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The 7 Best Superyacht Catamarans, From Solar-Powered to Explorer Beasts

From a go-anywhere rig to a cat that carries an eVTOL and mini-submarine, here are our favorite twin-hulled marvels.



Courtesy Silent Yachts

Are two hulls better than one? If the array of new build and new concept catamarans are anything to go by, it's a question the yachting industry appears to increasingly be asking.

Celebrity endorsement in the shape of Rafael Nadal has certainly helped raise awareness of the category, but beyond the tennis ace's custom [Sunreef 80 Power](#), more and more yacht owners are coming to see that cats are worthy of their attention: The twin hull design delivers larger volumes, greater stability, as well as increased efficiency and speed when compared to its monohull equivalent.

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Proof that 007-style toys are no longer the sole domain of football pitch-sized yachts, the Silent 120 Explorer's onboard stash includes a U-Boat Worx Nemo submarine and Xcraft eVTOL (electric vertical take-off and landing) aircraft. And, true to sustainable super-spy form, rooftop solar panels slide open to reveal a smartly concealed e-VTOL touch-and-go landing pad. A generous 45.4-foot beam—plus the space saved by its solar and electric propulsion systems—is what makes such cool cruising extras possible on a boat of this size. Another of the new wave of cats designed for carbon-free adventure cruising, this latest project builds on the Austrian company's previous all-electric launches, such as the Silent 60. The first 120 Explorer is set to hit the water in 2024.