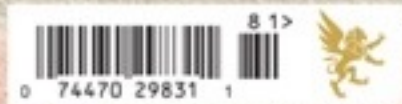


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IN THE WORLD OF YACHTING, SILENCE IS THE LATEST LUXURY

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Even in the lavish world of yachting, there's an industry trend toward environmental sensitivity and green technology. So it's no surprise that Dutch shipyard *Heesen* is racking up the eco-accolades for their newly introduced, ultra-efficient hybrid boat: The 50m Home superyacht is the world's first Fast Displacement Hull Form (FDHF) with hybrid propulsion. (In basic terms, this means the yacht has two engines, diesel and electric.) But eco-friendliness isn't the only benefit of this new technology: When cruising with only the electric engines, Home can reach speeds of 9 knots in near silence. Why is this important? Well, it turns out the byproduct of silence is less noise pollution, more peace, and maybe even more gastronomic pleasure.

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