

# THE YACHT

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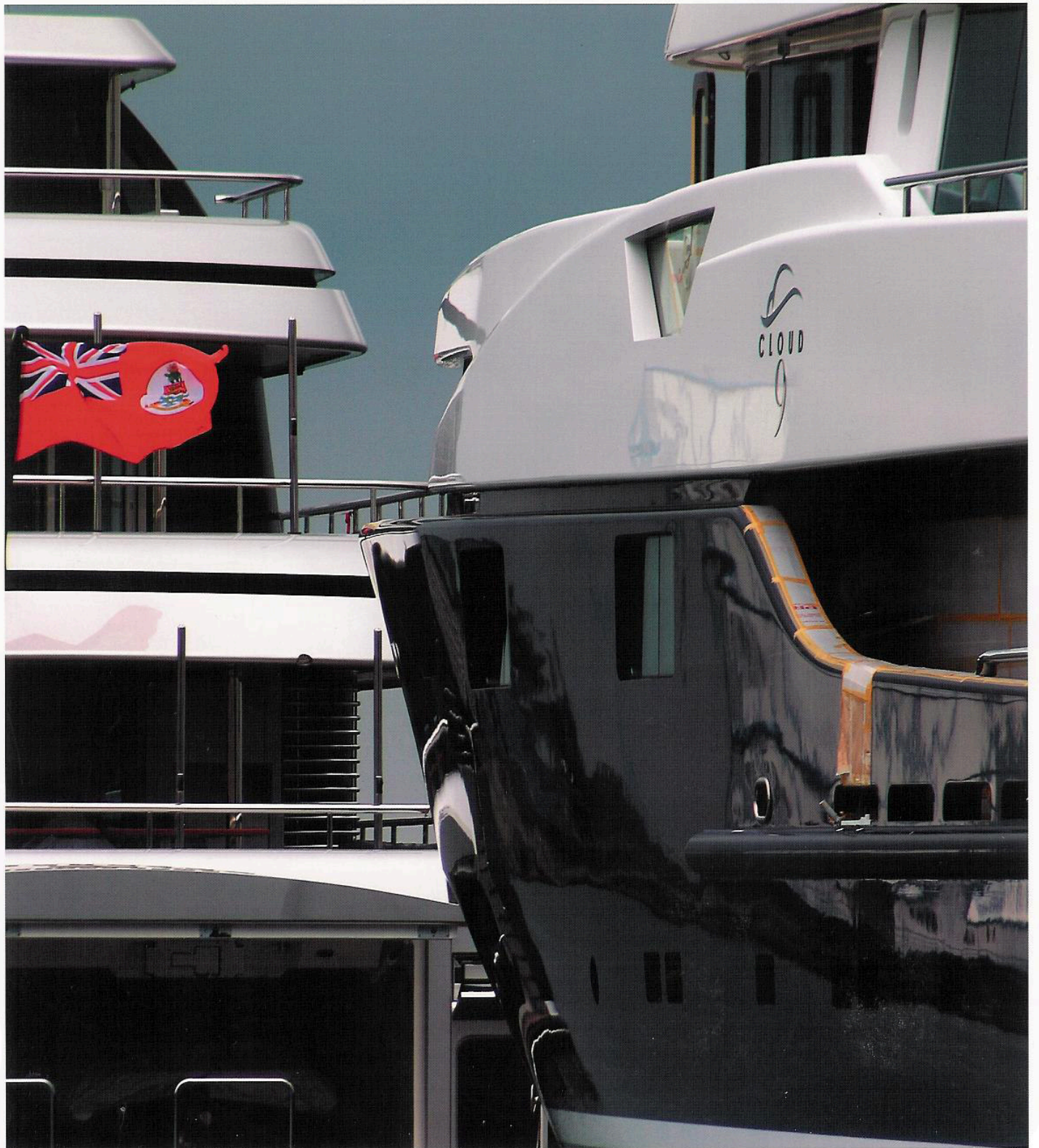
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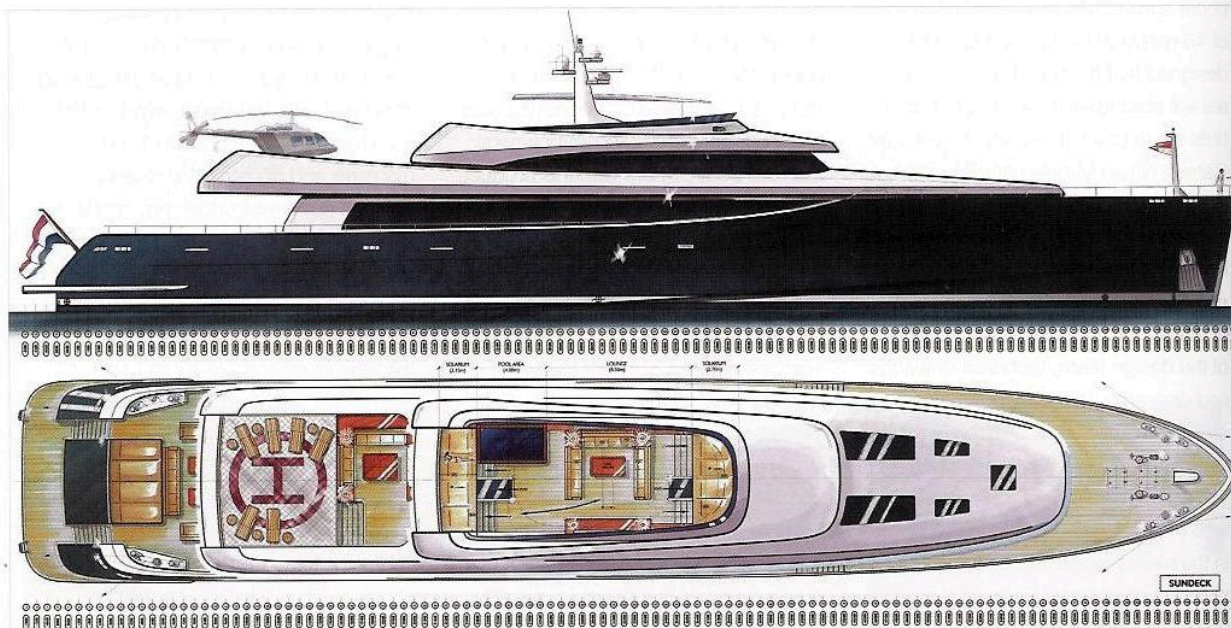


## A Predatory Design

BARRACUDA YACHT DESIGN HAS RELEASED DETAILS OF A 70-METRE motoryacht concept with simple yet graceful styling. The design seeks to revive the look and popularity of well-proportioned and less ostentatious boats of yesteryear and resists the trend for increasingly large, multi-deck yachts that squeeze the maximum amount of volume out of their available length. "I don't think it's a current trend yet, but to my mind it's the right way to go", says head of Barracuda Yacht Design Iñigo Toledo, who cut his naval architect's teeth working for German Frers in Buenos Aires and Reichel/Pugh in the US. "Because basically it's what a boat is all about – a more efficient shape that performs better, moves better and is more comfortable, rather than something that looks like an apartment block."

accommodates a maximum of 16 crew and is designed to allow access between their accommodation and all service and utility areas completely independently. This includes, for example, a bilge deck tunnel that runs the entire length of the boat, via a two-tier engine and control room, right through to the transom garage aft that houses two Waverunners and other toys.

The owner's private space is accessed from main deck level and incorporates a large office, saloon with separate breakfast area, twin bathrooms and twin walk-in wardrobes. Side windows and skylights overhead ensure plenty of natural lighting. In addition to the master suite, the guest accommodation can sleep a total of eight people in four double cabins on the lower deck – a moderate number for



With a proportionately long hull and narrow beam, the Barracuda 70 has been conceived with high performance potential, efficiency and low running costs in mind. To keep the weight down the yacht would be built entirely of aluminium and speed capability is expected to be in the 23–25 knots with twin 6,000hp engines and standard shaft propulsion. As sail boat designers, the Barracuda 70 is something of a departure for the Madrid-based studio. "We come from a sail boat background, especially racing sail boats, and we cannot avoid that", continues Toledo. "So we put some extra effort into everything we do – we can't just come up with a superyacht of so many square metres interior volume that does 12 knots. With sail boats we always focus on performance and it's the same with our power boats." Another area of focus has been ensuring good crew circulation and guest privacy. The interior layout

a yacht of this size. Yet each guest suite is well appointed with double bathrooms and separate saloon/office area. Moreover, each cabin is no more than five metres away from a waterside beach area and gymnasium. Positioned unusually amidships, this spectacular area is provided with hull doors that fold down on either side to provide water-level beach platforms. Side-loading bays in the bow, house two 6.2-metre tenders as well.

Main features of the upper deck layout include a less formal dining area and cinema/TV lounge area. There is also a second exterior aft deck patio area, with five steps up to a 'touch and go' height-adjustable helipad. Finally, the bridge station and a second galley are located in the forward section of this deck.

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