



Contagious, inviting laughter rings out during a christening party as an owner and his wife celebrate their new yacht by shattering a bottle of champagne against its hull. The joyous shouts of congratulations from spectators on the dock are accompanied by a hearty thumbs-up, glasses raised and toasts exchanged. The happiness spills over to anyone within earshot of Outer Reef's new 820 Cockpit Motoryacht, which made its debut at the 2015 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.

Later, the music began to play, sourced from one of many different devices—including iPads and smartphones—throughout the three-stateroom yacht that was purpose-built for parties. The yacht offers 13 distinct “gathering zones” to enjoy entertainment and adjust the music volume up or down. The owners devoted much of their time, energy and passion into building the new yacht moving from their previous, much

smaller yacht into the vessel of their dreams. “We loved the 52-footer but we wanted something bigger,” said the owner, noting the yacht’s home port will be on the west coast of Florida. “Before building this boat we looked at a lot of different styles. We narrowed it down to four boats that had certain features we loved and wanted, so we took a lot of pictures. We worked with the Outer Reef team and were able to incorporate the features we most wanted into this boat.”

The owners offered their ideas throughout the build process—from the larger details such as the stately teak flooring, joinery and Wenge wood accents to the smallest hardware choices for the doors and hinges. “The interior of this boat is unique,” explained Mike Schlichtig, general manager of Outer Reef Yachts, Fort Lauderdale. “They wanted an interior that was open and suited their tastes. The flooring was bought here in the United States and delivered overseas to the



# Music to their Ears

## Outer Reef Yachts' 820 Cockpit Motoryacht offers a couple laughter and love.

By Doug Thompson

shipyard. Even the vintage light sconces were re-wired for use on the yacht, all sourced by the owners."

Outer Reef, founded by Jeff Druet in 2001, offers an everything-is-possible approach to clients who believe in the seaworthiness and safety of the builder's semi-displacement hull yachts. Exclusively built in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, each Outer Reef is designed and constructed with seakeeping and reliability at cruise as a top priority. Comprising a hand laid-up FRP hull with PVC core sandwich construction above water line, the 820 Cockpit Motoryacht displaces 81.64 tons.

All Outer Reef vessels are fully rigged with appliances, electronics, AV, and décor at the shipyard in Taiwan and delivered anywhere worldwide from their prime location on Kaohsiung Harbor with direct access to the ocean. By the time the yacht is delivered to the client it has undergone extensive sea trial testing, which reduces the final commission time.

"It was also important for me to be able to troll a line or two while cruising. So we have rod holders and a place to store the fishing gear. My wife wanted to have a full-size bathtub and bathroom in the master stateroom, and we have that," says the owner. He pauses and adds, "Maybe we got carried away with this boat, but it's exactly what we wanted."

Indeed, the owners wanted easy access to and from the yacht, and Outer Reef engineered a solution. "What are [innovative] are the side-boarding gates for the first time for Outer Reef on a cockpit motoryacht," Schlichtig said. "The need to have boarding ladders is eliminated with this design, and it's easy to step on and off the yacht. There are also sensors on all the doors for the alarm system."

The yacht's teak swim platform offers stainless rails for protection, and the cockpit is large enough for a fighting chair although the owner doesn't plan on using one.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**LOA:** 82'

**Beam:** 21'

**Draft:** 5' 6"

**Weight:** 81.64 tons

**Fuel/Water:** 3,000/600 U.S. gals.

**Power:** 2x Caterpillar C12 diesel engines @ 700-hp ea

**Cruise/Top speed:** 10/14.1 knots

**Range:** @ cruising speed: 1,588 nm/

@ 7.5 knots: 2,300 nm

**Price:** Upon Request

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*Clockwise from bottom left: Whether from the comfy leather club chairs or the large L-shaped settee in the salon, large windows afford equal opportunity to appreciate the scenery. Double French doors lead to the full-beam king master that's been carefully customized by the owners for long journeys and extended time aboard. Careful attention to joinery fit and finish is noticeable on the beautiful banister. A large center island provides an ample area for food prep and pre-dinner appetizers to keep the chef company while preparing meals, or a privacy screen can be raised to cordon off the galley from guests in the salon. The owner customized the helm based on years of experience cruising on smaller yachts.*

Moving up onto the aft deck, a dining table for six offers the perfect location for lunch. The salon is entered through a sliding door—a large open space all the way forward to the wheelhouse. Here's where the owners really went to work selecting the décor, including the upholstery coverings using Italian bull hides chosen by the owners.

"You see the openness; however, if you want to block off the salon from the galley, we put a rising wall here to create privacy between the two areas," Schlichtig said. "This is the first boat we have designed with a wide-open floor plan and huge center island galley area for preparing food, with storage underneath the center island."

The wheelhouse features a dash filled with the latest in electronic navigation and screens, complete with a single helm chair and large steering wheel in the center and comfortable L-shaped settee to port. To starboard is an exterior door for quick access to the bow, as well as a staircase to the flybridge deck. The flybridge is open and offers a control station complete with all the controls to operate the yacht, including two helm chairs as well as wired Glendinning controls for mobile yacht operation around the docks.

"One super cool area on the flybridge is a little bar to port with three chairs that looks forward," Schlichtig said. "It looks self-suspending, and everyone that sees this bar design wants one on their next boat. On the starboard side is a

galley area with a sink, and this works well together. The aft portion of the flybridge features a davit for the 13-foot Boston Whaler Super Sport tender, and there are two deck chairs with a table for looking out to sea."

The owners plan to operate the yacht on their own; however, they wanted the option of adding a captain and crew. Dedicated quarters behind the engine room on the lower deck, complete with a galley, allow the captain access to the engine room without disturbing guests in the three staterooms.

"The owners sought an open feel on the lower landing and we have achieved that with double French doors into the master stateroom," Schlichtig said. "Inside the master are a king-size bed, settee, and then the bathroom which features



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Dining on the aft deck affords overhead protection from sun and inclement weather but with the advantage of an unobstructed view.

a deep tub done in Blue Pearl marble with an unhone finish on top. Custom faucets and fixture were chosen by the owners, and there is a shower as well."

A large laundry center is accessed from the master and features a concrete custom counter accented with bits of broken beer and liquor bottles, tastefully done and offering a bit of whimsy. Forward of the master is the VIP located in the bow, as well as a portside guest stateroom with twin beds, and both staterooms offer an ensuite bathroom with full-size shower.

The master cabin has an access door to the engine room, which is required because the owners will spend plenty of time running the boat. The well-designed engine room contains two Caterpillar C12 700-horsepower diesel engines. The yacht is also outfitted with ABT TRAC stabilizers for comfort while cruising or anchoring.

"Our cruising plans for now are just bringing her home," said the owner's wife, who noted that none of the guest staterooms have televisions. "We built the boat for ourselves. Music plays in any cabin but no TVs. If you are sitting down below in a room when you are on a boat, something is wrong unless there is a monsoon out there. On a boat, you need to laugh, to have fun, to enjoy the view."



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