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HYDROTEC

by **SERGIO CUTOLO**

Sergio Cutolo's philosophy is that every technical detail should be designed to be aesthetically pleasing and functionally efficient. 20 years of experience have proved its worth, and now it is embodied by a new explorer vessel

by Rick David



Engineer Sergio Cutolo's Hydrotec studio has shaped the 300 tonnes of steel and aluminium of the Darwin Class 107' into a craft with a highly efficient hull and a muscular aesthetic appeal. The Darwin Class 107' built by the Cantiere delle Marche is a successful yacht designed entirely by Hydrotec, and is therefore a symbol of what this design studio can

achieve in the field of yacht construction. As Cutolo says, "Becoming technical director of Baglietto in 1991, at the age of 32, gave me the opportunity to work in a company backed by a great tradition and to become involved in the development of so many important projects. Every day I had first-hand experience of all aspects of yacht construction. It was an excellent training ground. Every day at Baglietto gave me a year's worth of experience. I've worked on many different yachts during my career, some of which were radically different - from single hulls to multihulls, hydrofoils, trawlers, semi-displacement models and also sail yachts. I've been fascinated by them since I was young. I love the Darwin Class 107' because I'm sure that explorer yachts are the type that best represents the

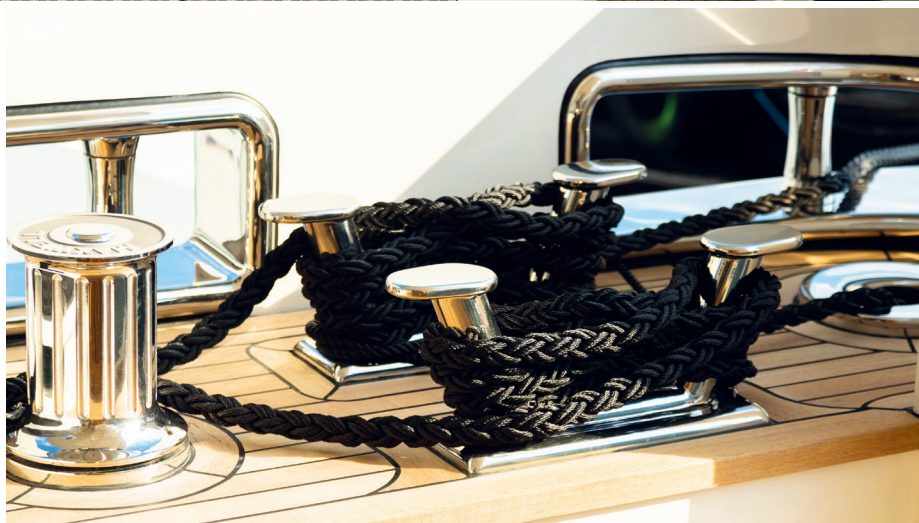
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ideal for anyone who, like me, has always had a passion for yachts. They're the perfect balance of sail and motor yachts, enabling those on board to experience the sea to the full by cruising in comfort while being able to enjoy their time in a safe, reliable environment."

The Darwin Class flagship, the Darwin 107', which we visited during the Cannes Yachting, is a special vessel, an explorer of outstanding build quality made to measure for its owner by Cantiere delle Marche. It also embodies pleasure of a design where function and functionality go hand-in-hand with good taste to create a consistently pleasing whole. "We designed the yacht using all the technical and aesthetic characteristics that have made the Darwin Class a worldwide success, creating a concept we believe in strongly that provides a new benchmark for yachts of this size. The volumes are always generous, both for guests and crew and service areas - comparable to much bigger yachts, in fact". Like all Darwin Class builds, this 107 has also been personalised to reflect the needs and wishes of an expert owner, who spends long periods on board with his family. A yacht for those who are passionate about the sea and sailing - like its designer!

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Sergio Cutolo (first photo) is the founder of Hydrotec, which this year celebrates its twentieth anniversary. These images show the Darwin 107 by Columbus, which can be personalised according to her owner's wishes. The yacht is the ideal solution for spending long periods on board, as her details embody build quality and the pleasure of a design where function and functionality go hand in hand with good taste

