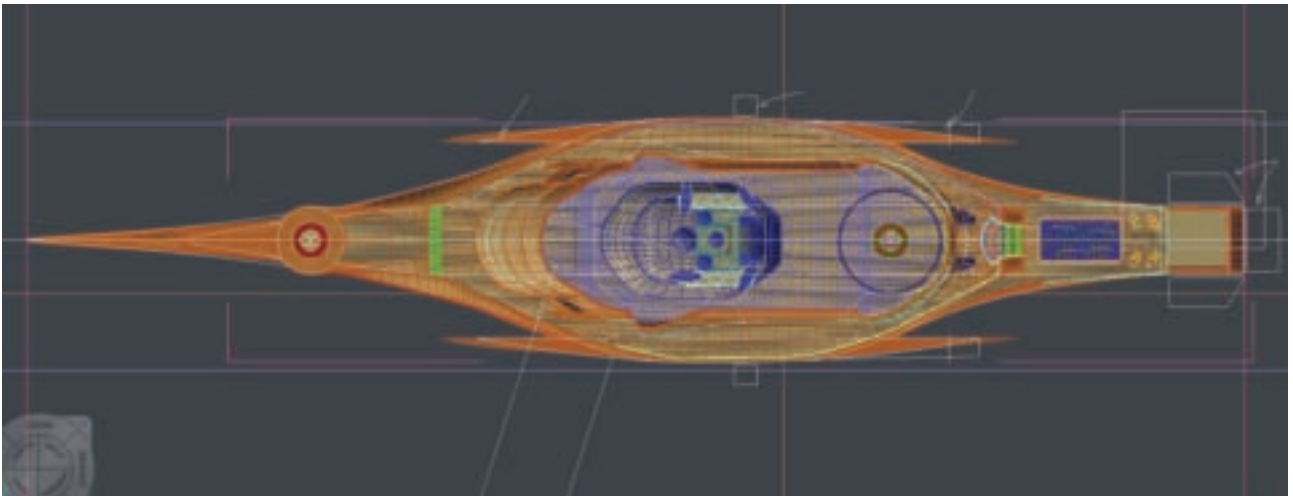


Large Trimaran Concept

Tristrike 420



GIGAYACHTS ARE STILL ON THE MINDS OF DESIGNERS, DESPITE the current climate, as the Tristrike Project 420 (128 metres) proves. Prout International Design Group have created this new trimaran for long-range, fast and stable ocean passages, through the military profile derived from the 90m Triton research vessel built for the UK Ministry of Defence by Vosper Thornycroft.

It seems the usual advantages of a trimaran hull form over a conventional monohull wasn't the motivation behind it, however: "While we were uninterested in issues such as heat signatures and armaments, we were interested in applying the other advantages to a megayacht", said Michael Ferris, Director of Prout's superyacht division. "Our initial reaction was: *Wow, this would make an amazing megayacht!*"

The reverse bow also improves the yacht's wave-piercing attributes and is already a feature of a 105-foot powercat

designed by Prout. The 420-foot hull has a beam of 26 feet and with the superstructure built on top of the platform there will be around 30,000ft² of usable deck and interior space; the upper deck master suite would be around 2,000ft² and the main deck saloon-dining room 4,000ft², while four guest staterooms, each with their own possible private balcony, will measure over 900ft². Hull foils conceived by Prout reduce drag, diminish pitch and roll and increase fuel efficiency. Different propulsion packages are under consideration but the most likely option is for three MTU 2000 diesels for a speed of 18-20 knots. Her core engineering is still in development, but it is probable that the entire structure would be built to SOLAS certification at a naval shipyard in China, although its exact location has not been confirmed.

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Luciano Scaramuccia (middle) is appointed as a Member of the Board of Directors at Southern Wind Shipyard

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Hein Velema is appointed as CEO of Fraser Yachts



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BWA Yachting's Managing Director in Croatia is elected Vice-President of the Association of Ship Brokers and Agents in Croatia