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# DON'T CALL ME RIB... **I'M A REBEL!**

With its Rebel line the SACS yard has reinvented the maxi-RIB concept that combines the advantages of an inflatable craft with the comfort of a large motor yacht. With a striking, versatile design suitable for all types of sailing, we welcome the 55-foot flagship of the fleet

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The Rebel line by Sacs includes the new 55' (in this photo) the 40' and the 47' model. The walkaround deck design renders these boats extremely versatile – the entire deck can be used

**R**ebel 55 is the new flagship of SACS, a yard with a rich tradition in marine construction. It began life in 1989 as a producer of inflatable craft, working in a sector where Italian companies are the world leaders, dominating the international export trade to a total of 58.2 million dollars, or 12.3% of the international market.

Over the past decade SACS has promoted Made in Italy quality and style throughout the world, reinventing the Maxi RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) concept. With its Strider range the yard has positioned itself as world leader in the sector inflatable craft from 10 to 20 metres long.

However, with the introduction of the Rebel line, SACS has become no longer simply an acclaimed RIB manufacturer – the company has extended its horizons to take in the construction of fully-fledged motor yachts that combine the advantages offered by inflatables with the comfort of traditional craft. The Rebel line, comprising a 55', 40' and 47' model, enables the SACS yard to offer a range of yachts featuring covered foam rather than the traditional inflatable rubber tubulars. The walkaround deck design renders these boats extremely versatile – the entire deck can be used, and the cabins have good headroom and volume. These specifications mean that Rebel motor yachts can be used as chase boats for owners of large pleasure yachts or as a main yacht offering great comfort and exclusivity, eminently suitable for mini-cruises. The Rebels are sporty craft, open yachts to all intents and purposes, although they do have a generous hard top to protect the cockpit and midships areas of the exterior deck. There is plenty of space available below deck, too, fitted out according to the highest standards of Italian manufacture – in other words, an emphasis on beautiful, well-made objects.

There are two motorisation options for the Rebel 55, both providing impressive performance. The twin 725 HP Volvo Penta IPS 950 of the inboard version can power the yacht to a muscular top speed of 37 knots, while the outboard model in its most extreme form with four 600 HP Mercury Verado putting out 2,400 HP is ideal for speed freaks, providing a white-knuckle top speed of 50 knots.





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## 5 QUESTIONS TO... **MATTEO MAGNI**

### **SACS PRESIDENT AND OWNER**



***Once again you've entrusted the development of a new SACS model to Christian Grande. What added value do you think he has given to the Rebel 55 in terms of yacht design?***

*Christian has worked with us for ten years, and he implements our brand's DNA to perfection.*

*He transforms into design the insights that enable us to predict and create new markets segments.*

*It's clear to see in the Strider and the Rebel lines. The synergetic combination of our expertise in design, function and performance have led to the creation of niche models that will set trends. The Rebel 55 is just the latest example.*

***From a technical point of view, what are the model's strengths?***

*Despite its expansive size, the Rebel 55 retains the features of all SACS models, in that it's nibble in its handling thanks to a V-hull. Owners don't have to worry about rough seas, as the foam technology that protects all the structures when moored and comprehensive, cutting-edge instrumentation that makes managing the yacht's parameters and functions an easy task.*

***Why do owners choose SACS: is it down to performance, functional spaces, luxury fittings or construction quality?***

*SACS craft now offer a synthesis of all the finest know-how in construction quality, design, performance and endurance. These features mean that our products deliver a unique and timeless user experience while delivering high value for the yacht owner.*

***How do you see the SACS range ten years from now? Will it include even larger models, craft that are more environmentally-aware or designs that are more open to the sea?***

*The Rebel range has broadened our horizons and setting limits would be contrary to our passion for market leading ingenuity. We'll be sure not to lose our distinctive characteristics and invest even more time and resources in strategic and technical innovation.*

***Finally, a question about the market – how are you closing nautical year 2021 and what are your expectations for SACS in 2022?***

*The nautical market is experiencing rapid growth. International demand for our products has outpaced supply for several years now. For the near future we'll seek to address rising demand through strategic growth while always bearing in mind the need to maintain high quality standards.*

