first Oasis 40M, among the show's biggest yachts at 131ft.*

*Ferretti Group staged the world premieres of the Riva 88' Folgore, Ferretti Yachts 500 and 43wallytender among a display of about 20 yachts. The Group also held the in-water premiere of the Pershing 7X, which debuted at Boot Dusseldorf in January, and the European premiere of the 48wallytender X, first shown at the Miami Yacht Show in February.*

*Sanlorenzo displayed the SL96A that made its global debut at Boot Dusseldorf in January, as well as the SL78, SL86 and SL102A – the brand's first asymmetric model – from its SL line of planing yachts. An SD96 with a Patricia Urquiola interior represented the semi-displacement line, while the SX76 and SX88 crossover yachts completed the Italian builder's line-up.*

*The Maiora 35 Exuma was also among the biggest yachts on display*



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*Rafa Nadal's Great White (left), an 80 Sunreef Power; Azimut Magellano 25 Metri (right); Vieux Port (top and middle) is the traditional heart of the show*



## NEW DAWN FOR POLISH SHOWS

*The Chinese-owned Sunreef 80 Double Happiness and Galeon's flagship 680 were among the stars of the first Polboat Yachting Festival, which featured local and international brands. And there are more new shows to come.*

**S**unreef and Galeon, Poland's best-known luxury yacht builders, were among prominent local shipyards supporting the first Polboat Yachting Festival, held in the north-coast city of Gdynia in late August. Visitors had to register with Polboat (Polish Chamber of Yacht Industry and Water Sports) to visit yachts at the new show, which was held at the new Marina Yacht Park.

The Yachting Festival was organised by Polboat in less than a month and followed the cancellation of this year's Wind and Water editions in both Warsaw (March) and Gdynia (July), and the bankruptcy of the shows' organiser.

Sunreef, based in the neighbouring city of Gdansk, displayed the Chinese-owned Sunreef 80 *Double Happiness*, the event's biggest yacht, which hosted an opening ceremony featuring VIPs from the industry, state and local administration. Fellow Gdansk builder Galeon showed its flagship 680 Fly along with 460 Fly and 335 HTS motor yachts.

Delphia's three boats included its 1200 BluEscape Fly, while other Polish brands on show included Northman, Parker, Mongird, Etiuda and Viko. International brands, some of which have models produced in Poland, included Bavaria, Bayliner, Dufour, Flipper, Four Winns, Grand Soleil, Hanse, Invictus and Saxdor.

Michał Bak, Secretary General of Polboat, said: "Polboat decided to

organise an event that would give exhibitors the opportunity to present vessels on the water and conduct meetings with industry colleagues, customers and prospects, while maintaining all required safety rules.

"All our employees wore masks or visors, disinfectants were available in the marina, and the flow of people was controlled to maintain social distance. Every day, exhibitors and visitors had their temperature measured, while yachts were aired and disinfected after each group of visitors."

Announcements and details of the yachts and exhibitors were shown on a big screen, which was also used to broadcast interviews with celebrity guests, to avoid crowds in front of stages.

"It was organised in a short time, but the first Yachting Festival turned out to be a huge success that brought together all the most important yacht builders and dealers. The format combined with a large increase in yachting – as a recreational activity conducive to social distancing – resulted in a very large number of contracts and orders for new yachts," Bak said.

"But this is just the beginning. We also want to organise indoor events in spring and autumn to ensure the constant development of these exhibitions." ❧

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Sunreef 80



Galeon 680 Fly

# KING OF THE SEAS

*An island boy at heart, Rafa Nadal has spent his whole life in Mallorca, where the Spanish tennis legend now spends his free time on his new 80 Sunreef Power, Great White, which he has already used to explore the stunning Balearic Islands.*

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*Great White proved a timely present for Nadal, with the ATP Tour suspended soon after Nadal won his 85th singles title at the Mexican Open*

**Y**ou can take the boy out of Mallorca, but you can't take Mallorca out of the boy. Except that with Rafa Nadal, you couldn't even take the boy out of Mallorca. Despite becoming one of the greatest tennis players of all time and one of the world's most famous sportsmen, Nadal has lived his whole life on the Spanish island where he was born. He remains a home boy, attached to his friends and family, his beloved island and the sea.

Nadal, 34, has talked of wanting to get back to the tennis court since the ATP Tour was suspended in mid-March, less than two weeks after he won his 85th singles title with his third career win at the Mexican Open. However, the arrival of his new 80 Sunreef Power in early June has enabled the energetic Spaniard to make the most of his

time away from the court in the last couple of months.

Soon after *Great White* was delivered to Mallorca, Nadal boarded the huge powercat at Club Nautic Porto Cristo in Manacor with a group including his father Sebastian, younger sister Maria Isabel (Maribel) and wife 'Xisca', whom he married in Mallorca last October, the pair having been dating since they were teenagers.

The hard-working Spaniard – whose punishing training regime and phenomenal fitness helped take him to the top of the sport – was soon on board in a T-shirt, shorts and cap, among those cleaning the boat and scrubbing the decks before taking her out.

Covid-19 has enabled Nadal to spend spring and much of the summer at home for the first time since he became a touring pro, and



*Based on the east coast of Mallorca, Great White has twin 1,200hp engines for a top speed of 23 knots and a cruising speed of 16*



*The hydraulic swim platform carries and deploys Nadal's tender, while the jetski is carried under the aft cockpit*

his first forays with *Great White* were around Mallorca and fellow Balearic Islands Menorca, Ibiza and Formentera.

"Because I'm from an island, I find it difficult to imagine my life without the sea, so I'm very excited about this boat, also because I've never owned a catamaran before," says Nadal, who has won 19 Grand Slam singles titles including 12 French Open crowns.

"I've been able to spend so much time with friends and family this year, so having the new boat here has been a great opportunity to stay together in a positive atmosphere."

Nadal has been boating with his dad since he grew up on the island's east coast in Manacor, where he was born and still lives. When Nadal was young, his father had a small speedboat and today Sebastian owns a 34ft Australia-built motor yacht that they share.

"Since I was a kid, I fell in love with the sea. I have a lot of great childhood memories of going out on a small boat with my family and friends. We usually went out early in the morning and came back late in the afternoon. Those are very nice memories," he says.

More recently, Nadal owned a Princess V62 and an MCY 76 before buying *Great White*, which measures 80ft in length and has a beam of almost 38ft. Such luxury yachts are a world away from what he could imagine owning when he was a young, although it's less surprising that he made his living from sport.

His uncle Toni Nadal was a tennis pro and the man who famously groomed him into the 'King of Clay' with unprecedented success in the French Open and other clay-court tournaments, although Nadal has also won four US Opens and one Australian Open on hard courts, and two Wimbledon on grass.

When young, Nadal also had aspirations of becoming a pro footballer like his other uncle Miguel Angel Nadal. 'The Beast' earned 62 caps and played in three World Cups for Spain, and won five La Liga titles with Barcelona in-between two spells with Mallorca.

"When I was young, I was super happy with this small boat that my father owned and I never dreamt about owning any type of boat," says Nadal, who became a professional tennis player at the age of 15.



*A boater since he was young, Nadal has been using Great White with his wife, family and friends*



Nadal chose the layout and décor of the interior, which features beige, cream and coffee colours

"Of course, later I wanted to have my own boat, but the main thing I had in mind was to continue doing what I did when I was a kid, just with a little bit more comfort. I still just want to share great moments with my friends and family and discover the ocean, discover beautiful places that we have here around the island and visit different countries."

**SNAPPING UP GREAT WHITE**

Nadal has been a regular visitor to the Sunreef booth at the Cannes Yachting Festival in recent years and was very familiar with the brand ahead of buying his first yacht from the Polish shipyard.

"I've known Sunreef Yachts for years and my impression of the company has always been great. Since I visited their catamarans for the first time during the Cannes show years ago, I always thought catamarans have amazing advantages because of the amount of space you have on the boat and the comfort is unbelievable," says Nadal, who won the men's singles gold at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and has a record 35 ATP Masters 1000 titles

Ironically, Nadal was inspired to buy a large powercat after seeing the Sunreef 80 sailing catamaran on its debut at Cannes in 2018. Although he was blown away by the size and finish, he was more interested in a power catamaran so he had more control over how quickly he could get away and back in time for training or other



The saloon features enormous sofas on both sides and a forward dining area, either side of back-to-back 77-inch TVs



Nadal chose a fold-down balcony for his master suite, while Great White can accommodate family and friends in three guest cabins

appointments in his hectic schedule.

Notably, he also had to assess whether the future powercat version could fit in the Porto Cristo marina near his house.

"When I saw the Sunreef 80, I said, 'Wow, that's huge! I went inside and loved it. I also knew it was the biggest boat I could have in the small port of my village,'" says Nadal.

"I asked Sunreef if they produce a power version, because today I don't have a lot of time for sailing. Sometimes I like to go and come back on the same day or next morning to keep practising, so when Sunreef presented the project of the 80 Sunreef Power, I fell in love."

**NADAL MAKES IT PERSONAL**

With his interest piqued, Nadal stayed in touch with Edwin Nogala, a Sunreef Sales Representative who visited him in Mallorca. After confirming the order, it was then time to make the four-cabin Great White his own.

Nadal had a lot of input, selecting the layout, special features and décor on a yacht that offers 360sqm (3,875sqft) of living area. Having seen an 80 Sunreef Power for the first time when he visited the model's premiere at Cannes last September, the Spaniard was a happy man

upon receiving his own this year.

"The boat is completely personalised. I've chosen all the things I want to have on board. I have my jetski inside and my tender, too. I chose all of the furnishings and even have a TV on the flybridge," says Nadal, who has TVs in plenty of other places, too.


The jetski is kept in the model's signature garage, which is underneath the cockpit and accessed by raising the sofa platform. The cradle garage can be slowly lowered for the jetski to enter the water – and off you go. The garage has a refuelling station and storage for other water toys, while the tender is carried on a wide hydraulic swim platform.

The covered cockpit provides a huge alfresco dining and lounging area, and is fitted with a weatherproof TV, while there are two 77-inch screens installed back-to-back in the enormous, light-filled saloon. Nadal enjoys his telly.

There are oversized L-shaped sofas on both sides of the saloon, creating enormous room in the middle, while forward of the TVs is a dining table for eight and an additional lounging area to port, by the foredeck door.



The King of Clay's first catamaran is his biggest yacht so far, measuring 80ft in length and almost 38ft across

A photograph of Rafa Nadal sitting on the deck of a yacht. He is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and dark blue trousers, with his arms crossed and looking out at the sea. The yacht has a dark hull and light-colored cushions. The background is a vast expanse of blue water under a clear sky.

**"I'm super excited about spending a lot of time on the boat and I'd love to visit the whole Mediterranean and the Caribbean. Our planet is an amazing, beautiful place."**

*Nadal is keen to explore more of the Mediterranean and return to the Caribbean, where the Exuma Islands in the Bahamas are among his favourite destinations*

Nadal's personal choices also include a fold-out balcony for his master suite, which is in the starboard hull and includes a flip-down ceiling TV above the double bed, a sofa and walk-in dressing room. There's also one ensuite guest cabin and the crew quarters in the starboard hull, while the port side features two guest cabins and the galley.

"We've put a lot of love into the project, choosing everything," Nadal says. "I'm super happy with the boat. It's very special for me, my family and friends."

#### **GRAND AMBITIONS FOR GREAT WHITE**

The coronavirus means Nadal has had more chance to use his yacht than at any other time during his tennis career.

For almost two decades, his global touring has restricted his time on the water, although when he's able to get home, he routinely takes his boat out and often stays overnight by a beach. In addition, he typically tries to carve out 10 days in the summer for a boating holiday with family or friends.

However, Nadal never completely switches off from his training regime, using the sea water and time aboard to help with rest and recuperation from his punishing workload.

"During a tennis season, I don't have much time for boating, but I always try to find some. When I come home, I like to take the boat out, winter or summer," he says.

"When I spend, say, a week on a yacht, I always take my things and do my daily workout to protect my shoulders and knees. I try to swim a lot and I enjoy free diving very much. It's not good for a

professional sportsman to stop exercising completely, so I stay active."

Despite being forced into some extensive breaks from the sport due to injuries, Nadal is still one of the world's top players and was World No. 2 at time of writing, having won his 12th French Open and fourth US Open last year.

In fact, from when he secured his first Grand Slam title at the 2005 French Open, Nadal along with Roger Federer and current No. 1 Novak Djokovic have won 52 of the last 60 Grand Slam titles and continue to dominate the game.

However, at 34, Nadal can envision the day when he will have to step away from the tour and the wide, open seas will be waiting for him.

"I'm super excited about spending a lot of time on the boat and I'd love to visit the whole Mediterranean like Croatia, Greece, Italy, as well as the Caribbean," says Nadal, who cruised to Sardinia on his previous yacht.

"I've chartered catamarans a couple of times in the Bahamas, in the Exuma Islands, and I loved it. The Exumas are one of my favourite places, so I try to go back there when I can and I'd love to go with *Great White*. It would be amazing to visit all these remarkable places.

"Our planet is an amazing, beautiful place. There are plenty of spots I'd like to visit, and I hope I have the chance to go to some undiscovered destinations in the future. Now, I'm still playing tennis and don't have much time, but I hope I'll have time to go on these adventures when I'm retired." ❧

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Sunreef 70

## SAILING CATAMARANS

Sunreef completed its modern four-strong range of sailing catamarans with the summer launch of the first Sunreef 70, *Ocean Vibes*, which joined the 80 launched in 2018 and the 50 and 60 added last year. Measuring a touch over 70ft in overall length, the newcomer offers almost 3,100sqft of living space due to an enormous beam of 35ft 5in, contributing to large floor space on all three decks.

*Ocean Vibes* features five cabins, but the model is available in a variety of accommodation layouts. Standard features include a large aft cockpit that can connect with the hydraulic swim platform, a large flybridge and a bow terrace accessible from the saloon. The mainsail and genoa are 160sqm (1,722sqft) and 120sqm (1,292sqft) respectively, while twin 180hp or 225hp engines can take over in no or low wind, with fuel capacity options up to 4,000 litres.

The Lagoon 65 (see *REVIEW*) is another high-profile offering in the world of large and luxurious sailing catamarans. Successor to

the popular 620, the 65 is the smaller sister of the Seventy 7 that debuted at Cannes in 2016 and the sailing counterpart of the 67 powercat that premiered at Cannes last year.

Notable features include the cockpit's adjustable aft bench that can either face forward or toward the sea, while the cockpit also has a smokeless barbecue and a wet bar. The saloon connects to a sunken lounge in the foredeck, while the generous flybridge has room for sofas, sunpads and an eight-person dining table. Layout options include galley up or down, and up to six cabins in the hulls.

Fountain Pajot has also launched its second-biggest sailing catamaran this year, showcasing the Samana 59, whose 320sqft flybridge is billed as the biggest in its class according to the French builder.

Samana effectively replaces the Ipanema 58, but the newcomer is more reflective of a new generation pioneered by the flagship Alegria 67, which debuted at Cannes two years ago. As well as an enormous flybridge, other highlights on the 59 include a 300sqft



Lagoon Sixty 5



Fountain Pajot Samana 59





*Latest Heesen 55m Steel Class has six staterooms on three decks, and uses the ultra-efficient fast-displacement hull form devised by Dutch hydrodynamicists van Oossanen*

Michele herself, when we last spoke in August, said “Monaco is pretty quiet at the moment and so is the port. A few usual large ones like *Alfa Nero*, *Wedge Too* and *Lady S*, but there are nearly no yachts at anchor in the bay”.

Heesen, another very large Dutch superyacht builder, has managed to launch *Amare II*, *Solemates* and *Triton*. *Solemates* is the latest Heesen 55m Steel Class, and uses the “fast displacement hull form” devised by Dutch hydrodynamicists van Oossanen, whose founder’s winged keel may also have helped Australia win the America’s Cup in 1983.

Burgess Yachts, now with a network of Asia-Pacific offices, is one of the most prominent dealers and agents in Monaco, often taking a substantial hospitality and display area on one of the quays.

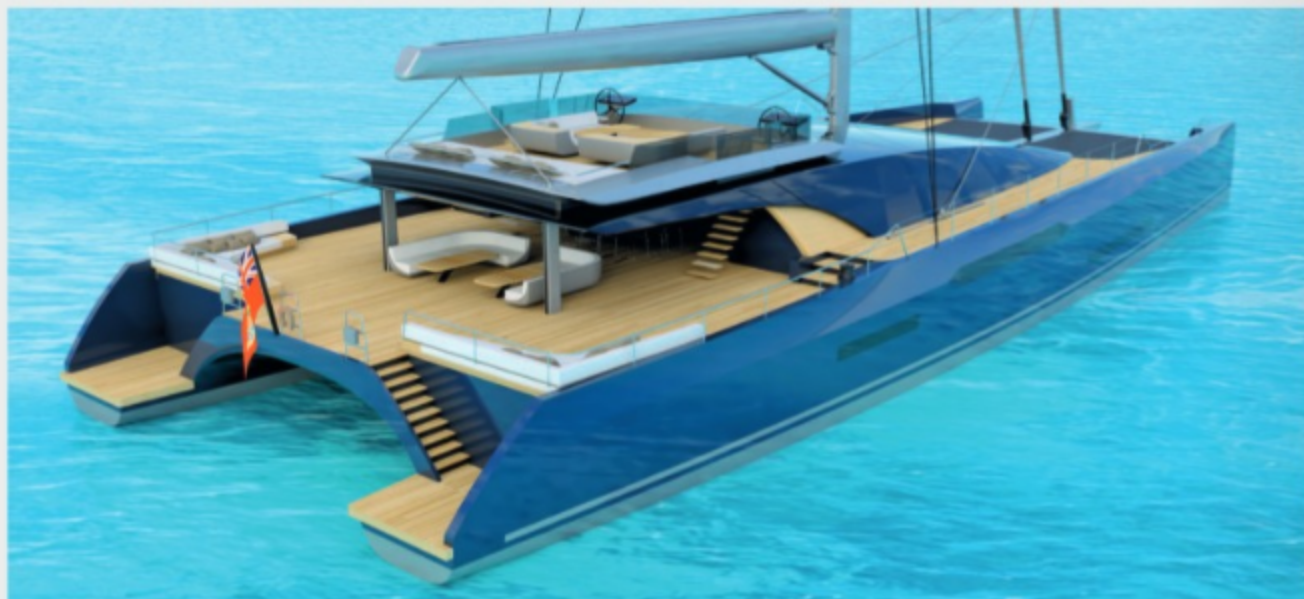
In Asia-Pacific they presently have the 60m CRN *Ramble on Rose* and 55m Amels *Papa* available for charter in Australia, while the Asian-owned 52m *Lind* is in the Med. *Lady E* has had a refit,

and plans to charter in Australia and New Zealand this season, but is carefully watching latest port rules and regulations.

The 30th edition of Monaco Yacht Show will now be held from 22-25 September 2021 in Port Hercule. A lot of water has ebbed and flowed in the Med since the first one in 1991, under the auspices of Lord Irvine Laidlaw, who bought a series of *Lady Christines* from Dutch builders including Heesen, Occanco and Feadship. He will visit Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Philippines waters later this year.

I was at the dealer meeting in the old Monaco Yacht Club which approved the event. There were rival venues in Nice and Antibes, but for big boat sales, dealers wanted only one. The inimitable Herbert Dahm of Dahm International spoke strongly on Monaco’s behalf. ☺

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*Malcolm McKeon, Hong Kong-raised No #2 to the late Ed Dubois for many years, runs his own design company and has collaborated with Sunreef Yachts to present a radical superyacht concept, and Sunreef MM460 Cat. The design is defined by its impressive glass superstructure, atop which sits a 60 sqm flybridge. Dual helm positions allow clear sight lines in all directions*