

# The Worlds Largest Privately Owned Yacht “Octopus”

In 2003, the launch of Paul Allen's 127m (416ft) "Octopus" secured its number one position as the world's largest yacht.

Microsoft's "accidental billionaire" Paul Allen - worth US\$20 billion according to Forbes, the third richest man in America and 7<sup>th</sup> in the world - owns two other monsters yachts such as Tatoosh ranked 3rd in the World in 2003.

Octopus cost Allen over US\$200 million and has Permanent crew of 60, including several former Navy Seals. It has two helicopters, seven boats, a 10 man submarine and a remote controlled vehicle for crawling on the Ocean floor. The submarine has the capacity to sleep eight for up to two weeks underwater.

On average, owners must spend a minimum of 10 percent of the purchase price every year to keep these yachts in good working condition and cover crew salaries. Therefore “Octopus” which cost Allen US\$200 million requires a US\$20 million annual budget.



# Statistics

- **Launched:** 01 Aug 2003, First Movement: 01 Jan 2004
- **Managed:** Fraser Yachts, Fort Lauderdale
- **Crew:** 60 permanent crew
- **Submarine:** 40ft, 10 man Olympic - Submarine Technologies Seattle, WA.
- **Main Tender:** 63ft "Man of War" Vikal International - Perth, Western Australia
- **Tenders:** 7 x of various sizes
  
- **Dimensions:**
  - **LOA:** 126.187m (414 feet)
  - **Beam:** 21m (68.90ft)
  - **Draught:** 5.85m (19.20ft)
  - **Breadth Mould:** 21m
  - **Depth:** 12.5
  - **Net Tonnage:** 2,979 mt
  - **Deadweight:** 1570 mt
- **Gross Registered Tonnage:** 9,932 mt
  
- **Fuel:** 849,446 litres (224,400 gls)
- **Water:** 174,886 litres (46,200 gls)
- **Range:** 8,000 nm
- **Max speed:** 20 knots
- **Engines:** Eight x 2,400 hp Mercedes-Benz diesels + Two x 6 MW ABB electric motors
  
- **Design Details:**
  - **Builder:** Lurssen, Howaldtswerke - Deutsche Werft Kiel, Germany, Yard No : 370
  - **Built:** 2003
  - **Construction:** Steel
  - **Naval Architects:** Espen Oeino, Antibes
  - **Interior Designers:** Jonathan Quinn Barnett, Christian Grevstad
  - **Naval Architect:** Lurssen Werft
- **Flag:** Cayman Islands (British), Georgetown
- **Class:** Lloyd's Register



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**Basketball Court**



Bow Thrusters



Forward Chopper



Bow Chopper Landing



Chopper x 2 Hangar



Chopper x 2 Hangar



Aft Chopper Take off



Aft Chopper Landing



At Anchor



Aft Chopper



Choppers x 2



Aerial View



At Port in the Med



Mast Helm



Tender Storage



Man of War - Launching



Man of War - 63ft Tender



Man of War - Tender



Night View



Night View



Night View



Night View



Pool at Night



Top View of Spa & Pool



Pool & Spa



Bow & Tender View



Cruising



Cruising



In Port



In Port



In Port



Tenders at Anchor



**Aft Starboard Hatches**



Craft Dock, Spa & Bar



Starboard Bar & Spa



Craft Dock, Spa & Bar



Starboard Bridge



Aft View



Aft View



Aft View



Sub



Sub Storage



Sub in Docking Station



Sub Approach



Port Tender Launching



Tender Launching



Venice Harbour



Spain



Spain