



Advanced Yachts A80

Sailing: Around the world (and boat shows) on the Advanced Yachts A80

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Mindfulness is a 24-meter semi-custom Advanced A80 launched last July that magnetically attracted audiences at the Cannes Yacht Festival and **MYS 2021**, the super-refined Monegasque nautical event that also took place on the Côte d’Azur. This cruising yacht sails fast and safe, with great roominess, comfort and “particularly generous” stowage spaces. She boasts an important **planing** speed and a maximum beam of six metres moved aft for additional space below deck. And a **draft** that’s not too deep, which may not be conducive to upwind sailing but helps a lot when cruising around those seas with “four-kilometer tides”.



The Advanced 80, now at her **third unit launched**, is specifically designed for Transat sailing, that’s for sure. Her seaworthiness does not require long-winded speeches. After all, if a yard knows how to rig its boats properly, this is confirmed at sea. A **round-the-world trip** is an indisputable test.

Now let’s talk in detail about the A80 Apsaras. The name evokes Apsara, a Hindu nymph, and is one of the (nautical) creations of Advanced Yachts, the company chaired by

Antonella Di Leo and her husband **Marco Tursini** at their

headquarters on Via Brera in Milan. Apsaras, like *Mindsulness*, was built at the Fano-based yard to run free at 27 knots, or the same speed with two reefing lines and foresails.

The A80 project boasts a sandwich construction of fibreglass and carbon panels with unidirectional carbon reinforcements at the points of greatest load, impregnated with epoxy resins, cured in an infusion process. “*The hull and deck are extracted from female moulds,*” they explain at the yard where A80 is fitted with a **326 square metre sail plan**. It’s the mix that delivers an effectively lightweight craft (**displacement:40 tonnes**), where the extensive use of unidirectional carbon fibre hardens the parts subject to the greatest stresses. **Complanar**: another way of saying that the deck is literally a “parade ground”, practically devoid of any structural obstacles.

The top **design** by Mario Pedol and Massimo Gino of Nauta Yachts makes the most of the space available, offering a **layout** with the master cabin located aft or forward (with walk-in closet), galley in the saloon or otherwise positioned to the left of the boat in classic mode, with the guest and crew cabins aft. But the magnificent thing is the deckhouse, entirely windowed and bright. And the ultra-wide cockpit with the perfect symmetry of the two rudders.



The **naval architecture** is the work of John Reichel and Jim Pugh, who have been designing **racing** yachts for 30 years: “*The shape of the rudder and the profile of the keel are the result of the most advanced research in terms of performance and manoeuvrability to allow the helmsman perfect control of the yacht in all sea and wind conditions*”.

A80: a holistic view of sailing

Mindfulness stands for ‘awareness’, ‘fullness of mind’. The name of the latest A80, though of Anglo-Saxon extraction, undoubtedly recalls Eastern philosophies. And Eastern are also the owners: “*one of them is the son of one of the richest men in the world who works in the field of renewable energies in China,*” explains Captain **Fabio Beccattini** on the quayside at Port Canto during the **Cannes** Yachting Festival. With Apsaras, Beccattini completed a truly egregious and adventure-packed world tour in 2017. The skipper, who has been at sea for 35 years, comments on his experience aboard Apsaras with satisfaction: “*Strangely enough, I haven’t really had any problems, the A80 sails beautifully,*”



The Advanced A80 is a five million euro yacht, but in this case the **owners** wanted her ‘rather plain’, with little instrumentation. Because they are people who take sailing as an ‘extreme act’. Mr. Beccattini insists that the equipment is necessary: “*I made them buy 50,000 euro worth of equipment, we spent on satellite systems and the dual autopilot, but that doesn’t mean the boat isn’t equipped with the best the market has to offer*”. Owners come and go, joining the skipper more for the crossings than to stay **at anchor**. With Mr. Beccattini at the helm, Apsaras will go

everywhere, to the Seychelles, the Maldives, Thailand and even Burma and the Marquesas Islands: “*A fantastic archipelago of 4,000 islands, where the sea gypsies live (...)*”.

Technical Specs

LOA	23.98 m
LWL	21.60 m
MAX BEAM	6.20 m
DRAFT	Fixed keel 3.50 m
UNLADEN DISPLACEMENT	39,700 kg
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL – HULL	Sandwich with glass fabrics, with carbon reinforcements, impregnated with vacuum epoxy resin, and with unidirectional carbon reinforcements in the high load areas.
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL – DECK	Carbon fibre sandwich, impregnated with vacuum epoxy resin.
BALLAST	around 11.780 kg (fixed keel)
SAIL AREA	I = 30.20 m J = 8.40 m P = 29.40 m E = 10.80 m
SAIL AREA 100% (indicative)	ca. 326 mq
FUEL TANK	2.000 l
WATER TANK	1,300 l
WATERMAKER	1 x Shenker Modular circa 150 l/h, 220V (OPTIONAL)
AUXILIARY ENGINE	YANMAR 4LHA DTP 230 HP @ 3300 RPM
GENERATOR	Onan 17,5 kW QD MDKBN 50 hz (OPTIONAL)
BATTERIES	1200Ah 24V (12 x 12V, 200 Ah)
GENERAL CONCEPT	Advanced Yachts
INTERIOR & EXTERIOR STYLING	Nauta Yachts
DESIGNER	Reichel-Pugh Yacht Design
STRUCTURIST	Sp Gurit

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