

The ship is 'a proper blue-water yacht, capable of traveling anywhere'

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Palm Beach International Boat Show 2022: Adventures accomplished on the Odyssey, couple aims to build their own custom yacht

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When Mike and Terri Noell of Miami were searching for their perfect yacht, they developed a laundry list of features they wanted and looked at many boats, Mike Noell said.

“As we learned more about design, construction and the reputation of the builders, we’d narrowed our list down to Lürssen, Feadship and Heesen,” he said.

Then they came upon the 154-foot Heesen Yachts' Lady Petra, custom built in 2012 by Heesen Yachts founder Frans Heesen for his own use. Showcasing high-end finishes and fine craftsmanship, its exterior design is by Omega Architects, with the interiors designed by Bannenberg and Rowell. The Noells bought that yacht and renamed it Odyssey.

After cruising the Mediterranean, the Caribbean and the Bahamas, the Noell family put a plan in motion to go west. They shipped Odyssey to Tahiti and joined it there, intending to set off for Auckland for the America’s Cup before exploring Australia, the Philippines and Indonesia.

But then, the world shut down because of the pandemic, and they ended up isolating onboard their yacht at the uninhabited atoll Tahanea, about 300 miles east of Tahiti. After a couple of months, they were able to fly back to Miami, and after a stay at home, they headed back out to cruise the coasts of Mexico.

In light of their adventures, Odyssea was one of the frontrunning yachts nominated for the 2021 Boat International World's Superyacht Voyager's Award, given to a yacht for having completed the most inspirational cruise each year.

Needless to say, Odyssea is a well-thought-out craft considering its pedigree, and it surely offers many amenities and a great platform for enjoying a yacht over a stretch of time, as proven by the Noells.

On the main deck, finishes in the salon and dining area include Macassar ebony, brushed spruce and leather. The full-beam media lounge features a 65-inch screen connected to the Kaleidescape entertainment system, and just adjacent to the lounge is the study.

Offering panoramic views on the bridge deck, the owner's stateroom includes a private terrace, a marble bathroom with a steam shower, and a breakfast room. The ensuite VIP stateroom is on the main deck, with four guest staterooms on the lower deck.

Dining al-fresco is offered on the aft bridge deck and aft main deck. The sundeck, with a Jacuzzi and bar, is perfect for lounging, and water-sports enthusiasts can enjoy their toys from the yacht's beach club.

The Noells, who now plan to build a boat, are selling Odyssea through Denison Yacht Sales. It is priced at \$26.5 million.

"Odyssea is a very pedigreed northern European-built, go-anywhere yacht. It's a proper blue-water yacht, capable of traveling anywhere in the world with the amenities of a five-star hotel," Denison Yacht Sales broker Thom Conboy said.

For information, contact Conboy at 561-441-6131.

As of press time, the Odyssea is slated to be shown during the 2022 Palm Beach International Boat Show at slips 646-648.

