

## Boat roundup

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### Grand Soleil

In business for 40 years, Grand Soleil makes sailboats for racing and leisure. Its GS 43' and 47' boats have streamlined hulls and uncluttered decks by America's Cup designer Marcelino Botin. Comfy cabins below have solid oak cabinets and Corian worktops in the galley. Its younger sister brand, Sly Yachts, has large, open cockpits and a new 43' model with a spacious saloon. — JC

[grandsoleil.net](http://grandsoleil.net); [sly-yachts.com](http://sly-yachts.com)



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### Cantiere delle Marche

While most big boats are outdated, all-white superstructures with curves in the wrong places, newcomer Cantiere delle Marche has made waves with its Darwin Class. The long-range vessels are built to go beyond the Med, with thick steel hulls, fuel-efficient engines and spacious sleeping quarters. [cantieredellemarche.it](http://cantieredellemarche.it)



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### Otam

At its Genoa boatyard, Otam makes a range of high-speed cruisers that can serve as nimble support craft for superyacht owners. Its hardtop Millennium 80 model sports a Kevlar hull and a top speed of 54 knots. [otam.it](http://otam.it)



### \*FOOTNOTE:

Zash is surrounded by blood-orange trees that can be seen from the two spa rooms in the hotel. The Arancia Rossa di Sicilia has Protected Geographical Status and comes in three different varieties: the Moro, Tarocco and Sanguinello – all bearing fruit with a high level of antioxidants.



### Zash

#### Sicily

The Zash Country Boutique Hotel came to prominence thanks to its internationally renowned architecture, conceived by Antonio Itraci. The old country house's oak floor boards and volcanic stone cladding have remained relatively untouched, while big glass doors and new windows have been added for views of the Ionian Sea, Mount Etna and Taormina. "Every time you look out the window you see something special," says general manager Federica Eccel. For relaxation, take your pick from a vast selection of volcanic wines from Etna or catch up on some reading while lounging by the outdoor swimming pool. — GSK  
[zash.it](http://zash.it)



### Hotel Signum

#### Salina

In 1990, the film crew of *Il Postino* stayed in this small hotel when they were filming scenes on the nearby black volcanic sands of Polara. Hotel Signum is hidden in the village of Malfa on the island of Salina – part of the Aeolian Islands. Clara Rametta runs the charming hotel with her husband Michele Caruso and a young, dynamic team that tend to its 30 rooms located in several old dwellings arranged around a citrus garden. A real treat are the outdoor Romanesque thermal waters where you can scrub off a day's worth of walking with special treatments made using local ingredients such as capers, grapes and lemon. — DGP  
[hotelsignum.it](http://hotelsignum.it)

