

CENTURION

YACHTING

MOVING UP

*Developments from
Sunrise and Rossi Navi*

STAR TURNS

*Como, Solandge and
Lady Candy*

SAILING ON

*At the wheel with
Andreas Steidle*

An aerial photograph of a vast, deep blue sea under a clear sky. In the center, a large, rugged island with sparse vegetation is visible. To its left, a smaller, more isolated rock formation sits in the water. In the foreground, another small island is partially submerged. A sleek, modern yacht is cruising across the water in the middle ground. In the distance, a large, dark mountain range is visible on the horizon. The overall scene is serene and picturesque, typical of a high-end yachting destination.

THE BEST
LAUNCHES, INNOVATIONS
AND DESIGNS OF THE YEAR



BENETTI *LADY CANDY*

A RESULT AS SWEET AS IT SOUNDS

The venerable Italian shipyard has delivered a most contemporary masterpiece

Above from left: a jacuzzi on *Lady Candy's* sun deck; launching the tender; the roomy dining salon; facing page: the 56m motoryacht in all her majesty

With ultra-modern headquarters in Livorno at the Orlando shipyards, sales offices in Fort Lauderdale, Dubai and Hong Kong, and worksites around Italy, Benetti has spread its wings since its founding in 1873. Fittingly, for the shipyard with the longest tradition of building boats in its native land, it still maintains prominent facilities in the heartland of the country's shipbuilding industry – Viareggio.

Tradition plays a big role at the yard, but that doesn't mean turning a blind eye to modern methods. Far from it – Benetti

embraces a wide range of yachts in size – from 50m up to 90m – and type. Everything seems possible to the expert workforce, who by the end of next year will have delivered a further nine yachts, including in summer 2015 unit number FB262, at 90m the longest vessel yet from the yard.

The quality of the craftsmanship is demonstrated in last year's delivery for an owner from Asia – *Lady Candy*. A 56m motoryacht with five decks, four of which are connected by a strikingly designed lift, *Lady Candy* is a creation in

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TECHNICAL SPECS

LADY CANDY
BENETTI

LOA: 56m
Beam: 10.6m
Draft, loaded: 3.55m
Fuel tank capacity:
130,000
Accommodation: 12
guests in six cabins

which Italian excellence meets Eastern spirit. Streamlined and technically innovative, there is an element of chic about the exterior and interior, both created by Paul Brackley's Central Yacht design studio. The input from the owner – an experienced yachtsman – and his family was considerable, not surprisingly as *Lady Candy* acts as a second home for them. And what a home – there's a spacious main saloon (88sq m), which includes a bar and lobby area with ample room for sofas, and a formal 14-seater dining room. Two master suites each have an office, while there is a pair of private terraces for the family to take advantage of when visitors are on board.

This has all the hallmarks of a happy habitat on the water,

enhanced by a performance that leaves little to be desired: two 1,320kW MTU 12 V engines and two 175kW CAT C0 Genset generators can speed the 962 gross tonnes up to 17kn. When cruising at 12kn, a range of 5,000 nautical miles impresses. An efficient yacht, she can operate with two to three fewer crew members than most others, thanks to deck layout that is optimised for service.

Lady Candy is named after the owners' daughter, who had her say along with her mother on the elegant and welcoming interior. Briar-root wood features heavily in a combination with soft colour shades such as jade green and lilac lavender. benettiyachts.it

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The chic lines of the Paul Brackley-designed *Lady Candy*