

YARD NEWS

During my visit to the 40th Boot Düsseldorf show in January I was pleased to speak to a large number of the exhibiting superyacht shipyards, which gave me some of their news, a selection of which is outlined below.

The young Italian yard Arcadia Yachts, based in Naples, presented three models at the Düsseldorf show – the 85ft (launch May 2009), the 115ft (launch October 2009) (below) and the 135ft (launch May 2010). They have been designed to be green-friendly yachts incorporating solar panels, enhanced insulation and an electric engine. The interiors of all three have been designed by Poltona Frau.



H2X's 36m *Nahema V* is currently progressing well – the portside hull and the frame of the accommodation modules have now been built, with the build still on schedule for launch in 2010. The starboard hull is currently under construction. They have also just confirmed an order for a charter sailing yacht catamaran of 25m, which will be launched prior to the end of 2009. A few large refit projects are under negotiation, more details of which are to be released shortly. In addition the *Teneo* project (extension of a 33m motoryacht by 4m and full interior refit) is planned to be completed in June 2009.



JFA Chantier Naval currently has two models over 30m in build. Due to launch in 2010, a 141ft M/Y (above) is the result of their third collaboration with Vripack – being built for a repeat client. The yard is working on the hull at the moment and the aluminium work will be finished in June this year. Also in build is a 110ft carbon catamaran; with its hull and flybridge completed it is on schedule for delivery in 2011. The refit of the 38m Haak-built M/Y *Jaguar* is also under way, due for completion this spring.

Southern Wind Shipyard (below) is continuing with its expansion work to bring its site area up to 17,000m² which will allow them to increase their build capacity from 3.3 yachts to 4 yachts at one time. With this change the original 10,000m² site will be dedicated to assembly

