

HYDRO TEC'S

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25TH ANNIVERSARY

by Danny Lo

Sergio Cutolo is a name that needs no introduction to the yachting world. His long career to date brought him to work for the most renowned yards in Italy building large yachts, then on to launch Hydro Tec engineering studio founded with Silvia Himsolt. "25 years later Sergio Cutolo and Hydro Tec can look back with pride after having transformed what was conceived as a firm specialised IN in hydrodynamics into a studio which handles project design work from naval architecture to design. The greater part of Italy's explorer models which we admire as they cross every ocean come off Hydro Tec's drawing board, especially those from Cantiere delle Marche which has been recognised as one of the principal interpreters of the segment world wide. And with whom Sergio

Cutolo's studio has been collaborating for a long time. The entire Darwin Class as the Flexplorer "Aurelia" from the Cantiere delle Marche were initialled by Hydro Tec, but also other well known yachts such as CBI Navi's 40 metre "Stella di Mare" and the entire fleet of Columbus Yacht owned by Gruppo Palumbo, from the 40 metre Sport Hybrid to the recent 80 metre "Dragon".



Columbus Yacht 80 metri "Dragon"

Hydro Tec chose to celebrate the firm's first quarter of a century with a series of initiatives. "celebrations always induce you to weigh things up looking at the past. Hydro Tec's 25 years wish to take a look at our studio's future projections which has always been keen to innovate", says Sergio Cutolo.

This important anniversary's celebrations start with re-styling the logo which well interprets graphically speaking the bow of a ship in a more modern and stylised fashion when compared to the previous one. With the logo there's also a completely new web site, which will contain high quality material and information about the yachts built and future projects. Hydro Tec will also be presenting the project of a new explorer platform but with modern systems such as hybrid propulsion, a concept the firm has already experimented with the Coloumbus Sport Hybrid 40 series. A celebrative autobiography will also be published in which Sergio Cutolo will be telling the story of his career filled with anecdotes, technical details, original



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drawings and contributive input from several important people with whom Cutolo's firm has had to deal with in the course of its first 25 years of activity. Celebrations will continue until next Spring and will be posted on social networks to allow followers to stay in touch and updated on the firm's activities. For further information: Hydro Tec; Via Fiume 2/9, 15076 Ovada (AL); tel. +39 0143 821630; www.hydrotec.it



CdM Flexplorer "Aurelia"



CBI Navi 40m "Stella di Mare"



Columbus Sport Hybrid 40