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President 107

EXPERIENCE SPEAKS VOLUMES

On a return visit to the tri-deck President 107, which debuted last winter, we walked past a President flybridge boat docked nearby, built some time in the late 1980s. Although President Yachts is working on a full new line of models, this one served as a reminder that the company has been building sturdy fiberglass boats for a long time, and this experience **SHOWS**. Story by Cecilia Gauart Photos Matthieu Carlin (interiors) Jerry Wyszatycki (exteriors)





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RESIDENT YACHTS FOUNDER EDDIE YEH

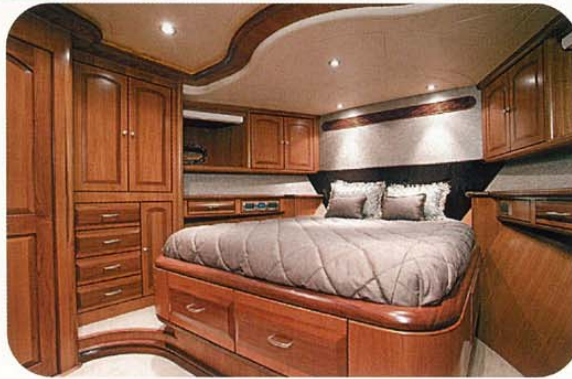
is an energetic man who rises early each morning and still gets excited about what he does 40 years after he first started the business. The Taiwanese yard has built more than 1,400 boats to date. Recently, President Yachts, which also builds composite boats sold under other brand names, has developed new models under the President label, ranging in size from 65' to now 140'. There are tri-deck, raised pilothouse and Portuguese bridge models. An American broker who has experienced building boats with President recently told us the yard is more than willing to modify each boat in order to accommodate the particular requests or tastes of a client. Full design and tooling are now ready for a complete range of fiberglass yachts to 140'. President Yachts builds all its vessels at a modern harbour-front facility in Tainan, close to a new beach resort at Jiang Jun Boat Harbour.

Yeh once called the 107-footer, a "mini megayacht", and indeed, even though ample space and volume is to be expected on

The main deck is designed for entertaining with a spacious salon, bar and dining area. The yacht has options for formal dining and casual meals



The lower deck has ample space for three large or even four staterooms



a tri-deck, most everything on this yacht is quite large. Viewed from the dock, the all-white tri-deck yacht, now named D-Fence (a clue to her owner's line of business) is an imposing presence, rising more than 10 metres above the waterline. The 7,21 metre beam presents many advantages inside and out. Sheltered wide side walkways nearly all around the super structure, make onboard circulation easy and safe. Spacious entertainment areas are available on all three decks.

The American owners of D-Fence chose an easy to maintain non-skid finish on the sundeck and bridge deck, while all three decks can be fully finished with the same quality teak sole that graces this yacht's main deck. Needless to say teak would fade very quickly under the Middle Eastern sun anyway. D-Fence's spacious sundeck, equipped with a helm station, barbeque grill, table and sofa, does not include a Jacuzzi, but that option is available, and there is certainly room for one. The sundeck also holds the tender along with its crane.

Inside, the combination of beam, large windows, layout and finishes contributes to emphasising the sense of space, but as we walk around, we realise this is not mere trickery resulting from clever design. Stairs and corridors are wide and fitted with secure banisters, providing safe passage between lower deck accommodations and the main deck. On D-Fence, the owners chose to have the master stateroom aft on the bridge deck whereas a more traditional layout might use the space for a bar and lounge. As a result, only three staterooms are located on the lower deck, two accessible through one set of stairs forward of the country galley, and the other through a separate entrance accessible from the salon. The VIP cabin, located in the bow, is uncommonly spacious. In this model it features two double beds, but the stateroom, accessed through elegant double wooden doors with frosted glass inserts, could easily accommodate a king-size bed. Closets, all lined with cedar, are spacious, and under-bed storage provides even more capacity. Across a foyer, with a washing machine and dryer and large linen closet, is a full beam stateroom, also with double-door entry and an elegantly appointed ensuite bathroom with a whirlpool tub, double sink, glass-enclosed walk-in shower, mirrored ceiling and stainless steel accents. The lower deck can easily accommodate four staterooms.

The full-size country kitchen, fully equipped in this case with GE appliances, has an attractive oak finish, and with a comfortable banquette surrounding two independent tables, provides a great venue for breakfast or an ideal space

for a chef to set up an hors d'oeuvres service. Moving forward past a day head, a large salon includes a dining area and a full-size wet bar with bar stools.

Another area where space is evident is the after part of the lower deck, where the crew quarters are located. These include a captain's cabin with private bathroom, a twin cabin also with bathroom and a small galley and dining area. A wide and easy to use staircase - very different from some of the contorted affairs that too often complicate crew access on other yachts larger than this - leads to the secondary entry door that also serves as the preferred engine access when the yacht is underway. A heavy and well-insulated door to the engine room provides great access for any checks, maintenance or repairs. There is ample space in front of, behind and between the two Caterpillar engines that power the yacht, and a good 2,10 metres of overhead clearance, which is the case throughout the yacht. Comfort and ease of use are clearly two priorities that have dictated design choices on this vessel. But the ultimate surprise may very well be that this nearly 60-tonne and voluminous yacht with a modified V bottom is capable of a 23.5-knot speed, and a similar one can be built for less than US\$8 million.

Customised to suit her owners, D-Fence features a master stateroom on the bridge deck



The pilothouse is light and airy thanks to an attractive oak and teak sole

Length Overall: 32,50 metres

Beam: 7,21 metres

Draft: 1,93 metres

Fuel: 15,140 litres

Fresh water: 2,650 litres

Engines: 2 x 1,825 hp

Caterpillar C32 Acert

Maximum/cruising speed:

23.5/18 knots

Range: 960 nm @ 18 knots

Generators:

Northern Lights M10664D 40kW /

M944W, 30 kW

Propellers: 5-blade NiBrAl

Stabilisers: Acturus Marine Trac

Bow and thrusters:

TRAC 45 hp hydraulic thrusters

Communication

and navigation equipment: Furuno

Construction: Fiberglass

Naval architecture: President Yachts

Exterior styling:

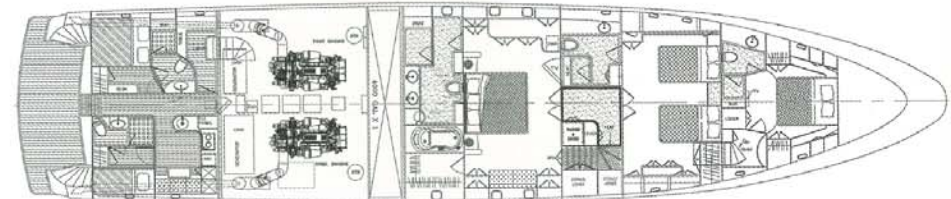
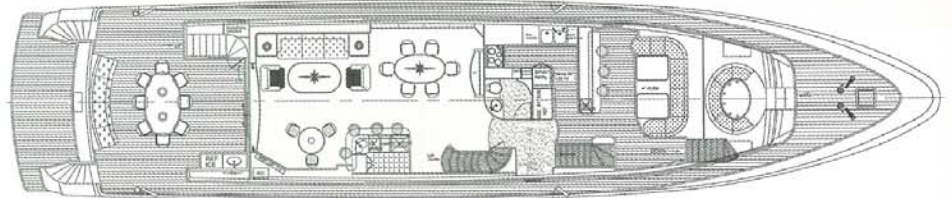
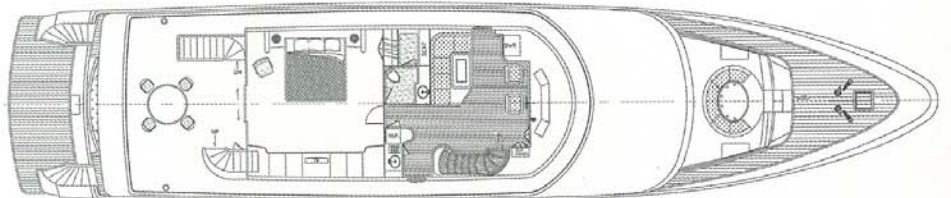
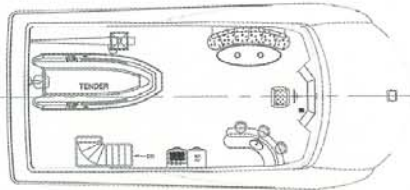
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