

No plain sailing

Planning on buying a mega-money Superyacht? Before setting sail, take a look at this list of salubrious owners for insight into what a luxury life at sea could look like

For major A-list celebrities, Superyachts are merely another toy for the garage. But don't forget, the average annual cost of operating another floating symbol of eliteness is a whopping ten per cent of the purchase price.

GIORGIO ARMANI MAIN

While Giorgio Armani continues to rule the world of men's fashion with that softened, minimalist style, his 65-metre superyacht *Main* represents a marine version of her owner's restrained aesthetics.

Delivered in 2008 after a 30-month construction period that was supervised by Armani himself, Italian builder Codecasa created a work of art (codecasayachts.com). The yacht's neat style was inspired by military vessels with hidden details and technical features that would distract from the vessel's sleek appearance. Tenders are hidden in a stern garage, reaching straight down to



water and the boat is dominated by a huge living area. As to other entertainments on-board, *Main* features a cinema, spa pool, indoor gym and a large sundeck. Its interior configuration enables comfortable accommodation for up to 12 guests within seven cabins. The yacht also hosts 14 crew members, who are subject to three daily uniform changes, according to rumours in media. Armani remains one of the richest people in Italy, with his net worth estimated at \$9.3bn as of April 2019 (*Forbes*).

STEVEN SPIELBERG SEVEN SEAS

In 2013, the most famous film director alive today decided to sail around the world in his superyacht *Seven Seas*. He travelled to China, Sri Lanka and Hawaii, and he welcomed famous friends on board, including

Pictured: Famous fashion designer Giorgio Armani's 65-metre luxury yacht *Main* in Lindos

Leonardo DiCaprio, Gwyneth Paltrow and Blake Lively. Now, he is reported to be selling the superyacht for US\$184m (boatinternational.com).

At 86 metres, *Seven Seas* accommodates 14 guests, in addition to a crew of 26, and boasts a helipad, a gym, spa and massage room, as well as an infinity pool with a 4.5-metre glass wall, which at the same time serves as a cinema screen. It has seven cabins, including the huge presidential cabin, another VIP cabin on the terrace and four more suites.

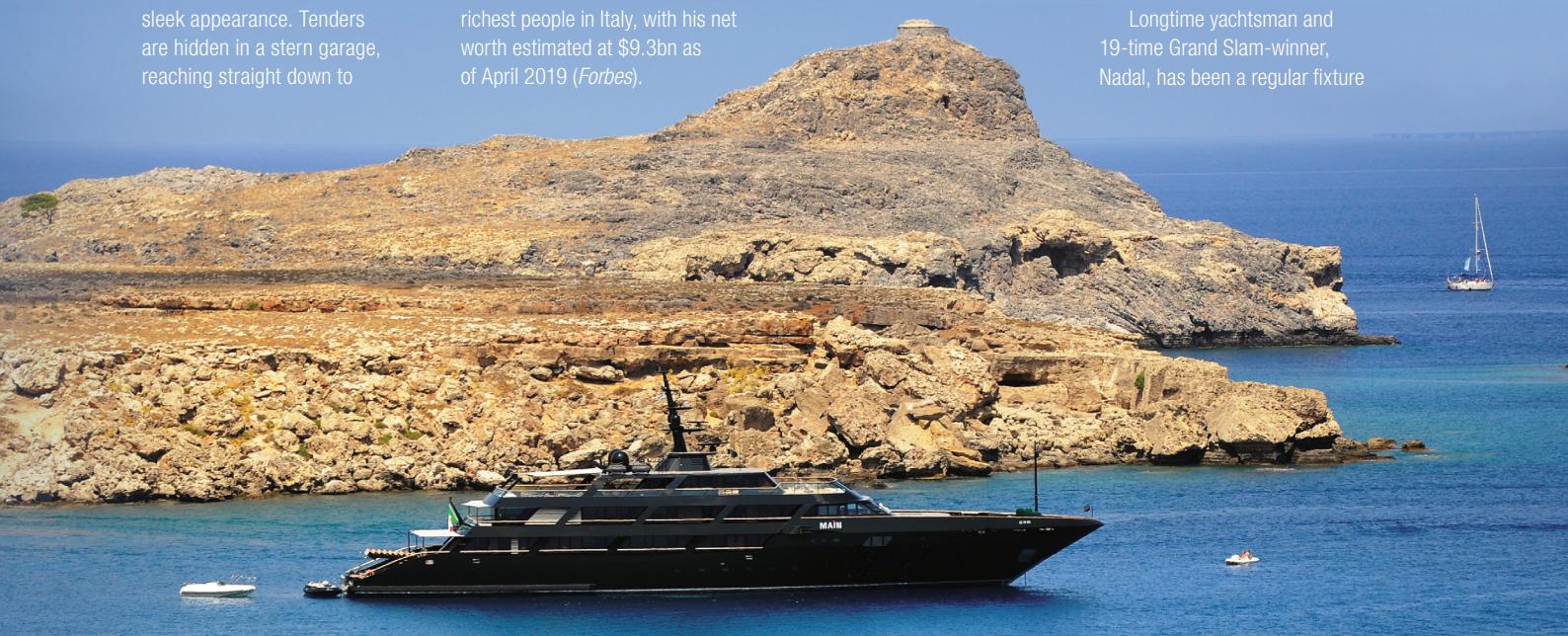
Di Caprio was among suitors to charter the superyacht (at \$1.3m per week), but now Spielberg is rumoured to have plans for a 91-metre replacement, costing approximately \$250m.

RAFAEL NADAL BEETHOVEN

According to media reports, Rafael Nadal's *Beethoven* is also up for sale. The 'Mini Superyacht' was listed in June 2019 for €2.6m (US\$2.96m) with European broker Camper & Nicholsons (camperandnicholsons.com).

The Spanish tennis maestro bought the Italian-built MCY 76 brand new in 2016 and named her *Beethoven* after his love for classical music.

Longtime yachtsman and 19-time Grand Slam-winner, Nadal, has been a regular fixture



on social media, often snapped soaking up rays while cruising the Balearic island of Mallorca where he calls home.

The 33-year-old recently told *Yachting* magazine that the stunning, deep-blue-hulled power yacht was key to helping him relax from constant traveling. "Being on board the MCY 76 gives me the chance to get away when I want to get away. I have the boat one minute from my house by car, so in any moment I feel free to say okay, I'll go and come back tomorrow. That gives me the possibility to relax."

It's unlikely that Nadal will step up to a much bigger yacht as his home port of Porto Cristo can only accommodate yachts up to 25m – interestingly Monte Carlo Yachts' brand-new MCY 80 measures in at 24.62 metres.

ROBERTO CAVALLI FREEDOM

The ever-colourful fashion designer Roberto Cavalli unveiled his newest toy in the summer of 2019; a 28-metre black superyacht called *Freedom*, inspired by none other than Batman. Known for his fondness of fast, sexy cars and helicopters, Cavalli, born on the Italian peninsula, has always loved water.



Above: Steven Spielberg's yacht, the *Seven Seas*, in the port of Genoa Left: Rafa Nadal's *Beethoven* in Mallorca Below: Roberto Cavalli on board his yacht *Freedom*



Back in the mid-1970s, when he was already a star, his boat was a 12 metre Tiger designed by Paolo Caliari and built at Technomarine (technomarine.com).

While *Ability* (Cavalli's Superyacht for two decades

before he sold in 2015) was colourful and 41 metres long, built for a very social life, *Freedom* is black and nearly half the size, designed for private family time.

"[Ability] was really my boat to go to Cannes during the



Cannes Film Festival," Cavalli told *Boat International*.

"We had so many parties."

The inspiration behind *Freedom* was the *Dark Avenger*; he envisioned a boat Batman would want to have.

The end result is a boat with aggressive lines, low on the water, with plenty of volume despite its limited length, big speed and a nice flybridge (22sq. m).

The unusual layout also includes a large galley on the lower deck. "It's bigger than my bedroom," Cavalli exclaims, but he loves to cook.

"I have seven grandchildren now and I like to invite them,"

DAVID HOWELL EVANS CYAN

While there remain debates over whether *Cyan* belongs to Bono or The Edge, the general consensus is that David 'The Edge' Howell Evans bought the \$15.5m superyacht in 2008, with a little help from friends outside of U2. Built by Codecas (codecasayachts.com), *Cyan* is 140 feet long and features a three-metre outdoor movie screen and a baby grand piano with wave-runners on board. ■