



Royal Huisman 43m

SEA EAGLE

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Royal Huisman Sea Eagle: A Global Ambassador

The second in a limited series of three exceptional yachts, Royal Huisman's Sea Eagle soars with purpose. First and foremost, she is a capable sailing yacht built to cruise the world, but also designed to win a superyacht regatta or two along the route. Second, her generous owner, an experienced offshore sailor and highly regarded engineer, generously wishes to share the Royal Huisman interaction and technology experience on the global stage, especially in southeast Asia. Third, and this one possibly an inadvertent mission, translated through sailing yachts, this example illustrates that a successful individual with a love of sailing, engaged with philanthropic purpose, can make a difference, working to improve the lot of all humanity through his work as he sails the world.

The Specifications

At 142 ft/43.31 m, Sea Eagle is in a class of superyachts that boast high style and extraordinary capabilities. Following the performances of Unfurled and Hyperion, both beneficiaries of the combination of Royal Huisman and Germán Frers Naval Architecture expertise, this luxury sloop will chase their records as the first entry in the 2017 St. Barth's Bucket Regatta after spending the summer cruising the Baltics, Norwegian Fjords, and Swedish islands.

Sea Eagle's dark blue hull salutes a crisp white superstructure raising a high aspect carbon fiber mast 187 ft/57 m above the waterline. Her 203-ton displacement, drawn to 15 kts by more than 1000 square meters of standing sail, promises an exhilarating ride. A 459 square meter blade jib and a 142 square meter staysail complete Sea Eagle's North Sails wardrobe. Rig dimensions read a boom length of 16.78m/55.05, boom to top of mast distance of 50.17 m/164.60 ft, forestay chainplate to mast spread of 17.21 m/188.16 ft, and top of forestay to foredeck measurement of 53.35 m/175.03 ft.

Alustar hull and extrusions, Lewmar Mamba system, fully balanced carbon fiber space rudder, and hydraulically operated autopilot system really give the captain something extra to work with. Rondal spars, hatches, winches, and deck hardware, and Lewmar blocks, tracks and eye plates are additional testaments to the quality of the build.

Clean and simple, the elegant deck furnishings and interiors by Rhoades Young allow space to mentally exhale, echoing the uncluttered exterior with clean deck and sail plan affording unobstructed sightlines from twin helms.







Deck Layout

The teak deck, smoothly incorporating flush hatches and minimal intrusions to the beautiful lines of the yacht, invites guests to enjoy the ride from a broad cushioned sun pad forward of the cockpit. Aft of the cockpit, a dining area and tea deck keep guests connected to captain and crew, outfitted with stylish upholstered seating and expandable wood tables. Under the protection of a hardtop wing, shade affords both at anchor and underway use by those who prefer to minimize sun exposure.

Aft of the tea deck, the two helm stations are followed up by additional seating and tables, opening to the aft beach deck two steps down from the main. As the transom opens, a swim platform with full beam stair gives smooth, graceful entry to the water. Behind the transom garage door, a 5.2 m Castoldi jet tender awaits launch via a hydraulically lowered ramp. An additional 3.4 m Conrad Pischel RIB crew rescue tender is stowed in its own space.

Deckhouse

Accessed by a stair forward of the decktop dining table, the deckhouse welcomes guests to a 10-seat dining table with upholstered chairs to starboard. A contemporary white sofa, chairs, and coffee table, as well as interior helm, stand to port. Large windows wrap the deckhouse in abundant natural light with a panoramic view. Aft in the deckhouse, a spiral stair accesses two guest cabins, and fully aft, the spacious owner's suite. Forward, a stair leads to the crew quarters.

Interior Layout

The owner's suite fully aft, two guest cabins just forward of the owner's suite, and two Pullmans located in the gym offer guest quarters with posh textiles and furnishings. A private stair leads directly to the beach deck from the owner's suite. A desk and work area fully aft to port, and the en suite bath fully aft to starboard flank the stair. A chic sofa and owner's lounge sit just forward of the workspace, with the sleeping area just forward of the bath. A central hall leading to the circular stair separates en suite two guest cabins to port and starboard.

Whites and neutrals accent the interior joinery constructed in a combination of sycamore wood and veneers throughout the cabins and social areas. Soft-spoken French walnut, contrasted with white oak flooring, birch accents, and upholstered walls invoke an aura of comfort throughout the suite.

From the forward main deck stair, three well-insulated doorways lead to the day bath, a starboard side gym that can be transformed into a VIP cabin, and the crew area. The crew cabins can be accessed via the walk through engine room with forward and aft doors, avoiding unnecessary traffic through guest areas. A port side engine control room and office provide convenience for crew. Another staircase from the crew quarters heads to the foredeck and crew tender garage. The galley, just forward of the stair to port, is well equipped and designed to heel without issue, relying on rails to contain in-process activity and proper stowage for cookware, utensils, and stores.





Additional Features and Amenities

As with all Royal Huisman builds, meticulous attention to insulating against noise and vibration hush cabins and social areas to library-levels of quiet. A hydraulic Swiss carbon passerelle welcomes guests aboard. Once settled in, guests can link up to a TCP/IP 100 MB/s and Cisco system with wireless access points. The entertainment system is based on Harman Kardon and Apple platforms. Cruising speed takes Sea Eagle on a 3000 nm trip at 10 kts, obviously faster and longer under sail with the right conditions.

An Owner's Vision

As an engineer, businessman, sailor, philanthropist, and Royal Huisman owner, Dr. Samuel Yin thoroughly enjoyed the process of construction, from the first discussions through departure at the Royal Huisman yard in Vollenhove. A regular participant in southeast Asian sailing events, he attends the Hainan and Asian Superyacht Rendezvous, in addition to shows in Hong Kong, Beijing, and Singapore.

Dedicated to giving back in a number of ways, Dr. Yin founded the Tang Prize to reward education and social progress. Noting that life is not measured by wealth, but by the contributions one makes to others, facilitating access to knowledge, Dr. Yin feels that in life, as in yachting, it may not always be smooth sailing, but it is always interesting and rewarding.

Honored to receive Dr. Yin's full support in making Sea Eagle available for presentations on a global basis, it is with great pleasure that Royal Huisman joins with this owner to broadcast the quality of Dutch yacht building, promoting Sea Eagle as an ambassador with much to teach, in Southeast Asia and around the world. ⊕



