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# The superyacht owner’s year: 2016 in their words

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The best insight into the world of superyachts is through the owners themselves. Here are some of the conversations we had with them in 2016.



1. *11.11* – 63m, Benetti

"Overall we're really happy with what we've achieved. We did a lot. One of the most memorable parts for me was the launch. I went with my wife and Benetti had a Roman Catholic priest bless the yacht. It was very beautiful with all the Italian music and then the British national anthem, and it was all very unexpected. I thought it was just going to be putting the boat in the water, but in fact it turned into a very emotional day!" says the owner of *11.11*.



2. *Elixir* – 55m, Amels

"A yacht is the ultimate in relaxation, and cruising is the most relaxing form of travel. This yacht is like a second home to me. I had eight weeks on board last summer after we took delivery. It was an extensive tryout," says the owner of *Elixir*.



3. *Rock.It* – 60.4m, Feadship

"When the doors slide open on the main deck, everytime I get in there it just blows me away!" says the owner of *Rock.It*. "When I'm On board and I just look around at everything, it's so stimulating and it's just so awesome. I love it!"



4. *Tenaz* – 40m, Pendennis

"Every day when I'm on the rail and looking out, I find myself thinking, 'Does it get any better than this?' I find it hard to identify the feeling exactly, but I have the wonderful sense that there's nothing more enjoyable, relaxing, engaging and inspiring!" says the owner of *Tenaz*.



5. *Kismet* – 95m, Lurssen

"My goal for *Kismet* was to create a yacht that many years from now will be timeless and yet still be ahead of its time. I wanted to balance awesome with welcoming. Walt Disney once famously said, 'If you can dream it, you can do it.' When you experience *Kismet*, you know this to be true. And for that Lurssen should be extremely proud," says the owner of *Kismet*.

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6. *Atlante* – 54.8m, CRN

"I enjoyed the development of the creative project greatly, working closely with the team. I wanted to build the boat in Italy and to find partners that would understand, respect and translate my vision perfectly. I found in Dan Lenard and CRN the best partners as they didn't ask me to negotiate my ideas!" says the owner of *Atlante*. "Ancient Atlante, according to myth, was Poseidon's son, and I like to think of the yacht as my sea deity vehicle: a contemporary yacht matching my lifestyle."

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7. *Suerte* – 69.3m, Tankoa

"The upper deck is everyone's favourite space," says the owner of *Suerte*. "I live in a cold country, and for us the beauty of a yacht is to be outside. Paszkowski designed this place in a manner that we can eat and dine outside even when it is chilly as the deck is very protected."

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8. *Ann G* – 49.6, Heesen

"I knew from the beginning that I wanted to build something different and new that would be impressive in four years' time. I didn't find anything suitable for me and decided to create my own project, together with the talented designer Clifford Denn. We worked on it for around a year and I'm very happy with the result we achieved. One of the things we tried to achieve with the designers was to create comfort in all areas. What I like most on board is that she is very cozy, everywhere," says the owner of *Ann G*.