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# BEST OF THE SPORT

OUR PICKS FOR THE YEAR'S FINEST YACHTS, DESIGNS AND TECHNOLOGY

Yacht technology took a few substantial leaps forward in 2017, in everything from eco-friendly propulsion to satellite communications to the use of structural glass in design. And in a handful of impressive examples, form evolved to match new functions, giving yachtsmen exciting features, styling and onboard experiences to enjoy. Each of us at *Yachts International* has individual tastes and sensibilities, but we all agree that the following choices represent the best of what the industry offered this past year.





## BEST NEW SUPERSAIL **WINNER** | Oceanco *Black Pearl*

*Black Pearl*, the groundbreaking 350-foot (106.7-meter) Oceanco, is the world's largest privately owned sailing yacht. Conceived by a passionate owner, she has exterior and interior styling from both Ken Freivokh Design and Nuvolari Lenard, and her interior décor is by Gerard Villate. Dykstra Naval Architects designed her three 229-foot (70-meter) DynaRig carbon masts and sailing system. Reportedly, the 31,215 square feet (2,900 square meters) of sail area can be set in seven minutes. Other innovative features include a hybrid propulsion system that has the ability to regenerate energy. Subsequent to her sea trials, *Black Pearl's* captain, Chris Gartner, said, "She performed very well, reaching very good speeds at all points of sail." [builtbyoceanco.com](http://builtbyoceanco.com)

### **RUNNERS-UP:**

Vitters Svea | **Baltic Pink Gin VI** | Perini Navi Seven | **Wallycento Tango** | Royal Huisman *Ngoni*