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YACHT STYLE AWARDS

2019

CHAPTER ONE: PHUKET TAKES CENTRE STAGE

*Yachting leaders from around Asia and beyond
lifted iconic Mood trophies as Café Del Mar
Phuket hosted a successful Chapter One of this
year's two-part Christofle Yacht Style Awards*

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Café Del Mar Phuket on Kamala Beach provided a stunning beachside setting for Chapter One, with 350 guests in attendance and 15 awards presented

It was the start of something special – and something ambitious. Not content with one awards event each year, *Yacht Style* created a two-part Christofle Yacht Style Awards for 2019, with Café Del Mar Phuket providing a beautiful home to Chapter One in January, underlining the Thai island’s role as a hub of the Asian yachting scene. Many of Asia’s leading luxury yachting companies and the world’s top shipyards were among the 15 winners to lift an iconic Mood trophy by title sponsor Christofle at Café Del Mar, which provided a glamorous setting on Kamala Beach.

Over 350 VIPs including yacht owners and key figures in the industry attended the spectacular evening, which warmed up with a fire show on the beach as the sun set and guests soaked up the beachfront ambience and cool sea breezes.

And there was no shortage of style during the awards announcements as each winner walked to the purpose-built stage on a specially constructed bridge across the swimming pool, with *The Final Countdown* providing an epic rock soundtrack for each team’s triumphant march.

Kanokkittika Kritwuttikorn, Director of The Tourism Authority of Thailand Phuket Office, made a welcome speech as guest of honour, while Julian Chang took to the stage to speak on behalf of The International SeaKeepers Society’s chapter in Asia.

This year, the Awards were refined so the ‘In Asia’ yacht categories specifically rewarded brands and dealers focused on the region. At least one hull of each model had to have arrived in Asia or be heading here soon, whether for a sale or as a display for a yacht show.

Gael Burlot, CEO and Publisher of *Yacht Style*, organiser of the Awards, said: “*Yacht Style* is about innovation and we’ve expanded this year’s Christofle Yacht Style Awards to cover two chapters in two countries.

“I’m delighted that Chapter One at Café Del Mar Phuket was such a huge success, with a really spectacular beachside setting. We had a really impressive guest list from around Asia and beyond. There

was a really high standard of nominees for each award and we had 15 deserving winners, although competition was really close in many categories.”

Yacht Style Managing Editor John Higginson added: “It was rewarding to see just how many leading shipyards are selling or bringing brand-new models into Asia faster than ever. This is an exciting time for yachting in the region for many reasons and it’s great that Phuket, Southeast Asia’s cruising hub, was the home of Chapter One.”

Christofle, closely associated with yachting in Asia since 2005, embodies French Art de Vivre and elegance through its creations in silver, and it again supplied one of yachting’s most distinctive trophies – the Mood cutlery egg.

Chapter Two of this year’s Christofle Yacht Style Awards will be held in Singapore in April and feature another 15 categories. Details of each Chapter and other *Yacht Style* news can be found on www.luxuo.com

Kanokkittika Kritwuttikorn, Director of the Tourism Authority of Thailand Phuket Office, was the guest of honour



BEST ASIA-BUILT MOTOR YACHT (15-24m) GULF CRAFT Majesty 62, UAE

The elegant exterior of Gulf Craft’s Majesty 62 – first shown at the 2018 Dubai International Boat Show – is matched by an equally impressive interior. A great owner-managed yacht, the Majesty 62 offers an aft-galley layout well placed to serve the cockpit, dining table and lounge, while a sliding saloon door opens the exterior to the interior for a modern, open layout. The large split-level saloon features panoramic windows, while four cabins are possible down below, with the midships owner’s cabin benefiting greatly from large windows.

NOMINEES:
GRAND BANKS 60 Skylounge, Malaysia
GULF CRAFT Majesty 62, UAE
HORIZON V68, Taiwan
PALM BEACH GT50, Malaysia
SIRENA 58, Turkey



BEST ASIA-BUILT MOTOR YACHT (24-30m) HORIZON FD87 Skyline, Taiwan

Taiwan’s Horizon, a regular in the Global Order Book’s top 10 superyacht builders, and Dutch designer Cor D. Rover created the FD87 Skyline by improving the popular FD85. Great new features include an enclosed bridge, foredeck lounge, open galley and a fantastic sunken beach club. With a beam of 23ft 3in, the FD87 offers enormous volume, a main-deck master suite and four guest cabins below, while a ‘high-performance piercing bow’ enhances performance. The model was displayed for the first time at the Palm Beach International Boat Show in the US in March 2018.

NOMINEES:
FLEMING 78 Classic, Taiwan
HORIZON FD87 Skyline, Taiwan
NUMARINE 26 XP, Turkey
OCEAN ALEXANDER 90R, Taiwan



BEST MOTOR YACHT IN ASIA (under 15m) PRINCESS R35, UK

Showcased at the Cannes Yachting Festival in September, with a hull heading for Singapore, the gorgeous 50-knot R35 is Princess’s fastest model, with a stunning carbon monocoque hull powered by twin V8 petrol engines with variable valve timing. Unlike anything previously produced by the British builder, the first Revolution model combines sleek lines by Italian car designer Pininfarina with an Active Foil System (AFS) featuring computer-controlled foils to optimise the hull for all speeds, using Ben Ainslie Racing Technologies’ America’s Cup expertise. A true supercar of the seas.

NOMINEES:
ABSOLUTE Navetta 48, Italy
AXOPAR 28 Cabin, Finland
BENETEAU Swift Trawler 47, France
FAIRLINE Targa 43 Open, UK
JEANNEAU NC 37, France
PRINCESS R35, UK



BEST MOTOR YACHT IN ASIA (15-20m)
FERRETTI YACHTS 670, Italy

Already in Hong Kong after a Cannes debut in September, the Ocean A-certified 670 sits in the heart of the Ferretti Yachts range (450-960) and includes superyacht features such as a crew cabin. The lovely split-level saloon has enormous elongated windows, while a showpiece two-level master suite with study is among up to four guest rooms. The Filippo Salvetti exterior is a winner, while a large 24sqm flybridge with hardtop and a clever foredeck – twin sunbeds can elevate to become tables – are among great outdoor spaces.

NOMINEES:
AZIMUT Flybridge 60, Italy
BENETEAU Gran Turismo 50, France
FERRETTI Yachts 670, Italy
GULF CRAFT Majesty 62, UAE
PRESTIGE 590, France
PRINCESS F55, UK
SESSA Fly 47, Italy



BEST SAILING YACHT IN ASIA
JEANNEAU Sun Odyssey 410, France

New at Cannes in 2018, Jeanneau’s Sun Odyssey 410 features all the pioneering features of the eighth-generation Sun Odyssey 440 but closer to the 40ft sweet spot. Penned again by the legendary Marc Lombard, it features the ground-breaking walk-around side decks introduced on the 440, as well as an inverted bow and even more features dedicated to performance, with the option of two or three cabins. The 410 has already earned multiple awards and a first unit in Asia is scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong in March.

NOMINEES:
BENETEAU Oceanis 46.1, France
Figaro BENETEAU 3, France
JEANNEAU Sun Odyssey 410, France
SOLARIS 47, Italy



BEST MOTOR YACHT IN ASIA (20-25m)
SUNSEEKER 74 Sport Yacht, UK

Set to arrive in Phuket and Hong Kong, Sunseeker’s powerhouse 74 Sport Yacht soars to 38 knots and combines the performance of the Predator range with a fantastic flybridge that blends into a smooth, sleek profile. Other highlights include a cockpit door and window that can be lowered into the deck to create a truly open design, while the interior benefits from large windows down to the side deck and a helm sunroof that provide great light and views. Lower-deck options include four cabins or an extended galley with lounge and breakfast bar.

NOMINEES:
GALEON 640 Fly, Poland
PRINCESS F70, UK
PRINCESS S78, UK
SANLORENZO SX76, Italy
SUNSEEKER 74 Sport Yacht, UK



BEST MULTIHULL MOTOR YACHT IN ASIA
40 Open SUNREEF Power, Poland

Unleashed in Dubai last March followed by a display in Singapore, the breathtaking 40 Open Sunreef Power is a jaw-dropping combination of futuristic styling, extreme power, remarkable stability and clever design, with the two aft bulwarks folding down to create an incredible three-sided swim platform ideal for socialising and lounging. The Polish cat can soar up to 60 knots with optional twin 860hp engines, while design choices include a social foredeck or a forward cabin. A Diamond Limited Edition shone at Cannes in September.

NOMINEES:
AQUILA 30, China
FOUNTAIN PAJOT MY40, France
ILIAD 50, China
40 Open SUNREEF Power, Poland



BEST MOTOR YACHT IN ASIA (25-30m)
AZIMUT Grande 25 Metri, Italy

Azimut Yachts has packed in the latest innovations from its Grande collection into the new 25 Metri, the attractive 86-footer that will soon be in Singapore, following the model’s launch at Cannes. The extensive use of carbon-fibre reduces weight and fuel consumption, and increases structural strength and stability. The dynamic exterior is by long-time Azimut collaborator Stefano Righini, while interior designer Achille Salvagni bucks tradition with a penchant for curves and an open-plan saloon that benefits from huge windows and side-deck cutaways. The spacious flybridge can even fit a jacuzzi.

NOMINEES:
ASTONDOA Century 100, Spain
AZIMUT Grande 25 Metri, Italy
DOMINATOR 28M Ilumen Cadet V, Italy
FERRETTI YACHTS 920, Italy



BEST MULTIHULL SAILING YACHT IN ASIA
(under 15m)
LEOPARD 50, South Africa

After its world premiere at La Grande Motte in April 2018, the Leopard 50 had its Asia premiere in Thailand last July and is already the South African catamaran builder’s best-selling model. As well as a beautifully designed aft cockpit and open saloon with skylight, there’s great headroom inside and multiple layout options, including four or five cabins. The 50 is the first Leopard of this size with the option of flybridge seating – beside the raised, covered helm station to starboard – and includes a table, sunbed and awning.

NOMINEES:
FOUNTAIN PAJOT Astrea 42, France
LAGOON 40, France
LEOPARD 50, South Africa
MCCONAGHY MC50, China
SEAWIND 1260, Vietnam



**BEST MULTIHULL SAILING YACHT IN ASIA
(over 15m)
FOUNTAINE PAJOT *Alegria 67*, France**

Unveiled at Cannes in September with a hull ordered for Singapore, Fountaine Pajot's stunning new 67-footer with a 32ft beam has a cockpit offering dining for 12, foredeck with sunken seating and optional spa tub for true luxury, plus an exceptionally spacious lounge with expansive windows. The Maestro version has a spectacular master suite and four guest cabins with en-suite, or there's a six-cabin Charter version, while the galley can be on-deck or below. The French yard's flagship benefits from naval architecture by Berret Racoupeau.

NOMINEES
McCONAGHY MC60, China
FOUNTAINE PAJOT *Alegria 67*, France
NEEL 51 Trimaran, France
SEAWIND 1600, Vietnam



**BEST ASIA-BASED CHARTER COMPANY
(PHINISI)
YACHT SOURCING VOYAGE**

Yacht Sourcing bolstered the Phinisi charter scene in 2018 with the launch of the 55m *Prana*, hand-built in its shipyard in Bira, Sulawesi, and its Central Agency flagship. Featuring nine suites, four decks and 900sqm of usable space, this stunning superyacht has proved very popular and is forward booked for several months. Yacht Sourcing Voyage, the company's charter branch, has an impressive range of Phinisi also including *Lamima*, *Zen*, *Silolona*, *Amandira* and *Samata*, plus motor yachts including the 50m *Kudanil Explorer*.

NOMINEES:
DUNIA BARU ADVENTURES
INDO YACHTS
LAMIMA
SILOLONA SOJOURNS
YACHT SOURCING VOYAGE



**BEST ASIA-BASED CHARTER COMPANY
(REGIONAL)
SIMPSON YACHT CHARTER**

A division of Asia's largest yacht services company, Simpson Yacht Charter enjoyed another standout season in 2018, bolstering its full charter listing to 180 yachts including a large number of superyachts. Destinations include Hong Kong and mainland China, all across Southeast Asia – where Simpson has offices in Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia – the Maldives, Palau, French Polynesia and as far as the Mediterranean and Caribbean. Models cover sail and motor, monohulls and catamarans, bareboat and crewed.

NOMINEES:
ASIA MARINE
BOAT LAGOON YACHTING
ONE°15 LUXURY YACHTING
PLATINUM CRUISES
SIMPSON YACHT CHARTER
YACHTSIDE CHARTER



**BEST ASIA-BASED BROKERAGE COMPANY
(INTERNATIONAL)
BURGESS ASIA**

Burgess was involved in four of the top-10 international superyacht sales in 2018 and also had a standout year in Asia. Mark Woodmansey, Chief Representative for North Asia, achieved a rare 'hat-trick' as he helped three clients buy 50m-plus including the 68.5m Amels *Lady E*, one of the year's top-10 sales and available for charter in Asia. The Brit also represented the owner of a new Limited Editions 180 from Amels, which will be delivered in spring. Burgess started 2018 by opening a new China office headed by Rock Wang.

NOMINEES:
BURGESS ASIA
CAMPER & NICHOLSONS ASIA
FRASER ASIA
NORTHROP & JOHNSON ASIA

**BEST ASIA-BASED CHARTER COMPANY
(INTERNATIONAL)
CAMPER & NICHOLSONS ASIA**

Founded in 1872, Camper and Nicholson's implemented its full, 360-degree service in Asia two years ago. Led by Managing Director Carmen Lau, C&N Asia not only offers the region's clients access to a leading range of charter superyachts around the world but also support from a vastly experienced team across multiple offices. The company showed its ambition in early 2018 with the appointment of Commercial Director, Bart Kimman, the experienced Dutchman who brought a talented team to further develop the Asian charter yacht market.

NOMINEES:
BURGESS ASIA
CAMPER & NICHOLSONS ASIA
FRASER ASIA
IMPERIAL YACHTS
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**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
KANIT YONGSAKUL**

Kanit Yongsakul is one of the pioneering developers of Southeast Asia's leisure yachting industry. He created Boat Lagoon, Phuket's first marine complex, by converting the family's tin mine in the late 1980s. The marina opened in 1995 with 180 berths, has been home to many of the industry's leading companies, and is now surrounded by upmarket housing, commercial outlets and a hotel. Krabi Boat Lagoon in nearby Krabi opened in 2010 and Boat Lagoon Yachting is among the region's largest yacht sales and services companies.

NOMINEES:
Mohammed bin Hussein ALSHAALI
Gordon HUI
Bart KIMMAN
Gulu LALVANI
OH Kean Shen
Francis LEE
Mike SIMPSON
Vincent TABUTEAU
Kanit YONGSAKUL

Vrit Yongsakul received the iconic Mood trophy on his father's behalf



