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MABELLE, HULL NO. 4 OF ARCADIA YACHTS' **SHERPA 80 XL**, SHOWS HOW SIZE, EFFICIENCY AND PERSONALIZATION CAN COEXIST.

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COURTESY MABELLE OWNER

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SHERPA 80 XL	
LENGTH OVERALL	78ft. 8in. (23.98m)
BEAM	21ft. 11in. (6.98m)
DRAFT	4ft. 9in. (1.45m)
CONSTRUCTION	fiberglass
ENGINES	2x Volvo Penta IPS1350s
SPEED (MAX./CRUISE)	23/12 knots
RANGE	1,200 nm @10 knots
GROSS TONNAGE	95
NAVAL ARCHITECTURE	Arcadia Yachts
EXTERIOR DESIGN	Hot Lab
INTERIOR DESIGN	<i>Mabelle</i> owner
BUILDER	Arcadia Yachts

The fourth Sherpa 80 XL from Arcadia Yachts, *Mabelle*, is an exercise in optimizing multifunctional space on a compact explorer footprint. Launched in summer 2022 on Italy's Sorrento coast, the 78-foot (24-meter) boat—which Arcadia likens to a “pocket rocket”—was built for Italian owners who have years of sailing experience. Their previous boats include the 192-foot (58.4-meter) Alloy *Kokomo*, the 163-foot (49.7-meter) Fitzroy *Zefira* and the 107-foot (32.6-meter) Vitters *Ribelle*. *Mabelle* is the owners' first foray into motor yachting. It is also their smallest commission to date.

The Sherpa 80 XL, with exterior design by Italian studio Hot Lab, is one of Arcadia's most successful models, with a customizable platform and expansive open-deck spaces. A 700-square-foot (65-square-meter)

aft terrace and “patio on the sea” create seamlessness between the indoors and outdoors.

Mabelle’s custom layout also includes an aft-deck, all-season winter garden with sliding doors and opening windows, as well as heating. This space also joins with the sky lounge to form a space where guests can gather comfortably at different times of day.

Every aspect of *Mabelle’s* 95-gross-ton design reflects the owners’ personality. Hull No. 3 had a five-stateroom layout and an upper-deck galley, while *Mabelle’s* owners kept the Sherpa 80 XL’s standard four-stateroom configuration, with quarters for three crew. They also requested a side-launching garage, which stows a raft of water toys including a 13-foot (4-meter) tender, and leaves aft space free for sunbathing and swimming.

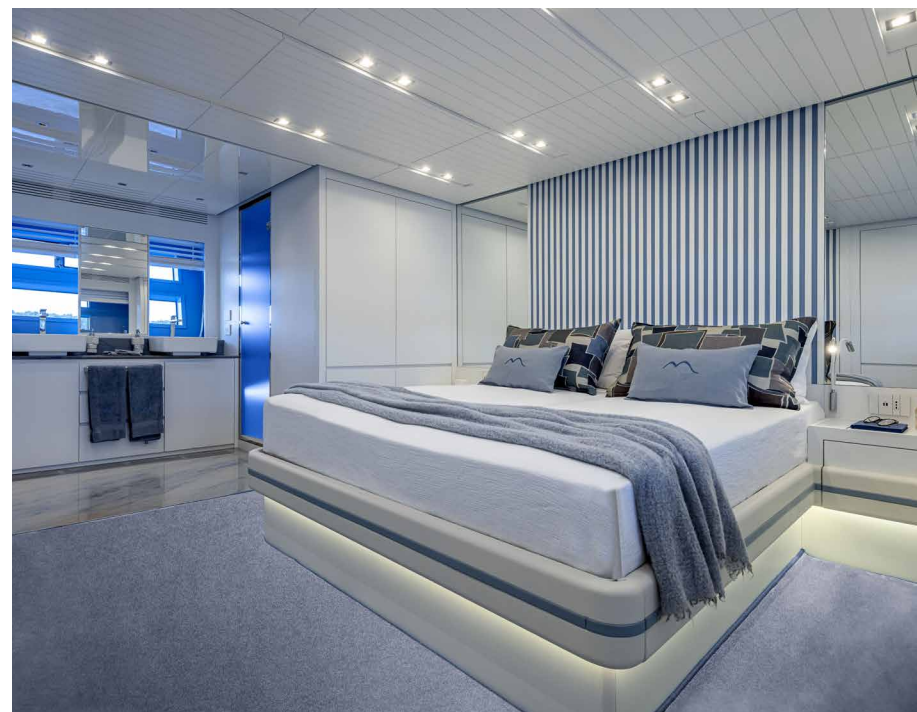
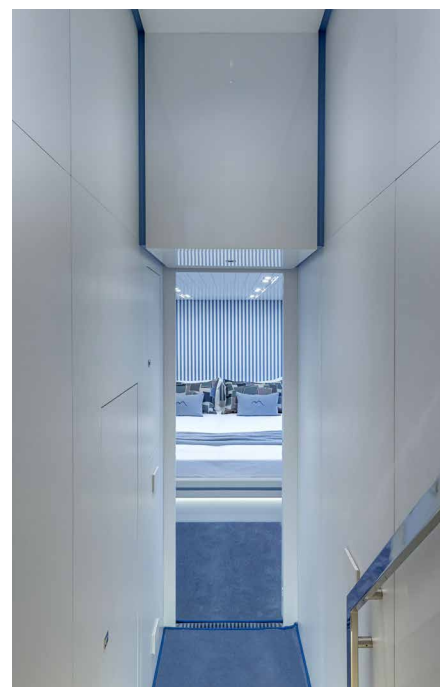
Far-reaching views are available from all three decks. The boat has a total surface area of 2,150 square feet (220 square meters) inside and out, including a full-beam, open-air sun lounge on the top deck with a bar and sofas. *Mabelle’s* exterior teak decks are uncluttered.

The owner conceived the marine-themed interior where nautical blue and white tones mimic the refined coziness of a home in New York’s Hamptons. Sunken lighting throws low illumination across plush cream carpets that feel soft underfoot. The carpeting contrasts with dark marble ensuites, stainless steel finishes, supple leather chairs and brass accents for dramatic effect. In every room, dappled sunlight and ocean ripples bounce off reflective surfaces.

In line with Arcadia’s green policy, the semi-planing fiberglass boat has low energy consumption for reduced environmental impact. It’s fitted with low-power devices and LED lighting, as well as 377 square feet (35 square meters) of solar panels that provide around 3 kilowatts of energy, enough to cover the yacht’s hotel load. On the lower deck, the engine room houses a pair of Volvo Penta IPS1350 engines for a reported range of more than 1,200 nautical miles at 10 knots. Top speed is 23 knots.

“*Mabelle* is the realization of a dream,” says Arcadia Yachts founder Ugo Pellegrino, whose 505,900-square-foot (47,000-square-meter) facilities also build the A85, A105, A115, Sherpa 60 and Sherpa 80 XL models. A new A96 with an Igor Lobanov interior is in the works, with Hull No. 1 scheduled to debut at the Cannes Yachting Festival later this year. ♦

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MABELLE’S CUSTOM LAYOUT ALSO INCLUDES AN AFT-DECK, ALL-SEASON WINTER GARDEN WITH SLIDING DOORS AND OPENING WINDOWS, AS WELL AS HEATING.

Top left: Sunken lighting throws low illumination in a companionway. **Top right:** The carpeting contrasts with dark marble ensuites and stainless steel finishes. **Above:** The ensuite VIP cabin.

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Above: Far-reaching views are available from all three decks. **Left:** In line with Arcadia’s green approach, the semi-planing fiberglass boat has low energy consumption.