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Nijkerk, Gelderland May 31, 2023 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - All of the Cannes Film Festival stars didn't go over the Red Carpet, some were on the big blue at anchor in the Bay of Cannes.

While most people were looking at the Palais des Festival, others were turned towards the ocean where Jeff Bezos' yacht and chase yachts were at anchor.

His new 127 m Oceanco sailing yacht Koru and his 75m support vessel Aebona were recently delivered to their owner.

So why does a yacht owner need a superyacht and yacht vessel, especially when considering the small difference of sizes between both yachts.

Slim Bouricha, President of [Lynx Yachts](https://www.lynx-yachts.com) shares his expert knowledge on the question: "Though having the support vessel smaller than the main yacht may seem like a conventional choice, this is not always the case. Lynx delivered a YXT24 to an owner of a 70m yacht but also delivered the same to the owner of a 24m yacht. There is also a 6711 Damen sea axe that use to run alongside a 50m yacht."

All superyacht owners don't have a support vessel, however, as Slim confines:

"The bigger a yacht is, the bigger the needs are for various toys and tenders. Captains (and owners) of large yachts are always happy to free prime real estate and have all the big equipment on their support vessels; this is also where all the day to day maintenance can occur."

Support vessels' purpose is mainly to transport the main's yacht toys, such as helicopter, tenders, jet skis... and crew. Do main yachts still have cabins for some of the crew, what's the usual ratio?

Slim continues "There is really no ratio. The main yacht is always designed to be self sufficient to carry a decent amount of reasonably sized toys and tenders. Support vessels increase exponentially the carrying capacity for much larger equipment such as limo tenders, helicopters, fishing or wakeboard boats, submarines, etc.... These require additional crew for operating and maintenance. The main yacht can lift the anchor and leave in much less time leaving the support vessel behind to lift all the tenders onboard. Another example is laundry; unless you are in a very large mega yacht, laundry areas are cramped and it is a real benefit to be able to have done on the support vessel.

In the case of Jeff Bezos, Sailing Yacht Koru and Motor Yacht Abeona were built by two different shipyards. Slim explains that

"Today there are two brands known for building yacht support vessels: Damen with their Sea Axe line and Lynx yachts with their YXT line. They each occupy a different segment of the market. The specialization so to speak is not just about building a support vessel, but rather understanding the key design features required in a support vessel and their implications on engineering. This is why there are not many companies around that build such vessels.

In Bezos' case, both of the yachts were delivered together. It seems not all owners of support yachts have both yachts done at the same time. Bouricha adds that

"Some owners, for example, may feel that they are outgrowing their yacht and a support vessel can be the answer; it would cost less for an owner of a 40m yacht to acquire a [YXT24](#) than upgrading to a 50m."

So, as the number of superyachts is increasing and owners have a growing appetite for superyacht toys, support vessels should become a common thing to see by the side of a superyacht, especially as they take a lot less time to build than the yachts they are supporting.



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