



Quinta Essentia, an Admirable Admiral—and Hybrid-Powered

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A yacht launch is always time for celebration. It was a double celebration at [The Italian Sea Group](#) today. The owner of *Quinta Essentia* saw his yacht slip into the water. And, *Quinta Essentia* marked the first launch of 2016—one of an anticipated four this year—for the shipyard.

Quinta Essentia, measuring 180'5" (55 meters), is for a family new to The Italian Sea Group but not to yachting. They enjoyed abundant cruising aboard a same-named, same-size Heesen from 2011, for example. Even with the same LOA, the new launch is quite different. She bears naval architecture by [Vripack](#) and is a full-displacement design. She's the largest megayacht from the Admiral brand of The Italian Sea Group. She further has a hybrid propulsion system. Electric power alone should result in a 9½-knot speed. With her MAN engines engaged instead, cruise speed should be just over 15 knots. Either way, *Quinta Essentia* has transatlantic range.

The all-aluminum *Quinta Essentia* has accommodations for 12 in the owner's party and 13 crewmembers. [Michela Reverberi Interior Design](#) is giving the relaxation spaces, spread across a 33'5" <http://megayachtnews.com/2016/03/quinta-essentia-an-admirable-admiral-and-hybrid-powered/>

(10.2-meter) beam, a subtle elegance. Of particular note among the accommodations is the way the lower-deck staterooms can convert. The four-stateroom configuration can become six if extra friends or family come for cruises.

The owner and guests will get to enjoy a pool on the main aft deck plus a spa below decks. The spa contains a hammam, a sauna, and a massage area. *Quinta Essentia* will carry a handful of tenders and toys, too. And, good alfresco areas are devoted to sunning, dining, and enjoying each other's company.

Quinta Essentia will make her boat-show debut at the Monaco Yacht Show in September. Meanwhile, The Italian Sea Group has three additional megayacht launches planned this year. And, six additional projects are in build for delivery within the next two years.

If you're wondering about the yacht name, "Quinta Essentia" is Latin for "fifth element." For the family, that fifth element is wine, since they make it and enjoy drinking it (naturally). The other four elements: air, water, earth, and fire. All of these help make wine/the fifth element possible.