

## M/Y KING BENJI

Explorer Awards Candidat Short list: « Award Technology & Innovation »



**LOA** 46.66m

**Gross Tonnage** 491

**Refit/Rebuilt :**

**Hull Type :**

Displacement

**Type of Stabilizers:**

AtSpeed Roll

Reduction

**Beam** 8.88m

**Shipyard** Dunya  
Yachts

**Flag** Marshall

**Hull Materials** Steel

**Exterior Design :**  
Gregory Marshall

**Maximum Crew  
Capacity** 8

**Draft** 3.47m

**Launch Year** 2023

**Deck Materials**  
composite  
Aluminum

**Range:** 4 000 nm

**Maximum overnight  
guest capacity** 12



Dunya Yachts' 46.7-meter explorer M/Y KING BENJI (ex. Project KB6) began sea trials earlier this year, following her launch at the shipyard's facilities in Pendik, Istanbul.

Construction of the 499GT yacht began in 2020. New images reveal a classic explorer profile, navy blue hull and floor-to-ceiling glazing.

With its many technologies and unique explorer style, the M/Y KB6 will be one of the most recognized explorer yachts in the industry.

Numerous exploration projects around the world are planned over the next few years.

*"I want the most fun Explorer Yacht, that feels like I'm outside.....and I don't want a floating luxury prison."*

This was the brief given to the Exterior Designer and Naval Architect, Greg Marshall, from the now owner of King Benji. The initial meeting took 30 minutes and produced the general arrangements and exterior design. The exterior design can be seen below, and it is very close to the yacht that was eventually built.

The yacht was designed so quickly because both the owner and the designer are adventurers at heart with a similar vision for the modern explorer yacht. They felt such a yacht needed a low footprint with real exploration capability and the ability to carry the likes of large tenders and submarines. It is also a yacht that you don't want to leave; it both feels like home and truly caters to every type of adventure imaginable.