

# Pacific Shipyards, a different world



Since 1998 Pacific Shipyards has successfully built its own line of yachts. Owner and director Bas van Pelt had a clear picture in his head of what he wanted from the start. A well calculated vision which is the basis of current and future success of the shipyard. At this moment the order portfolio has been filled entirely and the yard looks at possibilities to increase its capacity. The success of Pacific Shipyards probably thanks itself to the fact that the yard itself and its yachts are continuously improved and time and time again it succeeds to build very innovative yachts. Innovations that go much further than details. It's often constructive innovations which are initiated and developed by the yard.

*Pacific Prestige 200*



Pacific Shipyards builds steel motor yachts varying in length of 17 up to 26 meters, divided in four series: Pearl, Allure, Prestige and Prestige S. The yard has six to seven yachts which are being built in an ongoing process although officially there are four series being made, of which only yachts from the luxurious Prestige series are constructed. With this the yard follows the international trend of even larger and more luxurious yachts. The Prestige is a yacht that concerning design, equipment and quality that directly finds a connection with the mini-sized super yachts. Owners of the Prestige have been experienced yacht owners who use yacht privately and generally sail without crew. The Prestige line radiates a particular class and it deserves respect

which is entirely realised in the styling for both interior and exterior. With the Prestige series the yard breaks itself down in a niche market where the standards are very high and beside the Dutch market the yard is also active on the international market. More than half of the yachts that leave the yard have the Mediterranean area as a destination. Particularly Italy is an important market for Pacific. On the last Genua Boat Show Pacific was prominently present and underlined the yard's reputation as Dutch builder of quality yachts, combined with pretty Italian design. The market for mini-sized super yachts is large. Yachts up to about 26 meters can be sailed without crew and also because of the handiness and the manageability the market for this type

*Pacific Prestige 170*





of yachts is large. The package of wishes and requirements lies extremely high with potential purchasers. Besides excellent navigational qualities and of course an impeccable quality matters such as luxury become more important. Pacific Shipyards anticipates well and translates the wishes particularly well. For an Italian customer the yard built a Prestige entirely to customer specifications and including a Jacuzzi on the foredeck in 2007. The yard does not step away from a challenge and always resolutely follows its own rate and is impertinent in forming its calculated drafts. All yachts are custom-built where many equally built components are used which are differently applied and positioned. Because of this nevertheless a certain standardisation which helps the quality and the construction efficiency arise there within the custom-built concept. Ease of operation and surveyability are also important aspects which the yard aims on. In this respect the placing of the engine chambers is unique. Below deck at the same level of for example the owner's cabin two separate engine chambers on both sides of the hallway can be found. The engine chambers are because of this well-organized and excellently accessible (standing height) for regular controls and/or maintenance. High-quality thermal and acoustic heat insulation ensures that the engine chambers produce no nuisance for the adjacent cabins. The engine chambers are rapidly and well accessible by means of the fireproof doors. With the arrival of the Prestige series the yard has made its definite entry on the international market. Moreover the Prestige has stood at the cradle of Prestige S.

### **De Prestige S**

With the development and the construction of different yachts from the Prestige series Bas van Pelt always aims to go a step further. With the Prestige S the yard has suited the action to the word. At this moment the finishing touches are being made on the first round framed yacht, called the Prestige S, beautiful development and

a nice presentation of the Brabant yard. "We are well in further development of our own existing concepts, which we deepen and improve further. Moreover we also look at the possibilities to build our yachts entirely in aluminium. For development of our round framed yacht we have appealed to the expertise of third parties for the first time in our existence. The Prestige S has arisen in close cooperation with Vripack. This internationally recognised office has further developed and optimised the interior of the Prestige S by means of the design of the yard. With the Prestige S we shuffle along further to the international top in yacht construction. Especially at sea the navigational qualities of a round framed are simply better and the performances lie on a higher level." Also concerning interior arrangement the Prestige S is particularly renewing. During building yachts Bass van Pelt points the particularities out. Especially the placing of kitchen and dining area is notable and it shows many agreements with the arrangements of quick sailing polyester yachts. In a steel yacht of these dimensions we never encountered such an arrangement. The engines are established in two separate and well accessible machine chambers. The owner hut covers the full width of the yacht. All available spaces are optimally exploited. The cooperation between Pacific and Vripack has succeeded particularly well. Judging by the standard motorisation the 17 meters Prestige S will be able to sail 12 knots. When one chooses for heavier motorised yachts they become half-gliders and the expectation is 16/17 knots. This makes the yachts well-equipped for sailing larger distances. With the construction of the Prestige and the Prestige S, Pacific Shipyards has excellent and very addressing concepts, as a result of which the yard can see its future with confidence and develop even further. Pacific Shipyards shows that Dutch quality and common sense can go together excellently with Italian flair and design. We can assume that the Prestige S stands at the basis of the further development of still larger and more particular yachts.

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