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The 25 Greatest Superyachts of the Last 100 Years

Yacht design and technology—from steam engines to battery power—have changed dramatically over the last century, and each of these 25 standout vessels contributed to that evolution.

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A Century of Sea Change

Like the rest of the world, yachts have seen remarkable transformations in design and technology in the last 100 years. As our list shows, the shapes and sizes range widely depending on the decade of their launch. The streamliner-look of the 1920s gave way to the stacked wedding-cake design of the last half of the 20th century, while the last 20 years have seen more futuristic shapes. What all these yachts share, however, is their owners' passion to create yachts that are unique, often breathtaking and, most importantly, majestic. Here are our 25 favourites in chronological order

'Luminosity' (353 Feet) 2020, Italy



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Delivered by Italian yard Benetti in 2020, *Luminosity* lives up to her name, thanks to 2,625-square feet of windows. Powered by diesel electric Azipod drives with the capacity to run for 12 hours in “silent mode” on just the batteries, the 353-foot hybrid yacht also has a helipad with refuelling facilities. A health club on the lower deck includes a steam room with a plunge pool, swimming pool and a steam room with side doors that open up at sea level. Designed by Zaniz Jakubowski Design, custom artworks take center stage, including interior panels that become huge screens, so any kind of background can be flashed on the walls. One of the favourites is a tropical rain forest. A glass elevator runs within these walls, servicing all decks.