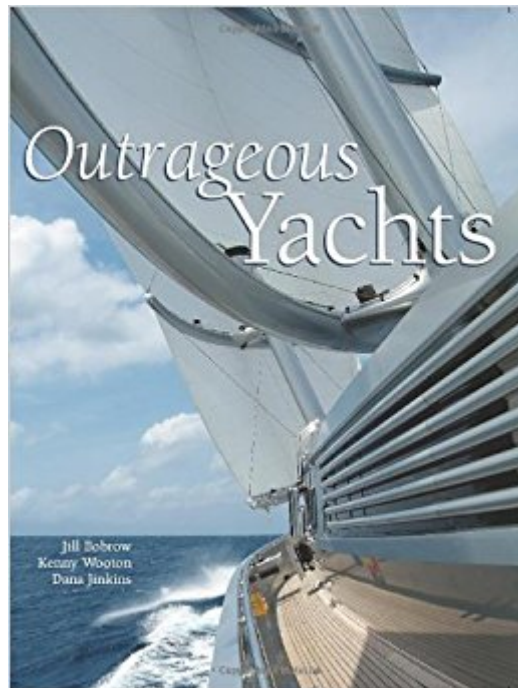




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Outrageous Yachts



Synopsis

Owning a yacht is the ultimate status symbol. Universally perceived as the exclusive domain of the rich and the famous, yachting is a decidedly rarified world. Arguably the most well-known private yacht of all time, the 325-foot (99-meter) Christina O, owned by Aristotle Onassis in the 1950s and 60s, was the playground for heads of state such as Winston Churchill and the Kennedys, opera diva Maria Callas, and Hollywood sweethearts such as Ava Gardner and Elizabeth Taylor. Pictured here along with the newly rebuilt Christina O are 20 other mega-yachts, including the newly completed and wildly colorful Guilty, designed by Jeff Koons for the art collector Dakis Joannou; Tom Perkins's modern sailing yacht Maltese Falcon, the ultramodern sailing yacht Esense, and the refit classic Delphine. The yachts pictured here are special for many reasons: because they are the fastest, or the most innovative, or the most technologically advanced, or because of their travels to exotic locations around the globe. Outrageous Yachts provides information about the yachts' builders and designers, and tours each of the magnificent vessels; ranging in size from 138 to 424 feet (42 to 129 meters); from stem to stern. This volume promises to be irresistible to anyone who has a yacht or dreams of owning one.

Notes: Annual maintenance usually runs to 15 percent of the cost of a yacht. Today there are approximately 6,000 yachts that exceed 100 feet (31 meters) in the world.

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This is a wonderful book for yacht enthusiasts and also for anyone looking for yacht design inspiration. The introduction provides an overview of the wide range of yachts, highlighting technical specifications, interiors and amenities, and celebrity status. 20 yachts are featured, with a chapter of 6-12 pages devoted to each. There are, of course, images of the ships on open seas and in beautiful ports, but the bulk of the photography is devoted to the decks and interiors, with the occasional picture of an engine room, control room, etc. The interiors range from fabulously restored early 20th-century yachts to sleek modern designs. Living, dining, sleeping, recreation, and entertainment areas are all depicted. The text of each chapter briefly explains the history of the yacht and discusses the most salient features, including size, power source (sail, steam, diesel), crew size, number of guests that can be accommodated, and guest amenities. Also noted are the features that make the particular yacht stand out - the most advanced control system, the opulence of the materials, the care required to start up the restored steam engines, etc. The authors also include information about the layout and materials of the interior spaces. A final section provides a glimpse into the future of yacht design, with sketches and renderings of yachts not yet built. Each ship is described briefly in a paragraph or two that highlight the structural, material and/or technological innovations. All in all, an excellent source of inspiration! Note, however, that it does not include instructions, plans, or information for the DIY owner; this is inspiration and eye candy, not a how-to guide.

A beautiful volume illustrates the height of contemporary large scale motor yachts. Beautiful photography and fine printing stock. Excellent reference for the designer and or buyer.

Yachts that dreams are made from.

This publication from Vendome Press celebrates some of the world's most lavishly decadent floating palaces. The book features luxury yachts that are special for one reason or another, for beauty, speed, technological advancement and more. The book includes the classically extravagant Christina O which was owned by Aristotle Onassis as well as more modern beauties like the Maltese Falcon and the 118 WallyPower. The book profiles 21 yachts in detail with gorgeous color photographs of the exterior and interior of each yacht both close up and from a distance. Outrageous Yachts provides information about the yachts' builders and designers. The book's stunning shots of teak decks and graceful bows slicing through the water bring the world of yachting up close.

Well done!

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