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Vripack launches 'Rock' at MYS



Vripack unveils one of its latest designs built by Evadne Yachts...



Vripack has plenty of experience designing an extensive portfolio of explorer yachts, and this is reflected in their latest design, M/Y *Rock*, which combines sturdy and rugged lines with the familiar design flair of Vripack's Robin de Vries. As a result, a balance of form and function has been achieved.

Unveiled for the first time at the Monaco Yacht Show 2018, *Rock*'s fast displacement hull allows speeds up to 17 knots and a transatlantic range of 3,000nm when cruising at 12 knots. Her high, straight bow can cut through rough seas, contrasting with a low aft section that allows a close connection with the water.

At 24m in length, *Rock* falls below the official superyacht size category, although the interior volume is expansive for a yacht of its size. The design studio reveals that there is 20 per cent more interior volume and 30 per cent more exterior space than the industry standard at this length.

This is an element that owner Ali Sayakci is particularly pleased with. "Over the last few decades, megayachts have been in an adolescent race of length," he observes. "While larger yachts may offer more physical space, at the same time they can alienate the passengers from a connection to the sea and to nature. For me, Vripack managed to pack superyacht comfort and floor space into a moderate size."

"M/Y *Rock* is really a showcase of what you can achieve when an owner gets involved in a project with an open mind, embraces the spirit of discovery and wants to push the boundaries of what has already been done," adds Vripack's Marnix J. Hoekstra.

Rock's contemporary interiors were also designed by the Vripack Studio. The asymmetrical, open plan layout ensures that guests are always facing the sea, more like a modern loft than a traditional yacht. "Angular 3D shapes from the off white lacquered walls are contrasted with soft tactile couches, while extensive use of marble creates a juxtaposition between the masculinity of the stone and the feminine shapes of the yacht," explains designer Robin De Vries. "When you're actually on board the yacht at sea it all makes sense."

Rock was constructed by Evadne Yachts with project management support by Tufan and Brothers. She is on display at the Monaco Yacht Show 2018 and is available for inspection adjacent to the Tender Display in berth number J06.