



## MARQUIS

In less than a decade, Marquis Yachts has become one of the leading luxury motoryacht brands, with a following that extends around the world. The award-winning collection, ranging from 42 to 72 feet, combines the best of contemporary Italian design with proven American craftsmanship for a look that is both distinctive and trendsetting.

The Wisconsin shipyard has been on an aggressive product development schedule since its inception, with several models launched each year. The new 420 Sport Bridge, unveiled at this year's Miami Yacht and Brokerage Show, has a sleek, muscular profile, with a flybridge, broad banks of windows, and a spacious interior layout that accentuates

which allows owners to personalize their yacht with almost unlimited choices in wood, stone, and decor. The Marquis range also stamps individuality on the exteriors. The 420 SB, for instance, comes in Stone Grey Metallic, Aston Brown Metallic, Titanium Slate, and Grigio Alloy.

"We don't believe in a subtle color palette here," says VanGrunsven. "Our yachts are unique. For example, we are currently building a 720 for a customer in China who wants the galley on the lower deck with the overnight accommodations. He wants the boat primarily for entertaining purposes, so we reconfigured it with a very large salon to meet this discerning client's design parameters."

Beyond the superior American craftsmanship, Marquis is



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NEW 420 SPORT BRIDGE



the open feel of the yacht. The hand-buffed cherry (or virtually any hardwood a client prefers) joinery gives the 420's interior an elegant, warm sensibility, while the cockpit can be enlarged with the flip of a switch, since the aft lounge moves back nine inches.

"She's a great entertainer," says Robert VanGrunsven, Marquis' president. "We designed her so that she could be opened up for guests, or buttoned down when running in the sea. She performs exceptionally well."

A centuries-old tradition of shipbuilding in the area means that Marquis craftsmen build the yachts to exacting standards. The woodworking is flawless, the leatherwork detailed, and the stonework exceptional. "We have a vertically integrated manufacturing process at Marquis, so nearly everything is built by us," says VanGrunsven. "That gives us a huge advantage in controlling quality. The competitive shipyards abroad tend to subcontract a great deal of work, so their quality can be inconsistent."

All Marquis yachts are built to meet or exceed CE Class "A" Ocean Standards and Naval Design, the most stringent CE standards. Each Marquis is also a semicustom project,

unique among North American yacht builders because all its designs originate in Italy. Nuvolari & Lenard, considered one of the world's foremost yacht design firms, has won numerous awards for both superyacht designs and several Marquis models. "They've created our designs since the beginning," says VanGrunsven. "And we've always challenged them to design yachts that will be regarded as well styled, no matter where in the world the yacht will be seen."

VanGrunsven has also challenged his shipyard to rise to whatever new designs the Italians devise. "That often involves very extensive tooling," he says. "But that allows us to create sophisticated reverse angles and other design elements to unify the style from stem to stern. We strive to re-create their vision as closely as possible."

It is pursuing that vision, by executing it with a perseverance that tends toward perfection, that will keep Marquis at the top of the class, with a truly global following.

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420 SPORT COUPE

*Curvy and fast, the 420's spacious salon is defined by designer décor and exotic Africa Zebano hardwood. The 40-knot yacht is built around Volvo's IPS propulsion system, which delivers joystick control in tight quarters.*

500 SPORT COUPE

*Exquisite details—like Brazilian cherrywood floors, Zebano cabinetry, and spacious staterooms—are designed into the DNA of this powerful but nimble Marquis. The ocean-running yacht is also built to stringent CE-Class A specifications.*

720 FLYBRIDGE

*Designed by Nuvolari-Lenard of Venice, the Marquis flagship was treated like one of the firm's superyacht projects, with Italian leather furnishings, oak cabinetry, marble and deep-pile Ralph Lauren carpeting creating an elegant interior.*