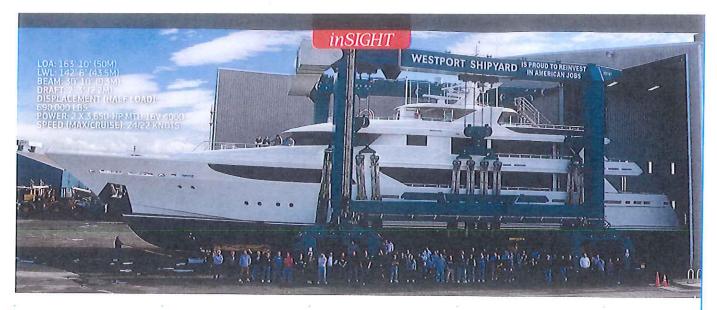
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WESTPORT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS WITH THE LAUNCH OF ANOTHER 50-METER

Eight new Westport yachts will launch this year, which marks the company's 50th year in business. The third launch so far this year is the 12th Westport 164, a series that *Vango* ushered into style in 2006 when she appeared at the Port Angeles, Washington, yard, a facility built specifically to handle the special production needs of this series.

The 164-footer remains the yard's flagship, a tri-deck with stylish lines by Donald Starkey and naval architecture by the late William Garden, with input from the shipyard's in-house design and engineering team.

The shipyard at the time of the series' launch took a calculated

risk and started building Hull No. 1 on spec, banking on its ability to compete within this size range, a type of investment not out of character for the Washington-based company.

Westport, now three shipyards strong, started in its namesake town as a commercial builder of fishing vessels and ferries. When Rick and Randy Rust bought the company in 1977, they switched to yacht production. Westport established a successful business model involving series yachts in the 1990s, and in 2005, Orin Edson became the majority shareholder.

Today the shipyard produces yachts ranging in size from 85 to 164 feet. www.westportyachts.com; (954) 316-6364

OTAM RENEWS TIES WITH THE U.S. MARKET

Otam's history with the United States goes back to the early 1980s when the former refit yard outfitted U.S.-built Magnum boats for European clients. From 1995 onward, the yard began building its own speedy boats, fitting the high-performance hulls with hard tops for extended use. Today its Millennium series ranges in size from 45 feet to 100 feet.

Depending on length and engine packages, the express cruisers Otam builds can reach speeds well into the 50-knot range. That top speed is also one of the features of the yet-to-launch flagship, a 100-footer by Alberto Mancini (exterior) and by Achille Salvagni Architetti (interior). Unveiled as a design at the 2011 Monaco Yacht Show, it is now offered for sale through central agent Oceanstyle by Burgess.

In addition to the Millennium series, Otam builds madeto-measure boats that can serve as fast and stylish tenders to supervachts.

The Genovese builder, seeking to renew ties in the U.S., recently appointed Denison Yacht Sales as its dealer. www.otam.it; +39 010 601901. www.denisonyachtsales.com; (954) 763-3971





VINTAGE CHARM GRACES THE NEWEST ROYAL HUISMAN, THE ANDRE HOEK-DESIGNED WISP

Royal Huisman is set to deliver the 156-foot Andre Hoek-designed Wisp, a cruising sloop and gentleman's racer, in time for summer.

The owner's brief was for a sailing yacht that would perform well without excessive heel, hence the yacht's beamy hull and shapely vintage spoon bow.

Rhoades Young created the comfortable interior benefiting from this schnooner's generous hull dimensions. Stained oak and wenge are said to lend warmth to the generous interior spaces, comprising several salons, a spacious full-beam master suite and extensive accommodations for both guests and crew.

She is topped with mast and rigging by Rondal.

Nigel Ingram of MCM was the owner's representative, marking that firm's first collaboration with Royal Huisman. www.royalhuisman.com; (207) 646-9504 or +31 527 24 3131



LIVE OR ONLINE AUCTION NAPA VALLEY TOASTS NONPROFITS

Auction Napa Valley, now in its $34^{\rm th}$ year, began as a regional plan to raise money to improve healthcare programs for the thousands of workers on whom the success of California's prime winemaking region depends. Now it has grown into an international event for oenophiles and foodies alike that has raised more than \$120 million for Napa Valley nonprofits.

This June's Auction Napa Valley attendees will savor culinary creations from a wide range of the Valley's most sought-after chefs. Vintners open their homes and wineries on June 6 for vintner-hosted dinners, which are intimate, one-of-a-kind meals designed with Napa wines in mind.

On June 7, the live auction event from noon to eight p.m. at Meadowood will be a culinary convergence of chefs transforming local ingredients into meals expressing a sense of place. Lunch is an al fresco affair prepared by Napa's "Masters of the Savory" with "Masters of the Sweet" offering confections throughout the afternoon. Once the live bidding concludes, Christopher Kostow, The Restaurant at Meadowood's three-Michelin-star chef, will celebrate with an inspired dinner under the stars.

Among the more than 45 lots up for the live auction are deluxe experiences such as a Superyacht VIP weekend for two at the pristine 300-acre Oil Nut Bay resort at Virgin Gorda, B.V.I., during the March 2015 Loro Piana Caribbean Superyacht Regatta and Rendezvous in one of the rare Cliff Suite properties in this exclusive family-oriented community with access to all its amenities, plus the opportunity to race aboard a superyacht and attend all regatta parties and dinners at the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda Virgin Gorda. The lot also includes airfare to the B.V.I. and 36 magnums of wine carefully curated from some of the finest vintners in Napa Valley. See www.oilnutbay.com/overview for a taste of the resort. Other lots include such experiences as a weekend at the Hall Wines' Rutherford Estate Vineyards plus four nights in Rome and a visit to Bulgari where you'll design your own piece of jewelry. Unable to break away for the weekend in Napa Valley? You can join the fun via a proxy bid on any lot, or through the online E-Auction at www.auctionnapavalley.org.



MADAME GU AND INUKSHUK PROWNED YACHTS OF THE YEAR

At press time, the ninth edition of the World Superyacht Awards was taking place at Amsterdam's National Maritime Museum. The ceremony presented a selection of silver Neptune trophies and commendation awards to yachts in various categories across motor and sail, plus honored refit and rebuilt yachts and the Voyager Award winners for the extraordinary journeys they undertook during 2013.

Receiving top honors were the 325-foot Feadship *Madame Gu*, which won Motor Yacht of the Year, and the 107-foot Baltic Yachts *Inukshuk*, as Sailing Yacht of the Year (see feature, *Show-Boats International* April 2014).

Thanks to the support of leading Dutch yacht builders—Amels, Feadship, Heesen Yachts, Holland Jachtbouw and Royal Huisman—the weekend included shipyard tours, as well as a reception at Westerkerk, the city's striking Dutch Renaissance Church, hosted by Embraer Executive Jets. The venue is famed for its historic influence on the lives of iconic Dutch figures including Rembrandt, Anne Frank and Princess Beatrix. Throughout the evening, Gassan Diamonds treated guests to very special flutes of champagne containing sparkling gems. Gassan experts were on hand to reveal that two of the glasses each contained a real brilliant-cut diamond, which made exceptional keepsakes for two lucky guests.

Look for more coverage in our next issue, including full details of all the winners. www.worldsuperyachtawards.com

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE IYRS GALA

The International Yacht Restoration School announces the date of July 12 for its 17th annual summer gala, held at its main campus in Newport, Rhode Island. Sponsored in part by Boat International Media, the gala auction raises money for technology and equipment to keep the school's students at the forefront of the marine and composites manufacturing fields. One of the 2014 class' current projects is restoring the 1936 Herreshoff S-Class Sloop *Misty*. Over the years, two new accredited technical programs, new scholarships and new safety equipment were made possible thanks to the gala's proceeds. Last year's gala raised an impressive \$885,000.