

MICHAEL SCHMIDT
SAILOR | INNOVATOR | FOUNDER



Michael's story of innovation spanning more than 40 years. He managed in the 70's the European production facilities of CYC yachts the world leader producer of sailboats. In the 80's he started building super light race boats to compete in the Admiral and Sardinia Cups and his boat has won all kind of trophies. After the reunification of Germany he went to the East and founded a new future from scratch and developed a yachts group with Moody, Hanse, Dehler, Fjord. After selling the company and some years in different investments he founded YYachts. Since he did not find any new yachts or used boats on the market, he decided to build his ideal ship with Y Yachts himself. With Lorenzo Argento of Brenta Design and Sir David Chipperfield he found sailors with the same passion; Argento for the construction and Chipperfield for interior and design. 2014 was the birth of Y Yachts.



OUR PHILOSOPHY

ENJOY SPEED, RESPECT THE NATURE

According to Michael Schmidt, the ideal cruiser is the opposite of a heavy yacht overloaded with too many features: "Sailing fun is made possible by a simple ship that has been reduced to the bare essentials without sacrificing comfort. A Y Yacht has to run at a reasonable speed for us even in the lightest wind without having to start the engine. Once you have experienced this, you do not want to sail on any other ship."

At Y Yachts we know that speed can only be achieved with lightweight construction. Therefore, Y Yachts are perfected in many details for low weight. Contemporary, the hulls and rigs in carbon, the interior largely in modern sandwich materials. With a traditional feel and look of solid wood.

At Y Yachts, saving on materials is also environmental protection. Lightweight yachts reduce the operating forces and manage with smaller engines. If required, hybrid drives or energy recovery systems are installed that reduce primary energy demand.

Since 2018 Y Yachts has been a pioneer in this field. With the „Eugen Seibold“ a 22 meter research yacht based on the YX7 was built. As a supplement to the large German research vessels „Meteor“ or „Sun“, several thousand water samples can be taken annually. With its electric drive, the „Eugen Seibold“ provides important know-how for the entire Y Yachts range. The ship was financed by the Swiss Werner Siemens Foundation, a heavyweight in research funding.



3D DESIGN IN BOAT BUILDING

Any ship can easily travel far, if it is easy to maintain. Y Yachts attaches great attention to the fact that all technical installations can be reached at any time and, if necessary, easily replaced or repaired.

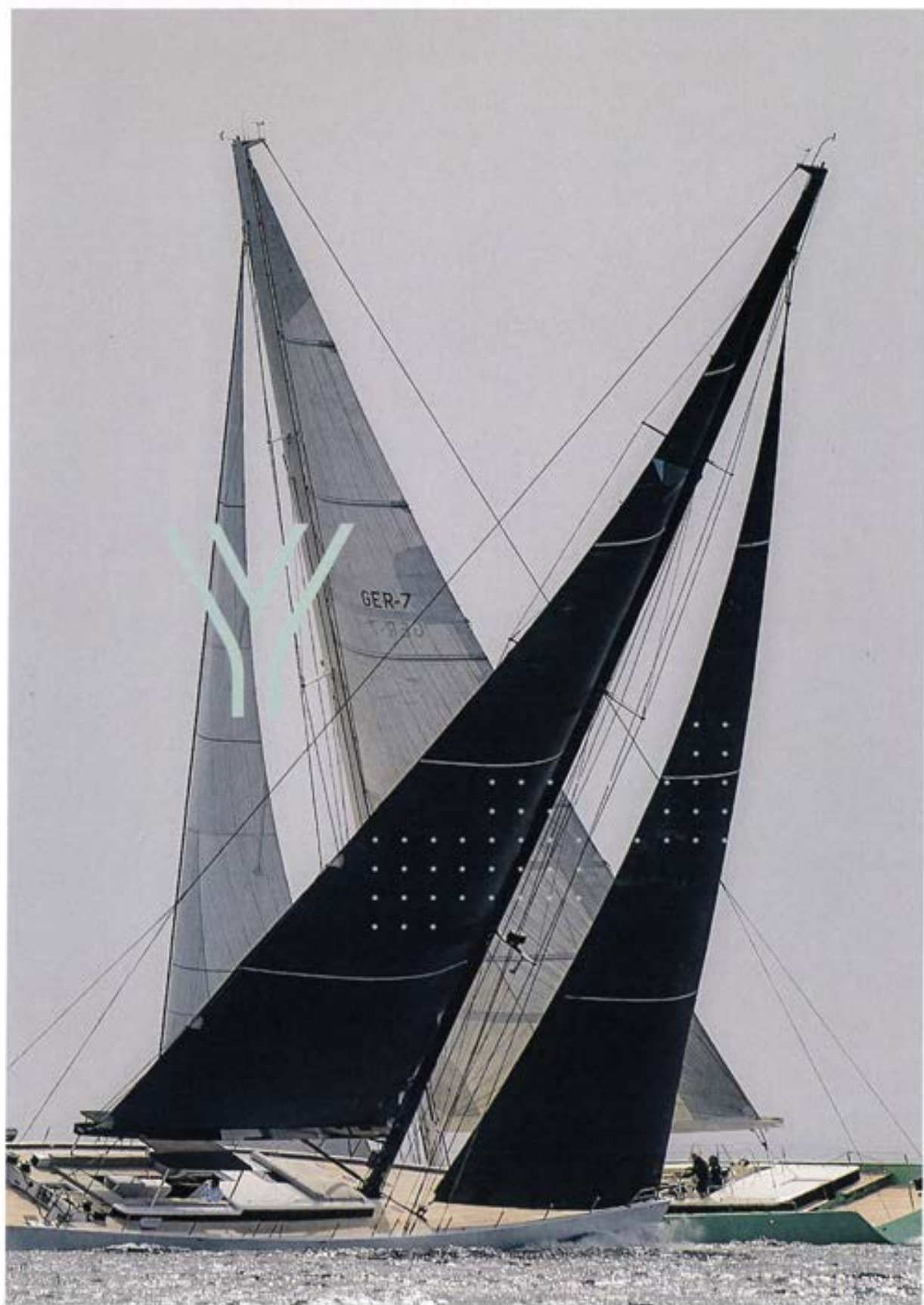
For this, our yachts are designed in 3D as digital twins. The positions of all interiors are thus already fixed before construction. Like this we optimize every area of the yacht and you can be sure that you will not experience any surprises at sea. Promised.

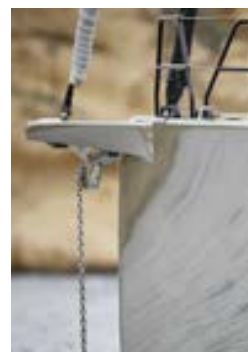
Every Y Yacht is unique. Together with you, we design the ideal vessel for your requirements - with the flat hierarchy that is only possible in a family business that is passionate about sailing.



CUSTOMER SERVICE

Responsiveness is as important to Y Yachts as the construction of the yacht itself. As privately owned company, the shipyard on the Baltic Sea is able to accommodate all customer requirements. For Michael Schmidt, this is a matter of heart: "Our yachts always have to be as much part of the customer's philosophy as of the yard. The big challenge for us is that every new project means also to start a new. But that's the fun of boat building that we are living." Since 2020 we are operating an office in Palma for customer care and product development.







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