

Silent-Yachts Has 10 Solar Electric Catamarans Under Construction

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Silent-Yachts is building one Silent 55, five Silent 60 and four Silent 80 models at its production facilities with plans to deliver more than 15 yachts in 2021.

The Austrian company has sold over 30 solar electric catamarans between 55 and 80 feet to date, and ordered 500 lithium battery packs equal to 2.5 megawatts so it can keep up with production.

The Silent 60 has become the company's bestseller; a dozen hulls have been sold since the model debuted at the Cannes Yachting Festival in 2019. Four are now under construction at Silent-Yachts production facility in Rayong, Thailand.



Several Silent 60s are being constructed at the company's Thailand facility.

The shipyard, which the company says is the largest privately-owned in Southeast Asia, has been enlarged so that another shed can accommodate two more Silent 60s — this expansion's offerings will be dedicated for the U.S. market.

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The first in a series of Silent 60 models is being constructed at the company's Italian shipyard, where a second production line is also being added. The plant will be able to produce about 15 Silent 60-footers a year utilizing two sets of molds.

"We are proud of our production," said Silent-Yachts founder and CEO Michael Köhler [in a statement](#). "The first Silent 60 will be delivered in January 2021 and more launches are coming following that premiere."

The builder is constructing four of the Silent 80s, its largest model, and three additional units have been sold.

At the same time, [the company is developing Silent-Resorts](#) which will utilize the builder's yachts, starting with 60- and 80-foot models, as the basis for resorts with "floating sustainable villas."

In less than 18 months, the company says, it can create a fully reversible beach development as an alternative to traditional resorts.



"Next year we plan to deliver over 15 solar electric catamarans, including the first units of the Silent 60 and Silent 80," said Köhler. "In total, to date, we sold 31 boats and delivered 11."