

# Glider Yachts Partners with Aalco Metals

Aalco Metals to Supply All Major Aluminium Components for Glider Yachts' Debut Sports Yacht

Glider Yachts Limited, a new British luxury yacht manufacturer, has announced today that it has partnered with Aalco Metals to supply all of the major aluminium components for its SD18 sports yacht, which is currently being built by Burgess Marine and is to be publicly launched at Monaco boat show this September.

"Glider Yachts' mission is to become the world's leading supplier of high-performance, luxury superyachts and to this end we have assembled a team of highly innovative partners and suppliers, who are devoted to excellence and are regarded and accredited as being the best in their particular field," said Robert McCall, Managing Director, Glider Yachts.

Aalco supplies metals to the marine industry of the world's highest marine standards and has provided specialist services to customers in this sector and allied industries, for many years. The metals for the debut Glider Yacht is being supplied from Aalco's dedicated marine kit fabrication facility in Southampton, UK.

"Aalco was selected as our metals supply partner due to the firm's impressive track record in the marine industry and we are thrilled to be working with such an innovative leader in its field," continued Robert McCall.

A particularly important and unique part of the Aalco offer is the company's expertise in supplying marine 'kits', supplied shaped to size and ready for immediate assembly at the point of delivery, essential for this type of marine build.

Simon Barron, General Manager, Aalco said: "Aalco is delighted to have been selected as the metals supplier to Glider Yachts, which is a very unique and exciting design that we are proud to be involved with."

"Our unique approach means that the boat designer provides drawings that Aalco imports into our sophisticated cutting equipment. This produces precise cut pieces that are individually numbered and ready for welding. Our capability means that we can nest the component parts for the most efficient yield from the plates. Aalco supplies rider bars, bulb bars, keel sections, standard angles, channels and tees - indeed everything needed so that an entire hull, deck and superstructure can be built from a kit all sourced from the same supplier," continued Simon Barron.

Aalco supplies 'kits' for many leading yacht manufacturers and recent interest from far eastern markets will continue its growth.

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Notes for editors:

There are a selection of accompanying images: Aalco & Glider Yachts partnership celebration at Glider Yachts' HQ – from left to right, Clive Bush – Aalco Metals, Southampton, Simon Barron, General Manager, Aalco Metals Southampton & Jeremy Chase, Aalco Metals, Southampton.

About Aalco Metals

Aalco is one of Europe's largest independent stockholders, processors and distributors of Aluminium, aluminium extrusion, transition joints (Triplate®), stainless steels and copper alloys. It specialises in the supply of semi-finished metal products including bar, sheet, plate, tube, custom die extrusions and forgings to the marine, oil and gas and high tech industries. Aalco offers a complete processing service including plate and bar sawing, guillotining, waterjet, router and laser profiling. Its inventory covers a wide range of grades/alloys, shapes and sizes – both industry standards and special or bespoke items for particular applications or customer requirements.

With offices in 18 locations around the UK including Southampton, Norwich, Hull and Aberdeen, all of which currently service the marine industry, Aalco is able to utilise its extensive distribution network to deliver guaranteed delivery on time and to customer specification. Please see

[www.aalco.co.uk](http://www.aalco.co.uk) for more information.

#### About Glider Yachts

Glider Yachts is a new British luxury yacht manufacturer, headquartered in London with build partners in Southampton, England. The company has a clear mission to become the world's leading supplier of high performance, luxury sports yachts, and to deliver a more cost-effective and ultimately more comfortable, efficient and sustainable way of navigating the world's oceans. Please see [www.glideryachts.com](http://www.glideryachts.com) for more information. To download high resolution images please see here: <http://bit.ly/GliderYachtsImages>

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