



BILGIN YACHTS

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ON WORLD BOATING DAY, BILGIN INSPIRES FUTURE TALENT

Istanbul, Turkiye – May 2025 - Bilgin Yachts hosted young maritime enthusiasts and aspiring engineers at its "Student Shipyard Day | Explore. Learn. Get Inspired." event as part of the World Boating Day celebrations on May 24, 2025. Held at the shipyard's headquarters in Istanbul, this special event aimed to provide university students with a unique insight into the yacht building industry.

Throughout the event, students participated in guided tours of Bilgin Yachts' state-of-the-art production facilities. During these tours, they had the opportunity to closely examine several new superyachts currently under construction. Tugba Sengun, Marketing Director at Bilgin Yachts, reflected on the broader meaning of the occasion: "At Bilgin Yachts, we take great pride not only in building yachts, but in being an active part of maritime culture. World Boating Day provides a meaningful opportunity for us to celebrate this identity on a global scale. To keep the spirit of the day alive, we welcomed students to our shipyard, giving them a firsthand look into the outfitting stages of our ongoing projects -from final equipment installations to the journey toward delivery. They witnessed how engineering, craftsmanship, and design come together in real time."

Student participants expressed considerable satisfaction with the event. Emirhan Hamitoglu, a 3rd-year Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering student from Yıldız Technical University, stated, "The order and cleanliness of the shipyard first caught my eye. The planned system, the lack of any chaos, and everyone knowing their duties impressed me. The cleanliness in the engine room was truly remarkable. Seeing 70-80 meter yachts in such a large shipyard and being in a level of luxury I couldn't imagine truly impressed me." Ahmet Kose, a Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering student from Yıldız Technical University, commented, "While I was previously more focused on the cruise industry, my interest in the yacht sector has increased greatly after seeing its meticulous working principles. In the future, with the advancement of current technology and

artificial intelligence, I expect changes that will cater to people's tastes more accurately and better, and also be beneficial in the production part."

Semih Kaan Karaca, Project Engineer from Bilgin Yachts, emphasized the importance of the event, stating: "It is a great source of pride for us to introduce the younger generation to the complexity and also the fascinating world of yacht building. Such events are vital for bringing new and talented minds into our industry. The students' curiosity and interest fuel our hopes for the future."

This initiative, aligning with World Boating Day's philosophy of "explore, learn, get inspired," is part of Bilgin Yachts' mission to attract young talent to the industry and raise maritime awareness. The event allowed participants to gain a general understanding of how large-scale yacht projects are built and executed.

Further extending the World Boating Day celebrations, Bilgin Yachts also supported the spirit of sailing. In Antalya, Bilgin Sailing Club members set sail for a dedicated one-day event at Kemer Marina. Firat Yilmaz, Founder of Kemer Sailing and Master Instructor at the Turkish Sailing Federation, shared his thoughts: "We had a wonderful and enjoyable day sailing with the support of Bilgin Yachts. Events of this scale are incredibly important for the development of Turkish maritime culture and the widespread growth of sailing as a sport." During this private, invitation-only gathering, a race boat also joined the race with the support of Bilgin, further highlighting the company's commitment to the broader maritime community and the passion for the sea.

ABOUT BILGIN YACHTS

Bilgin Yachts is a boutique shipyard at the European side of Istanbul, building bespoke 50 to 120-meter luxury superyachts. It has been a family-run business for five generations since the early 1900s. With its 900+ highly-skilled craftsmen, performing 90% of the work in-house, the shipyard operates in five facilities covering more than 79,450sqm. The shipyard facilities also comprises manufacturing areas, a state-of-the-art marine furniture factory, a comprehensive mechanic, hydraulic, stainless-steel and upholstery workshop, all of which work closely until a project is ready for launch. Headquarters located in the West Istanbul Marina, which is approximately 40 minutes from the Istanbul Airport, Bilgin provides high-quality yachts to its customers.

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