

FUN IN THE SUN: ADRENALINE PUMPING TENDERS & TOYS

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Aside from the breath taking views, the awe-inspiring locations and the mouth-watering cuisine, superyachts can offer the very best in fun filled and exciting activities to keep adrenaline pumping for all until the sun sets. With unlimited fun to be had, read on to discover great advice on some of the most exciting past times.

There are three simple yet thrilling ways to enjoy the water – Toys, Tenders, and Jet Skis!

Popular choices of superyacht toys

Whether you're chartering a trip with family or friends or simply looking for some high energy fun, yacht toys should be high on your priority! However with a mind boggling selection of toys available knowing which ones will provide the maximum enjoyment for owner's, guests and crew can be difficult. [Ocean Premium](#) has provided a list of the most popular choices:

- FlyBoards
- Jet Skis
- Master crafts
- Bicycles and scooters
- Underwater scooters
- Inflatable toys

When looking to buy superyacht toys, [FunAir](#), a leading superyacht inflatable toy company has given some tips to consider when shopping for toys and maintaining them.

Shopping tips for yacht toys

- Look for quality –salt water can be rough on all water toys, including inflatables
- Materials – you'll want the best materials money can buy to ensure you get the most enjoyment and longevity out of your toys
- Workmanship – look for top grade workmanship. On inflatables, seams are the place to look. Radio frequency electric welding creates seams with superior strength. The seams should be smooth with a consistent width and should have no waves, or puckers
- Quality Pressure Relief Valve (PRV) – PRVs allow air expanded by the sun's heat to escape. Look for high quality PRVs, like Leafield
- Track record – How much experience does the company have designing and producing the toys?
- Reviews - What do the customers say about the products and service?

Maintenance tips for inflatables

- Rinse - Always rinse toys with fresh water as soon as the fun is done. This will remove the salt that can adhere to the toy surface. For example, inflatable slides are made with rugged PVC vinyl. However, salt can be highly corrosive, so rinsing the inflatable off with fresh water helps protect your water toys
- Drying prevents mildew
- Check D ring mounts before storing and before set up to ensure the mounts aren't pulling away or tearing and that there's no rust
- Check for leaks and tears. To find the leak, look over the inflatable for tears, holes or punctures. Then check around the valve by applying a soapy solution to the area. Any leaks will create bubbles. This is an indication that the valve needs to be

tightened or screwed in more tightly. Some companies will include a valve-tightening tool with the purchase of their products

- Check ropes to ensure knots are properly tied and there's no fraying
- Inspect fasteners to ensure they are in good repair and not rusting
- Never use carabiner with inflatable. The sharp edge on the carabiner can cut the vinyl

Rental versus purchasing toys for your yacht

Ocean Premium explained, "With limited garage space and the range of attractive toys getting bigger with every season, many owners choose to rent. This also ensures the latest models, newest materials, funkiest accessories and the cleanest parts and engines meaning maximum fun!"

Superyacht tenders

Tenders are some of the most used features on a superyacht and can be used in a variety of ways from a transport service to entertainment. With this said, choosing the right tender needs a great deal of consideration. **Williams Balear Sales & Service** centre has provided some key areas to focus your attention on:

Quality – Try to choose a manufacturer that specialises in the product. Some brands build and produce equipment / tenders as a bi-line to other products and hence their experience may be very limited.

Technical back up and support – Few brands are able to offer good and comprehensive support – be it for spares, servicing, technical drawings or warranty. Superyachts move around worldwide, but few manufacturers have extensive and far-reaching dealers that hold good levels of stock of parts and accessories and at a fair price, so do your research.

Dealers - Where possible try to purchase locally to where the superyacht is based. If the dealer is local and they supply, they will be more likely to give priority care to their own customers. Building a good relationship between customer and dealer is invaluable to both parties.

Background – Find out what other owners and crew really think about their purchases and their experiences

Van Dutch has provided some key features and tips which should also be looked at when searching for the perfect tender.

Manoeuvrability - Some tenders are equipped with bow and stern thrusters for easy movement when embarkation of guests occurs.

Composite teak - Utilisation of a composite teak (Esthec) – means that guests can keep shoes on and are easy to maintain.

Versatility - Tenders can be used as a working boat, but at the same time can be used for water sports meaning a high quality durable tender would be essential.

A key tip that **Van Dutch** proposes is that the tender engine should be a diesel engine to match the superyacht for easy and direct refuelling.

Jet Skis

What to look for when buying a jet ski

Riding a jet ski is a fun way to spend time on the water, but buying a jet ski can be confusing. If you've decided to buy your own jet ski there are vital considerations such as size, safety, and specification that must be taken into account.

Types of jet ski craft you can buy:

Solo craft - These types of jet skis are also known as 'stand-ups' because they have no seats and you must stand while riding them. A solo craft can be hard to master and requires some athletic ability to control.

Sport craft - These carry one rider, but are different called a solo craft because they have a seat. They're easier to master, but can still be relatively unstable, and are more difficult to control for heavier riders.

Two-seaters - Easy to use, two-seaters are great fun to ride with another person. They are less nippy than a single seater, but the longer seat and hull on a two-seater leads to increased stability.

Three or four-seaters - These very stable, versatile craft are great for families and are becoming increasingly popular.

General things to consider when buying a jet ski:

Size does matter - Jet skis are generally designed to carry between one and four people, or even tow an object behind such as an inflatable tube. So, before you buy, you need to consider what size of craft is best going to suit your needs.

Safety first - Make sure the craft has a lanyard, which will turn the ignition off should you fall off during use. All modern jet skis should have a lanyard as standard.

Specification - Jet Skis are classified according to their engine sizes. Larger engines produce more horsepower and more speed, although the hull design also influences performance, so this will also need to be considered

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