

P O L P A R T Y

Nothing makes a splash on board quite like a high-tech, high-style swimming pool. *Steve May* explores some of the hottest designs around

Right: On Alfa, the pool can disappear via a raised floor when more deck space is needed. Below: the counter-current heated pool in the beach club of Victorious is part of the overall wellness theme found here



Alfa

This 70-metre charter yacht, built by Benetti and designed in-house in collaboration with Laura Pomponi, has a stunning aft area with al fresco saloon and pool positioned above a full-beam beach club on the lower deck.

It's clearly a challenge to combine a pool and a beach club on a yacht of this size, but here it's been achieved with easy elegance. The pool, which is 4.1 metres long, 2.2 metres wide and 1.2 metres deep, has an electric floor that raises, creating a flush deck for larger parties. The water is fresh and heated, but if you want to chill there is a shaded area with loungers that look out to sea.

Victorious

Launched in 2021 from the Turkish shipyard AKYACHT, with interiors by H2 Yacht Design and exterior styling by Michael Leach Design, this amenity-packed 85 metre gained a six-metre stern extension to its original design, principally to accommodate a spectacular 200-square-metre beach club with indoor pool. The resulting counter-current heated pool isn't just for cooling off and exercise, it is also complementary to the adjacent state of the art gym and spa.