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## **Explorer born**

The Archipelago 80 is the first explorer superyacht from the British shipyard, and upon launch it will become the fleet's flagship.

rchipelago Yachts
has launched the new
Archipelago 80, a
24-metre explorer built on a
hull form utilised extensively
in the offshore wind industry.

"The 80 represents ultimate versatility in a sub-24-metre owner-operator platform. The vessel was designed for a visionary owner who shares our passion for pushing the boundaries of boating," says Archipelago Founder Dr Stephen Weatherley.

The 80 has a 20,000-litre fuel capacity; twin e-Motion hybrid diesel-electric

Left: The Archipelago 80 offers a versatile owner-operator explorer platform at just 24 metres LOA. systems featuring 1300-hp MAN diesels, while 250-kW electric propulsors give a top speed of 28 knots.

The cockpit can take expedition gear or toys, or can also be left free for socials and even game fishing. The coachroof allows for solar panels or extra storage, and doubles as a helipad. Inside, the 80 has an open-plan saloon complete with bar and day galley. Within the hulls, a customisable array of cabins caters to guests and crew, complemented by a main galley and combined laundry or workspace, accessible from the living guarters or the cockpit. archipelago-yachts.co.uk



Above: Drawing on Italian design elegance mixed with automotive cues, Hot Lab's Superleggera 80 is one of Oceanco's Simply Custom 80-metre yachts.

## **Custom creation**

talian studio Hot Lab has revealed its Superleggera 80 design, one of Dutch shipyard Oceanco's Simply Custom 80-metre superyacht concepts based on a common 80-metre hull developed by Lateral Naval Architects. The Hot Lab team worked on all aspects of the concept from exterior to interior, layout and the basic concepts of the interior style.

"A design worthy of the name must evoke emotion; otherwise, we'd all make incredibly optimised and utterly sterile boats," says Antonio Romano, Commercial Director of the Viken Group and A design must evoke emotion; otherwise, we'd all make incredibly optimised and utterly sterile boats.

Hot Lab's Co-founder. The result is a classically elegant yet contemporary style that incorporates subtle design cues all over.

The studio says the design intends to evoke the same sense of awe you feel in an expansive penthouse, and that intention is borne out in details such as a 5-metre-high main atrium and a central bar illuminated by a skylight.

"Superleggera aims to draw a smile," says Romano. "You admire it and smile inwardly, as if to say, 'There it is, I've found it – this will be my boat." hotlab.it oceancoyacht.com