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Two yachts by Cantiere delle Marche win ISS Design & Leadership Awards standing out as the world's finest in the 200–500 GT segment, arguably the most crowded and fiercely competitive sector of the yacht market.

Cantiere delle Marche has achieved an outstanding result at the 36th International Superyacht Society (ISS) Design & Leadership Awards, held October 28 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, during the week of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.

Three Cantiere delle Marche explorer yachts, **Flexplorer 146 *Nasiba*, *RJ 155* and Darwin 102 *Haze²***, secured places among the 26 finalists at the prestigious International Superyacht Society (ISS) Design & Leadership Awards, with ***Nasiba* and *Haze²* claiming top honors** in their respective categories. A powerful double victory that underscores CdM's exceptional standing and ability to earn the recognition of the industry's most discerning experts.

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"Three finalists and two category wins represent more than a successful awards evening! They underscore our strong position across the yachting market, the recognition it commands among industry professionals, and the confidence experienced owners place in a builder whose expertise goes beyond design to encompass the technical demands of long-range cruising," says a rightly proud **Vasco Buonpensiere, co-founder and CEO of CdM**. *"We are closing 2026 with as many as seven new sales of explorer yachts all different from one another, and more contracts are in the final stages of negotiation. They add to an order book that is already secured through 2030. This result highlights CdM's commercial achievements all the more significant given the challenging market conditions experienced across the industry in 2026."*

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Darwin 102 *Haze²:* Best in Motor under 300 GT

The 30.8-meter **Darwin 102 *Haze²*** was recognized in the under-300 GT category. Built by **Cantiere delle Marche**, she features **exterior design and naval architecture by Hydro Tec, with interiors by Lawson Robb**.

Haze² demonstrates why the Darwin Class continues to appeal to owners who prioritize capability and practicality over convention. Developed around the demands of extended cruising, the range combines manageable dimensions with the autonomy, reliability, and onboard functionality needed to explore well beyond the usual cruising grounds.

For experienced owners, these are not abstract qualities. They are the foundations of a yacht that can support long passages, remote destinations, and extended periods on board without compromising the comfort and independence that make the journey worthwhile.

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Flexplorer 146 *Nasiba:* Best in Motor 300–500 GT

At 44.3 meters, the **Flexplorer 146 *Nasiba*** brings together **naval architecture and exterior design by Hydro Tec with ineffably beautiful interiors by Winch Design**.

Created for young owners with a clear vision of how they want to travel, *Nasiba* combines the technical capabilities of an explorer yacht with an interior characterized by exceptional craftsmanship and a distinctive design identity. Her recognition by the ISS celebrates the successful integration of engineering, exterior architecture, interior design, and construction in a yacht shaped around the owners' ambitions.

Nasiba reflects an increasingly evident trend among discerning yacht owners: the desire for a vessel capable of opening up new horizons without sacrificing the quality of life on board. The ability to venture farther, remain independent for longer, and enjoy spaces designed around personal preferences is central to this approach.

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"For Cantiere delle Marche, every yacht begins with a different set of expectations," concludes Vasco Buonpensiere. *"Our task is to turn those expectations into a reliable, capable, and highly personal vessel, one that allows its owners to travel on their own terms. We fulfil our clients' expectations by collaborating with some of the most respected and creative talents in yacht design. Our successful partnerships with Francesco Paszkowski, Achille Salvagni, Lawson Robb, Giorgio M. Cassetta and Winch Design, to name just a few, have helped shape the distinctive yachts that earned Cantiere delle Marche numerous prestigious awards in 2026. The recognition of* Haze² *and Nasiba at the ISS Awards confirms the value of this approach and reinforces the appeal of CdM among owners who know that the real measure of an explorer yacht is not simply how she looks at the dock, but what she makes possible at sea."*

A strong endorsement from Judges who know what matters

Established in 1990, the ISS Design & Leadership Awards recognize achievement across yacht design, naval architecture, engineering, and construction. A panel of 12 judges, comprising some of the most respected professionals in the yachting industry, evaluates each yacht against a range of criteria, including innovation and functionality in interior and exterior layouts, build quality and finishes, technical and engineering excellence, and the ability to translate the owner's requirements and personality into a yacht that combines distinctive aesthetics with nautical efficiency.

Just as a reminder, in 2026 CdM's explorer yachts enjoyed a winning streak on the international awards circuit:

Boat International Design & Innovation Awards:

- ***RJ***, Outstanding Motor Yacht Exterior Design (Francesco Paszkowski Design) and Best Motor Yacht Interior (Achille Salvagni).
- ***Tremenda*** (Giorgio M. Cassetta), Special judges commendation.

World Superyacht Awards:

- ***Haze²*** (Hydro Tec exterior design; Lawson Robb interior design).
- ***RJ*** (Francesco Paszkowski exterior design; Achille Salvagni interior design).

Blue Design Award:

- ***RJ*** (Francesco Paszkowski exterior design; Achille Salvagni interior design).

ISS Design & Leadership Awards:

- ***Haze²*** (Hydro Tec exterior design; Lawson Robb interior design).
- ***Nasiba*** (Hydro Tec exterior design; Winch Design interior design).

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