

MARQUIS YACHTS EARNS 2008 WORLD YACHT TROPHY AWARD

September 13, 2008 (Cannes, France) - Marquis Yachts was recently awarded the 2008 World Yacht Trophy's Best Interior Design Award in recognition of the company's new 500 Sport Coupé yacht. The award was announced during the 2008 International Festival de Plaisance, which is Europe's largest yacht show held each year in Cannes, France.

The awards ceremony took place during a gala event at the Carlton Hotel on the shore of the French Riviera in Cannes. Hundreds of industry professionals, yacht owners and local officials were on hand to witness a twilight parade of more than a dozen yachts that were nominated in each award category.

On hand to accept the award for Marquis Yachts was Paolo Bencivenni, Vice President of International Sales for Marquis Yachts and Carlo Nuvolari from Nuvolari – Lenard Naval Architects in Venice, Italy.

The new Marquis 500 Sport Coupe is the latest yacht created through the partnership of Italy's Nuvolari-Lenard Naval Architects and the Marquis Yacht Yard, America's foremost builder of premium quality yachts. The result is a trend setting sport coupe with styling, quality and performance that stands out in any port throughout the world.

Nuvolari-Lenard's heritage of designing the world's most innovative mega-yachts is obvious throughout the Marquis' 500 Sport Coupe's interior design and appointments. When you step into the yacht's salon you immediately realize that this is a special place. The Zebrano or cherry cabinetry, wooden floors and designer fixtures set this yacht apart from typical express style boats. But it's not just the components but also the hand crafted construction that puts the 50 Sport Coupé firmly within yacht grade status. The new Marquis is the ultimate blend of exceptional Italian styling and outstanding American yacht building craftsmanship.



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The selection of World Yacht Trophy recipients is made by a panel of 13 judges in which five are senior magazine editors from various countries throughout Europe while the remaining judges are yacht experts representing various perspectives of the industry. "Our goal is to define a praiseworthy yacht in each category and keep the award both objective and independent" commented Michael Karsenti, President of Luxmedia Group, sponsors of the World Yacht Trophy award.