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## Interview with *İbrahim Karataş* from *Karataş Yacht Design*

***Q: What are the mandatory features of the ultimate custom yacht?***

A: Beauty both from exterior & interior, comfort ; space, enjoyable open areas, no noise & vibration, innovation especially in these days when everyone is copying each other  
The way to built her must be interactive amongst the owner-designer-builder triangle.

***Q: What are the features of a shipyard to be able to build a super yacht?***

A: Reputation (to me is not a must but the owners see it this way), wide range of facilities, human resource; experienced teams, suppliers, contractors and workers, hence the building speed is important. Low cost construction is almost required by every client.

***Q: What new materials would you suggest to use for jointwork?***

A: Interior materials these days are getting really wide spectrum. I like working with glass with different features. Wood is a must, lightweight materials also important when it comes to speed. Surface treatment techniques are also important.  
Natural materials such as marble, stones make the boat completely different.

***Q: If you were designing a sailing yacht for yourself what would be the philosophy behind it?***

A: Seaworthiness, beauty, comfort ease of operation.

***Q: If you were designing an explorer yacht for yourself what would be the philosophy behind it?***

A: Seaworthiness, space interior, open deck areas, toy storage and handling, non-complicated components and size (it must be minimum 35-36 m. below this size does not really match the requirements)

***Q: What is going to be the trend of yacht design in the future?***

A: Less number of crew, more space availability, simplicity, technology usage for the operations. I think more organic forms will start to be realized.



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***Q: What do you consider as your greatest achievement in your carrier?***

A: Ability to evolve a traditional boat type to a state of the art hull shape and more modern features both for performance and comfort level.

***Q: How do you feel about shadow vessel?***

A: In general, shadow vessel is a need on the level of life style.

***Q: Displacement yachts vs. planning yachts: what is your suggestion to a new client?***

A: Semi displacement for the ones who is after more speed (I totally disagree with the speed on water except the toys) displacement for the ones who is after long range and has more time to live aboard.

***Q: In your experience, witch type of vessel are more appealing to new customers: motor yacht or sailing yacht?***

A: Always motor yacht (unfortunately)

***Q: Which yacht would be interesting for you to design, that you have not designed yet?***

A: The one which will take me to a different level. It is an endless challenge

***Q: What was your most unusual project among motor yachts?***

A: Swath motoryacht which was not built yet.



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***Q: Steel yachts vs. composite yachts: what do you prefer?***

A: Steel for the ones who is after slow down life, composite for sail boat or more fashionable motoryachts which requires more complex geometries.

***Q: What characteristics are unique for ice class yachts?***

A: Material & paint on structure, deck equipment on the outfit.

***Q: What shall an owner decide for himself before build a yacht?***

A: I think this is various depending on the owners character. First they must be able to afford the time to spend and money to spend.

***Q: Why trawler yachts are so popular nowadays?***

A: I disagree on this. Trawler yacht is a niche market not SOOO popular. The owners of trawler yachts are actually who has marine background at least one boat owned people before.

The boats are great no doubt, only I do not think they are very popular.