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TAIWANESE ORDER FOR LUXURY SLOOP IS ROYAL HUISMAN'S FIRST IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Royal Huisman ended 2013 with a bang when it received an order for the construction of a 143-foot luxury sloop on December 31. Better yet, the order hailing from Taiwan validates the Dutch shipyard's marketing efforts in Southeast Asia.

With ongoing fine-tuning design work, Royal Huisman is not yet able to show images of the specific yacht but confirms that the project combines the talents of Germán Frers for naval architecture and Rhoades Young for the interior.

Earlier this year, the custom builder unveiled variations of a 142-foot performance sloop it developed with Frers and Rhoades Young, (the team behind the recently delivered MCA LY2-compliant 142-foot *Blue Papillon*), as an alternative to a full custom project. The idea is to capitalize on the existing engineering platform, saving precious time and cost on the construction. With many layout options, several styling alternatives and interior schemes, each of the projects shows individuality. www.royalhuisman.nl; (207) 646-9504

AZIMUT GRANDE 95 RPH COMBINES SPACE AND SPEED

The latest addition to Azimut's Grande line is launching this spring. For this new 95 RPH, Azimut reunited the Stefano Righini/Achille Salvagni design team responsible for three of Azimut's newest models.

Righini, who did the styling, integrated a raised pilothouse into the Azimut design. Moving the pilothouse up has freed space for roomy accommodations on the main and lower decks and a spacious flybridge deck with room for a shaded dining area for 10, lounge chairs and a Jacuzzi. A tender garage accommodates a 13-foot jet tender.

Hull No. 1 features five en suite cabins, including a private owner's suite forward on the main deck. Salvagni's elegant interior design benefits from large windows. Natural light and strategically placed mood lighting enhance the décor and furnishings.

Twin MTU 16V 2000 M84 engines will power the planing yacht to expected speeds of 26.5 knots on the high end and 20 knots while cruising. www.azimutyachts.com; +39 011 93 161. www.marinemax.com



CUSTOM BALTIC 115 STARTS BUILDING

A sleek 115-foot performance sailing yacht with styling and interior by Nauta Design and hull lines by Judel/Vrolijk & Co. is the latest addition to Baltic Yachts' order book.

Construction has begun on the yacht that will accommodate four cabins and commodious interior space with what MCM's Nigel Ingram, the project manager, calls "go-fast tech details." Advanced

materials and techniques will be used in her construction—she will be made of carbon composite and will have a lifting keel. Delivery is slated for fall 2015. Baltic, which celebrated its 40th anniversary in December, has two launches slated for the coming months, the 108-foot *WinWin* and the Baltic 116, a cruising yacht also designed by Judel/Vrolijk and Nauta. www.balticyachts.fi; +358 6 7819200

