



Hot yachts

Hollywood and superyachts are synonymous off-screen, but for these on-screen movies they play integral parts, with actors feeling quite at home in the lap of luxury

Nothing better illustrates wealth and prestige than a superyacht. Sometimes they'll float into rom-coms, sometimes action films and thrillers, and they often mark the site of decadent celebrations. Whatever the genre, the theme or the sub-plot; set against the sparkling blue ocean, with Champagne flying, they're sure to raise an eyebrow or two, and take the audience to another place. Here are seven of the best...

Murder Mystery (2019)

This is Whodunnit? Adam Sandler-Netflix style. This verging-on-the-ridiculous movie would lure in anybody with half an ounce of light-hearted good humour and a little imagination. It's not hard to imagine being cast away on the 60-metre *Sarastar* after all. Essentially Cluedo on a billionaire's yacht, Adam Sandler and Jennifer Aniston turn the Luca Dini-designed luxury vessel upside down in search of an alibi –

and it really is a boat worth exploring. Critically, in the film *Sarastar* slept up to 12 suspects, as it does in real life, with five double staterooms and a master suite. Italian yard Mondomarine finished the build in 2017 – a sportive and elegant vessel capable of reaching a maximum speed of 19.5 knots and a cruising speed of 18 knots. Her completely closed forward area hides the garage with tenders hidden under a flush bridge that can be used as a helipad, sunbathing area for guests, or a dance floor. Stairs lead one from the sundeck directly to the side of the wheelhouse.

Sale: €50m (\$56.13m)
Charter: €328k (\$367k)/week
burgessyachts.com

Above: Leonardo DiCaprio in the *Wolf of Wall Street* Above right: *Thumper* Right: The *Six Underground* star *Kismet*

Six Underground (2019)

Another Netflix action film shot in Taranto, *Six Underground* cost the streaming giant a record-breaking \$150m with an all-star cast of Ryan Reynolds, Melanie Laurent, Dave Franco, Manuel Garcia-Rulfo, Adria Arjona and Corey Hawkins. The 95-metre, five-deck *Kismet* features a party, comfortably housing some 80 revellers, which gives great prominence to the Raymond Langton Designed interior and Espen Oeino exterior styling. Built by Lurssen in 2014, the superyacht is owned by Shadid Khan, Pakistani-American billionaire and business tycoon, who is also the owner of the Fulham FC and Jacksonville Jaguars. Designed with corporate entertainment and charter in mind, the boat's party capacity is actually up around the 270 mark, with video walls that extend up

to two decks high for high-definition moving artwork.

Charter: €1.2m (\$1.35m)/week
moranyachts.com

Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie (2016)

If famous British actresses Joanna Lumley and Jennifer Saunders made a movie, they would hire a superyacht and sip Champagne on the sundeck while cruising the coast of Cannes – and that's exactly what they did. They chose 40-metre *Thumper*, a 2017 Mondomarine model which is one of the largest Sunseeker deliveries with a single master cabin, two doubles and a twin, *Thumper* can house up to ten guests, with an attendant crew of nine. Bespoke interiors by HPM give the vessel a relaxed beach-chic vibe onboard, enhanced with dramatic artworks, leather, pale timbers and semi-precious stone, making for a stunning combination of performance and design. The yacht's main salon is decorated with bespoke furniture and especially commissioned artwork, complemented by a bar.

Sale: €11.97m (\$13.44m)
Charter: €155k (\$174k)/week
camperandnicholsons.com

Entourage (2015)

The ultimate Hollywood movie, featuring the ultimate Hollywood scenes – on the 47-metre superyacht *Usher*. With a cameo list that outshines an Oscars VIP guest-list (David Arquette, Tom Brady, Warren Buffett, Calvin Harris, Thierry Henry, Piers Morgan, Mark Wahlberg and Pharrell Williams to name a few), there is no expense spared in this HBO TV Series continuation which is ultimately about a movie star who wants to direct a film, and completely blows the budget. *Usher* was packed full of leading

actors and actresses and models – and coped admirably. Built by US firm Delta Marine in 2007, she is designed from the outside by Delta Design Group, who also worked on her engineering, complemented by Polynesian interior styling by Juan-Carlos Espinosa. With accommodation for 12 guests across five cabins, *Usher* is trademarked with a sundeck Jacuzzi and wet bar, underwater camera on the stern, a fishing cockpit and a beach platform with a hydraulically-operated swim ladder. Her top speed makes 22 knots, with a cruising speed of 20 knots.

Charter: \$179,500/week
northropandjohnson.com

The Wolf of Wall Street (2013)

Where would a list of movies featuring superyachts be without Leonardo DiCaprio and *The Wolf of Wall Street*? The *M3* ▶





(formerly *Lady M*) was splashed out on by DiCaprio's character Jordan Belfort, setting the scene for his infamous meeting with FBI agent Patrick Denham where Denham frames Belfort and tells him he looks forward to seizing "the nicest boat he's ever been on". The scene ends with Belfort throwing \$100 'fun coupons' off the superyacht at Denham and his partner.

Naomi, as Belfort names the superyacht after his second wife, sinks later in the film in a storm between Porto Cervo and Capri, mirroring Belfort's real-life yachting disaster in 1997.

M3 was built by US yard Intermarine in 2002 with in-house exteriors and interiors designed by Daniella Speicht. At 44.8m, she can accommodate ten guests across five cabins, including a master suite, a VIP stateroom, two doubles and a twin. Powered by Caterpillar engines of 2,250 hp each she has a top speed of 18 knots and cruises at 15 knots.
Sale: €12.5m (\$14m)
Charter: €112k (\$126k)/week
oceanindependence.com

Skyfall (2012)

Enter James Bond. The 007 films have featured numerous yachts over the years, with UK builder Sunseeker leading the tally for boats on Bond sets.

Aria I made its silver screen debut when Daniel Craig sailed to villain Raoul Silva's hideaway, Hashima Island, nine miles off the Japanese Coast in the East China Sea in *Skyfall*.

The 56m Med Yachts-built steel schooner features exterior design by Ayberk Apaydin and interiors by Aylin Ors. She is powered by MAN engines of 440 hp each for a top speed of 12 knots and accommodates 12 guests across six cabins.

Charter: €65k (\$73k)/week
ijc.com

Syriana (2005)

Helios 2 appeared in the Oscar-winning geo-political thriller *Syriana*, starring George Clooney and Matt Damon, deployed to depict the lavish lifestyle of Middle Eastern Princes.

Formerly known as *Anson Bell*, the 51m superyacht was built by



US yard Palmer Johnson in 2002 and features interior design by Ramsey Engler with exterior styling by Sparkman & Stephens. Extensively refitted in 2006, the superyacht can sleep up to 12 guests across a master suite, two double staterooms and two twins.

Additional amenities include a wide assortment of water

toys, exercise equipment, large tender, shade for alfresco dining, multiple areas for sunbathing and a Jacuzzi.

Charter: \$175,000/week
fraseryachts.com ■

Top: As featured in HBO Feature Film *Entourage*, *Usher* in full flow
Above: *Usher's* interior – perfect for catching a movie