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## AWLGRIP STAYS TOP OF THE GAME

# Forty Years of Putting the Finish First

2013 HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT YEAR FOR AWLGRIP. WHILE CELEBRATING ITS 40TH YEAR IN THE YACHT TOPSIDES COATINGS business, the company has maintained its excellent reputation for innovative products, stringent quality controls and the superlative finish of its products. SYI takes a look at two of the company's recent projects – the Asian-built Star and the renowned CRN flagship, Chopi Chopi.

One example of Awlgrip's drive towards innovation can be seen in its relationship with Kingship Marine, a relatively young Hong Kong-based yacht builder. Kingship is the first builder in Asia to specialise in constructing yachts with steel hulls and aluminium superstructures. In order to build yachts to Northern European standards, the company works with the world's top designers and architects and all its yachts are designed and were built in compliance to MCA and Lloyd's qualifications.

## Together from the Start

Awlgrip has been working closely with Kingship since they were established in 2004. Since then, Kingship have delivered five hulls, ranging from 27 to 42 m – all of which have been coated using the full Awlgrip system. The latest completed project from Kingship is the 42m Star. Designed by Vripack International, this latest delivery has drawn numerous positive remarks by international brokers and guests reflecting the many years of research and experience in yacht construction at Kingship. Star's Awlgrip-coated dark blue hull and off-white superstructure resembles the shape of a traditionally styled luxury yacht. In contrast to the classic exterior lines of the sixties is a minimalistic late nineties interior – a style that truly appeals to all of the senses.

## Star – Smart & Lean

Star radiates a fresh and serene atmosphere. The base of the inside area is off-white in colour while the material choices and soft furnishing colour schemes were carefully built up to match the neutral and natural background. Material selection has been carefully

considered so as not to break the harmony on board. Harder ceiling and counter tops are combined with Alcantara walls and soft furnished cabinet doors, so the object you see gives a different energy than the ones you touch. Star's whole layout is uniquely smart and lean. The main deck features the main salon and a connecting functional galley. Further forward, the cosy master suite is separated from the public area by a private office.

## Smooth Sea Trials

Star is not just about what can be seen in the interiors though, her hull lines have been designed to maximise fuel efficiency, seaworthiness and ocean comfort. Moreover, the high flared bow and full curved round bilge ensure that guests and crew enjoy a safe journey and are at ease even when the weather is less favourable. The vessel's performance was highlighted by Vripack's comments after the sea trials: "The sea trials were the best we had ever conducted and witnessed. Not one alarm was raised and all tests were successfully achieved at one attempt. Star is the best yacht we have seen coming out of Asia so far!"

## Award Winners

Kingship's newest project, a 44m superyacht, is now in build and continues the partnership by using the complete Awlgrip system. This sixth build will also be the first project in China to utilise the Yacht Interior Coatings system from International Paint, the sister company to Awlgrip.

The shipyard, located in the centre of the Pearl River Delta district, is composed of 24 hectares of ultra >>

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modern facilities dedicated to the construction of superyachts up to 50 m. Their attention to detail allied with their ultra modern facilities led to Kingship recently winning the Best Asian Yacht Builder award (30m+) at the Asian Boating Awards 2013. This is the fourth award won by the company since its establishment in 2004.

### CRN Record Breaker

Around 9,000 km away from Kingship's Chinese yard is CRN's Ancona yard – another location for an important and beautiful Awlgrip relationship. Earlier this year CRN launched Chopi Chopi, its largest pleasure vessel so far. Glistening as she sharked through the water thanks to the full Awlgrip system on the superstructure and topsides, the 80m superyacht wowed those that attended the grand celebration including institutional representatives, VIPs and the shipyard's employees.

### Fruitful Cooperation

Completed in CRN's 50th anniversary year, Chopi Chopi is a steel and aluminium displacement hull yacht with a lower deck for the crew, engine room, and garage, a main deck for guests, an upper deck containing a living area and bar, the owner deck, sun deck and a sub lower deck which is essentially a technical area containing systems and equipment. The new flagship is the outcome of a perfect blend of complementary skills and the fruitful cooperation between the CRN Engineering team and Studio Zuccon International Project, who developed the yacht's exterior lines and interior layout. Upon specific

### Princess Too Receives Awlgrip Treatment

Icon Yachts is undertaking an extensive refit of the 48m Princess Too. The Netherlands-based superyacht yard will carry out a full Awlgrip repaint in a new colour scheme and integration of a new black water double bottom storage tank. Further major works include the repair and re-caulking of the teak deck with a light grey colour complementing the new exterior colour scheme.

The yard will improve and update the yacht's aesthetical appeal – originally built in 1999 – as well as upgrading and servicing all technical systems, such as stabilisers, gearboxes and secondary systems.

Icon has scheduled 5 months for the refit of the Royal Van Lent-built superyacht; the well defined scope and planning being one of the reasons that the owner chose this particular yard. Head of Project Development at Icon Yachts, Stephan Vitus explains: "It is the package we offer; from the first inspection on board to the detailed scope we specify, right up to the enthusiastic team and strict quality control at the yard – that's what differentiates us and convinces clients to drive their yachts from the Med to Holland, for a Dutch quality refit."

**i. [www.iconyachts.eu](http://www.iconyachts.eu)**



request by the owner, the indoor furniture and furnishings have been designed by interior designer Laura Sessa and built by Zago, the Ferretti Group's company specialising in woodwork on superyachts. With her streamlined and yet soft lines Chopi Chopi stands out for her great spaciousness and airy environments.

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