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SATISFACTION

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Choices can be frustrating. Or, they can be fabulous, as is the case with Southern Wind Shipyard's most recent sailing yacht, Satisfaction. It would seem that the owner the yacht was commissioned for and the Southern Wind team made all the right ones.

Directing and selecting the design elements of this first build in the exciting SW105 miniseries of superyachts, the owner's brief was clear. Southern Wind Shipyard, in sync with Nauta Design and Farr Yacht Design, delivered. The result is the eponymous Southern Wind 105 sailing yacht, Satisfaction.

A standout high performance cruiser, Satisfaction initiated the evolution of a new generation of sailing yachts at Southern Wind, choosing to be both racer and cruiser, performing both roles with equal abilities. Satisfaction's first time superyacht owner requested the yacht look and feel like home, embracing all the ergonomic bells and whistles that signal comfort and safety.

Additionally, the owner specified that the yacht be capable of impressive racing performance, calling on new technologies dovetailing aesthetic attention to detail. And, he wanted the deck to be all on one level.

Sleek and chic, sailing yacht Satisfaction was launched in October of 2017 and delivered in January of 2018, giving the owner, as Southern Wind CEO Willy Persico likes to put it, an "authentic traveling companion" that lived like a home, sailed like a falcon, and displayed technology in all the right places.

Important Statistics

At 34.59 meters including the bowsprit, Satisfaction's long, lean hull and 29.44-meter waterline take the eye on a pleasant, uninterrupted journey from stem to stern. The raised saloon profile maintains a remarkably streamlined profile on this high performance, low displacement yacht. The 7.31-meter beam emphasizes her exceptional space and volume, tapering slightly to the open transom aft with enough room in the garage to tuck in a tender and jet ski.

In a bow oriented master suite, two double cabins, and one bunk bed cabin, Satisfaction comfortably sleeps eight guests. Crew areas placed aft include a galley, nav station, and three cabins, one of which is an en suite Captain's cabin. Strategic placement offers privacy for guests, as well as crew, with access through wide halls and double companionway that impart a luxurious, home-like feeling.

Sloop-rigged with strong, durable, Future Fibres EC6 cables, Satisfaction also boasts a Southern Spars high modulus carbon fiber mast and Southern Spars Park Avenue carbon fiber boom.

The 2.32-meter fixed bowsprit features an integrated anchor arm to accommodate a gennaker tack line and Code Zero furling, ensuring practical anchoring and smooth maneuvering in a wide variety of situations. A diesel Cummins QSB67MCD (305 hp @2,600 rpm) powers the yacht when motoring is required.





Southern Wind offers fixed, telescopic, and lifting keel options on the SW105, fitting Satisfaction with the telescopic version, improving both upwind performance and interior design aesthetics in the saloon space. The telescopic keel has a draft range of 3.65 to 5.6 meters. Crafted with precision and quality that ensure reliability, the adjustment is perfect for shallower water exploration.

The RINA classification standard hull is an advanced composite sandwich featuring a Corecell center with inner and outer carbon/epoxy resin skins. Interiors also make use of lightweight prepreg carbon Nomex honeycomb construction, layered with a chic selection of wood veneers that reduce fuel use. Twin rudders and a fistful of sophisticated hydraulics continue the long list of Satisfaction's superb technologies.

Deck Features

Dual helm stations boast uncluttered sightlines across the single level deck. The generous beam strikes a perfect balance with interior volume, and angled twin rudders underscore control, safety, and reliability, even at extreme heeling angles. Farr Yacht Design VP Jim Schmicker notes Satisfaction's precise control in trim levels facilitated by her integral features afford easy maneuvering that is light on the helm in any conditions.

With the soul of a racing yacht, Satisfaction is also an accomplished social host, placing generous dining and sun pad areas forward of the helm stations. Clean lines, plush cushions, and perfect views provide guests with every convenience, including two deck refrigerators to ensure access to refreshment, a coffee table cool box for convenience, a galley-connected dumbwaiter for quick clean up, and beautiful concealed LED lighting at foot level that ensures safety as guests move about the deck.

Designed on a single level plan aimed at keeping the freeboard low, Satisfaction's deck is remarkable. Constructed of synthetic teak, the surface rewards with a 35 percent weight optimization and reduced maintenance requirements. The low thermal transfer on deck is friendly to footsteps and skin, even in warmer climates. Maintaining the elegance of her clean deck, fore and aft bullseyes, fairleads, and lockers with cleats are flush until needed, with jib sheets running below deck.

Below Deck Saloon

Satisfaction's electrically operated doublewide companionway brightens the saloon, splashed with additional natural light from abundant ports and panoramic windows. Light woods with black accents complement the glossy white superstructure. Lightly textured upholstered interior walls and soft furnishings keep guests comfortable and connected. Strategically placed continuous LED lighting guides steps at floor level, deftly concealed beneath furniture and cabinetry for a clean look that add understated drama to evenings on board.

Stepping down into the saloon, a wide and welcoming dining and living space open with unexpected spaciousness. Beautifully lit with natural light and adorned with unparalleled views, an immediate element of calm and comfort spread across space. A large, deeply cushioned U-shaped sofa in pearl grey is accessorized with effective flashes of red. The lightly accessorized space easily accommodates 8 to 10 guests at both the dining table and living space, becoming a favorite gathering space whether on board for leisure or sport.







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Making the Most of Convertible Space

Fore of the saloon is a convertible studio that easily lends itself to a media room that shows off the advanced electronics and integrated entertainment system with AMX controllers. The area also works as a guest space or conversation area, doubling as a buffer for the master suite from guest activity, affording peace and quiet.

Forward Master Suite

The fully forward en suite master is filled with natural light and long windows and a well-appointed custom bed. An L-shaped sofa to starboard, twin sinks in the en suite, and light cabinetry reflect the home environment requested by the owner. Appointed with lightly colored and textured fabrics, the space is at once stylish and comfortable, inviting enjoyment of this quiet respite that often proves elusive on comparable sailing yachts.

Additional Guest Cabins

Aft of the living and dining area, en suite guest cabins to port and starboard are also graced with long hull windows and natural light from above. Similar to the master cabin, guest cabin furnishings are clean, comfortable, and stylish with just the right combination of clean lines and a plush environment. A bulkhead separates the guest cabins from the crew cabins aft.

Crew Area and Tender Garage

Accessed via its own stair just fore of the helm stations, the crew area is rather spacious, with a double cabin to starboard and a bunk bed twin cabin to port, sharing a bath. The en suite captain's cabin is forward of the double, with central crew dining and storage areas and crew galley to port.

Fully aft of the crew area, the garage is accessed from the stern with additional storage space for smaller water toys and additional cruising needs. The cargo lift mouth opens to a broad 7.12 meters, accommodating 4.3+ meter carbon jet tender and a 3-meter jet ski, courtesy of a truly innovative launch system.

Launch and Performance

After her October launch at the Southern Wind Shipyard in Cape Town, South Africa, Satisfaction performed well in sea trials, inspiring Southern Wind General Manager Marco Aberti to comment that she is a "perfectly balanced and powerful yacht that performs very well in light air." Aberti also commented that the deck and cockpits on the same level, the incomparable feeling of being on a superyacht is reinforced. Registered as a Commercial Yacht under a Red Jersey Ensign flag, Satisfaction sailed to the Mediterranean after her delivery in January of 2018.

On the Horizon

With 16 yachts of 30 meters or more to their credit, Southern Wind has two additional SW105 hulls in progress, each with their own configurations. Hull #2 is a raised saloon with a fixed 4.5-meter keel, scheduled for delivery in June of 2018. Hull #3 is a deck saloon with a lifting keel that has a minimum draft of 3.15 meters to be delivered in November of 2018.

As Satisfaction cruises beyond the more popular destinations of the globe to remote ports of call, it is certain that the signature bluewater spirit infused into her design DNA will continue to please and pamper the owners and guests on board, drawing envious approval from onlookers. It is also certain that should she decide to enter a race, the results will be no less than impressive. ⊕

Specifications

» LOA	34.59 m (32,27 m excluding bowsprit)
» LWL	29,44 m
» Beam Max	7,31 m
» Draft	3,65 m - 5,6 m (telescopic keel)
» Displacement	69,5t (lightship IRC)
» Water Tanks	3200 litres
» Fuel Tanks	4790 litres
» Engine	Cummins QSB 6,7 MCD (305 hp @2,600 rpm)

