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# LVMH BUYS ROYAL VAN LENT

Southern Spars expands production ■ Record at Lürssen ■ Perini Navi launches "Silvana"



"Madsummer": Lürssen launches a polar blue 78-metre yacht.

**Lürssen** has launched its fifth yacht this year in the shape of the 78.40 metre long "Madsummer" – a new record for the shipyard with branches in Bremen and Rendsburg. The 13.50-metre wide, five-deck vessel with polar blue hull was designed on the computers of Espen Øino. The classical interior styling was created by the team of Alberto Pinto. The yacht, that has become well-known in the trade as the "Bermuda" project, is to operate as a charter vessel. Launch number four this year was the 110-metre long, new "Dilbar", previously the "Opal" project. The Terence Disdale design is the first yacht with particle filter in the funnel and the largest with Pod drive system. Expect to see more clean yachts soon. [www.lurssen.com](http://www.lurssen.com)

**Couach** is on schedule with the building of the first 50-metre Couach, the largest yacht to date. The South of France based company has now released the hull with the Serial No. 01 from its female mould. Next year the owner will be taking delivery of the 5000 Fly, which can reach a speed of 30 knots. [www.couach.com](http://www.couach.com)



Couach 5000 Fly: The French yacht builders release the hull of the first 50-metre Couach from its mould.

**LVMH**, the French luxury commodity group Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy, has taken over the shipyard Royal van Lent from the Dutch financing company Egeria. Dick van Lent is to remain CEO and partner. With Princess Yachts, LVMH has already been active in yachting and it also cooperates with Wally. [www.lvmh.com](http://www.lvmh.com)

**Caterpillar** has expanded its main branch in Hamburg-Neumühlen. The engine manufacturers' marketing and service department, founded in 2003, now has 50 employees and a further increase is planned for 2009. Parallel to this expansion, Caterpillar will be investing three hundred million US dollars in its production sites in Kiel and Rostock by 2012. [www.cat-marine.com](http://www.cat-marine.com)

**ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems** has appointed a new Sales Manager Yachts, Cristian Schwarzwälder, at Blohm + Voss. He is successor to Hans-Erik Henze who recently retired but continues to be active in a consulting capacity. [www.thyssenkrupp-marinesystems.com](http://www.thyssenkrupp-marinesystems.com)



Best Fraser captain: Ferdinando Tarquini.

**Fraser Yachts** invited its guests to its annual Charter Captains Award Dinner in the Yacht Club de Monaco where, together with the sponsor Blancpain, it presented the award of Charter Captain of the Year. This year Ferdinando Tarquini, captain of the 62-metre explorer "Force Blue", was proud to receive the coveted award. [www.fraseryachts.com](http://www.fraseryachts.com)

**Raytheon Anschütz** has announced a new sales partner, Alewijnse Marine Systems from The Netherlands. [www.raytheon-anschuetz.com](http://www.raytheon-anschuetz.com)

**Marina Mill** added the model "Haze" to its outdoor fabric line Extex. The robust new product is woven by the English fabric supplier, located in the county of Kent, and is the first fabric of the Extex range that is not made of chenille yarn but of 100 percent metallic shimmering acrylic. [www.marinamill.co.uk](http://www.marinamill.co.uk)

**Southern Spars** is expanding its production sites. The New Zealand rig specialists has taken over the South African mast builder Sparcraft, domiciled near to Cape Town, and produced a large range of series masts there in the new 4800-square-metre hall. The New Zealanders also reacted to the strongly increasing demand for light EC6 carbon fibre cables for standing rigging with the opening of two new production sites in Sri Lanka. [www.southernspars.com](http://www.southernspars.com)