
Savannah's Global Ship Systems Reports Busy Summer as Super Yachts Line Up For Fall Repair, Refit and Service Work

SAVANNAH, GA — Officials at Global Ship Systems' East coast shipyard report an active summer, as reservations for fall are increasing for private super yachts. The company, located at the former site of Intermarine Savannah (and more recently, Palmer Johnson), was purchased by a group of Savannah investors in January 2004. The Savannah River yard is situated on the same land where minehunters were once produced for the U.S. Navy. Boasting a new name and exceptional super yacht and military refit and repair service capabilities, the new company was launched as “one of the premier shipyards in North America,” according to its CEO, Robert S. Creech, III.

Yachts recently departing after an extensive refit, include the 244' super yacht, Katana. Captain Andre Peens praised Global Ship Systems for their ability to complete the tedious job within his “serious time constraints.” “My time constraint was met by the Global team...their cooperation and understanding that the work had to be completed on time ... plus, the overall quality of their workmanship was very good. They seemed to be able to draw from a large, skilled workforce ... to get the work completed on time,” he said. Peen added that the yard far exceeded his expectations, and “their professional and technical expertise resulted in a brilliant execution.”

Other projects completed by GSS include: M/Y Ronin, a 180-foot Lurssen and M/Y Meduse, a 205' Feadship. Other vessels recently in an out of the Savannah shipyard include: M/Y Reverie, a 229' Benetti; M/Y Ionian Princess, a 150' Christensen, and Lady M II, a 145' Intermarine-built motoryacht.

Vessels booked for fall service work include: M/Y Gallant Lady, a 172' Feadship; M/Y Miss Rose, a 95' Hesly Prener; M/Y Princess Mariana, a 295' Royal Denship and M/Y Liberty, a 172' Perini Navi. Officials at GSS also report three other highly acclaimed vessels making verbal commitments to schedule future service.

Global Ship Systems offers one of the largest, dry dock structures in the world. Lead by a team of yachting industry veterans, the Savannah facility boasts a 535' long graving dock with retractable cover; a covered boat house spanning the entire wet slip; a covered paint booth accommodating two ships up to 200' each, and a 160,000 square foot composite materials fabrication building, making it one of the most comprehensive and convenient sites on the East coast.

The company operates as both a prime and a sub-contract provider of repair and refit services by sending “tiger teams” to provide these services to a number of major marine operators and shipbuilders throughout the United States and Europe.

Conveniently located halfway between the northern and southern East coast (approximately 800 miles west of Bermuda; south of New York and north of Miami) — Global Ship Systems Savannah facility is staffed by a talented workforce comprised of expert craftsman, designers and engineers, who excel in working with materials from steel, to fiberglass and composite to aluminum. The company's uncompromising dedication to meeting and exceeding your mechanical, electrical, joinery, cabinetry, and metal requirements is unparalleled.

Carrying on the same tradition of Southern hospitality started by its predecessor, Global Ship Systems offers visiting owners, captains and crew a variety of appealing shipyard amenities. There are tasteful, semi-private on-site office facilities (including land-line telephones, high-speed Internet access, an on-site cafeteria, complimentary daily newspapers, fresh, hot doughnuts and 24-hour security.)

Visitors, including captains, crew and private yacht owners join a long list of distinguished clients who have sampled the city's Southern flair for comfort. Offering fine housing options ranging from private beach villas and secure rental accommodations, to charming historic inns, lavish hotels and a host of world-famous restaurants, shopping areas abound, and nightly entertainment options are plentiful.

The city's 18th and 19th Century mansions serve as private residences, hotels and inns and are beautifully restored masterpieces. The historic waterfront district, once the country's hub for cotton commerce, hosts renovated shops, restaurants and taverns, which are situated on cobblestones once used as ballast on sailing vessels.

Recently developed Hutchinson Island, located directly across the river from Global Ship Systems' shipyard, affords clients the luxury of a five-star resort and private club, as well as services at the world-famous Greenbrier Spa and an 18-hole Troon golf course. Tybee Island and its beaches that lie on the Atlantic Ocean are just a 20-minute drive from the shipyard, and Hilton Head Island and its world-famous golf courses are a short 30-minute drive.

Additionally, access to the yard is convenient to the private jet owner, as well as the commercial flier. The Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport offers direct-flight service to Houston, Cincinnati, New York, LaGuardia; Newark, Washington, DC, Chicago, Miami, and other major cities, making this shipyard easily accessible by auto, boat or air. The city is also headquarters for Gulfstream Aerospace, providing perfect service options for yacht-owners who also utilize Gulfstream jets to review their service work in progress.

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