







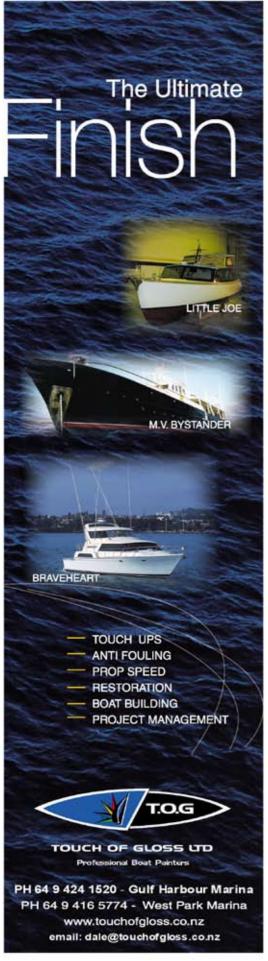
hen you see the quality, variety and uniqueness of the vessels exhibited at the Monaco Yacht Show each year, you can't help but stop and ask questions of the exhibitors. Throughout the previous four years, Sunreef Yachts have always exhibited a vessel that captivated many people's interest, including myself. So, when they approached us to feature their new launching, Guapa, I was delighted to take a closer look.

Sunreef Yachts are based in Gdansk, Poland and are renowned for building luxury boats. Unlike some yards, Sunreef build in aluminium or composite. The father and son team of Francis and Nicolas Lapp set up the company just five years ago and have already earned a reputation for producing high-quality boats from 60 to over 150 feet. Their latest launching, *Guapa*, is testament to this. Represented not only in Poland but also in Spain, Italy, France and the USA, they are developing into an international brand. The Gdansk shipyard has already expanded to 6,000sqm in its brief history, and plans for further expansion are already afoot with the purchase of more land. With twelve builds on the go this year alone, they will need every square metre.

While they are a popular choice for multihull sailing cats and conventional monohulls, Sunreef will also launch their first power cat later in the year. Each boat is built on the principal that every owner is unique and therefore each Sunreef yacht is fully personalised to fulfill any and every expectation of that owner.

The shipyard employs 300 highly qualified employees. Thirty alone are on the design team, a young team that brings









innovation and flare, along with the courage of their convictions. After all who would dream of mixing Emerald green with the strong tones of Wenge and Maplewood in the same space? They have. "An energetic design," is how Sunreef's Ewa Stachurska puts it. "Powerful, modern and originally coloured the decor is further complemented by silver detailing and dark grey pieces of furniture. The use of large mirrors in a catamaran also enables the interior designers to create the allusion of space and gives a unique angle on the interior as a whole." The tables and countertops in the saloon, as well as the sinks in the bathrooms, are finished in green glass. Lighting is a mix of fibre optics in the cockpit, UV in the stainless steel flybridge pillars and halogen beneath the waterline. The overall effect is contemporary, stylish and sleek. Four double cabins, four heads, spacious saloon with open play galley, good sized cockpit, and two quiet reading areas (one with chaise lounge) provide ample space for eight guests.

Guapa's interior is not the only place where interesting detailing can be found. Both hulls are painted turquoise green, as is an additional platform that is secured at the stern between the two hulls. Certainly not everyone's cup of tea, but then I'm not everyone! "One of Sunreef's strong points is the way we do the flybridge," Stachurska went on to say. "It is spacious and contains everything you need – but best of all it gives you a fantastic view not usually afforded to sailing cats."

Guapa now enjoys her place in the charter pool operated by Sunreef Yachts. The charter fleet operates in the Mediterranean, the Maldives, Caribbean and even Venezuela.

I look forward to seeing what gems the company bring to the table at this year's 17th Monaco Yacht Show. For more information, visit their website at www.sunreef-yachts.com or telephone them on + 48 58 763 1454.

