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# MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

The new Sanlorenzo SD90 offers buyers an interior fitted with recycled materials and an appreciation of a good sea view

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Like many of the yachts in the Sanlorenzo line, the Sanlorenzo SD90 is a statement in subtlety. Viewing the yacht at the Boot Düsseldorf 2023 show (she was the largest yacht on display), is an unusual way to get to know a superyacht. But a tour through the vessel shows why she is likely to find plenty of buyers.

At first glance, the SD90 (SD stands for Semi-Displacement) is not a flashy statement. Her exterior lines have retro styling, and this was the explicit aim. But scratch the surface and you'll find groundbreaking ideas. On the show model presented at Boot Düsseldorf, there were wall panels in the cabins made of crushed recycled paper, which almost had the appearance of marble but are light to the touch, almost like rice paper. In the bathrooms, the sinks and counters were made of an experimental material produced from recycled fibreglass.

Sanlorenzo has not only been charging ahead with some bold experiments in materials but also in clean propulsion technology. Philippe Briand, a naval architect specialising in highly efficient hull design, was brought in by the superyacht builder to ensure the SD90 was slippery in the water. But a superyacht is also about entertainment and pleasure and in this, the SD90 does not disappoint.

On the main deck, the SD90 has an intriguing, asymmetric layout. A beam-wide sliding door separating main saloon from aft deck folds into a starboard-side enclosed panel space, effectively hiding the doors. On the port side, instead of a solid support pillar, there is a rounded glass corner. When the port-side sliding doors are opened, guests in the main saloon get the feeling of being on a terrace rather than an interior. It's a simple yet clever bit of engineering and design and just the kind of feature you expect to find throughout the SD90.

The main saloon also has a simple design, but the aim here is to let guests relax and enjoy their environment, not to look spectacular in a brochure. Presuming that guests are far more likely to eat and drink at the outdoor spaces, there is no formal dining area.





**From top:** The Sanlorenzo SD90's minimalist helm; naval architect Philippe Briand has created a highly efficient hull design



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However, the guest table in the main saloon lounge can be adjusted to create an ersatz dining table, if needed. But it's unlikely that guests will want to linger in the main saloon, considering the design that's gone into the exterior decks.

**T**he aft cockpit is a pleasant space, but it is the top sundeck that is the star of this yacht, and guests will find it difficult to leave this space.

First off, the sundeck is huge – as big as you'd expect on a yacht five or 10 metres bigger in length – and the captain has direct access from the interior helm station. Loose furnishings are everywhere, enabling owners to configure the deck as they wish. But the masterstroke is the sunroof, supported by twin pillars located near the centreline of the yacht. The effect is to remove any obstacles to a guests' sightline to the horizon and the sea views are spectacular.

Half of the sundeck is protected by the hardtop and half is uncovered; a bimini can be erected for this half if needed. The sundeck is also served by a huge wet bar/grill service, with two stations possible, one on either side of the central walkway from the helm to the aft social area. On the model at Boot Düsseldorf, the starboard side had a grill, wet bar and Teppanyaki grill, with storage underneath. The opposite side was open and could be used for more cold storage, or another set of grills and food prep areas. Rather than just a snacks and drinks holder, the sundeck grill is actually an outdoor kitchen.

The simple elegance of the sundeck is another point in its favour. Wood and teal hues create a subdued yet sumptuous look that invites guests to relax and enjoy the view. Out on the bow, there are sun pads and a seating area where guests can socialise.



**B**ack inside, the owner can relax after a hard day at the office swimming and lounging in a large owner's area on the main deck forward. Past the midships point, the owner has private access to a huge foyer and there's a forward-facing bed in the main cabin. Creating a sense of spaciousness, wraparound windows on the forward deck are at head height, while electric curtains block out the light when it's time for bed.



**Clockwise from top:** The sundeck is an entertainer's dream; the main saloon flows onto a spacious stern terrace; the SD90's expansive foredeck



Accessed just forward and down from the main deck floor in the bow, the bathrooms in the owner's cabin are particularly impressive. The designers opted for a really spacious bathroom and a large shower unit, with a simple, functional, elegant design throughout. When you step into the shower, you can easily walk around inside it.

Back on the main deck, just forward of a glass wall feature made of recycled glass, there is a stairwell down to a small landing that leads off to the guest cabins. On the model reviewed, there were two guest cabins and space for a third, which had been used to create a lounge. Owners expecting large numbers of guests, or planning to put their yacht on the charter market, can opt for the cabin.

On the port side forward from the main saloon, there's access to a sizeable galley with plenty of onboard storage. Further forward and down is the crew's access to their quarters.

At the transom, there is the requisite swim pad, with a garage suitable for a tender of more than four metres.

Owners of the SD90 can expect an economical ride in a yacht that reveals her design prowess not from the outside looking in, but from the inside looking out.



## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS: **SANLORENZO SD90**

### LOA

27.4M

### BEAM

7M

### GUEST BERTHS

8

### CREW BERTHS

4

### ENGINES

A) 2 X MAN 16 (800HP) /

B) 2 X CAT C18 (1,150HP)

### MAX SPEED

A) 14 KN /

B) 17 KN

### CRUISING SPEED

A) 12 KN /

B) 15 KN

### FUEL TANK CAPACITY

13,000 L

### WATER TANK CAPACITY

2,000 L

### TENDER LENGTH

MAX. 4.35M

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*From left: A third guest cabin can be configured as a lounge; the owner's cabin is complemented by impressive bathrooms accessed just forward and down from the main deck floor*







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