

A close-up, low-angle shot of a helicopter's cockpit and rotor hub on the deck of a yacht. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon behind the helicopter. The rotor blades are visible, and the cockpit windows reflect the ambient light. The helicopter is mounted on a white deck structure.

# HeliRiviera

Heli-Yachting has arrived at a pivotal moment when aircraft manufacturers, naval architects, shipyards and industry professionals are faced with the need to understand the unique complexities of integrating helicopters with yachts.



The introduction of the MSN1792 (M) Amendment 1, linked to the demands of existing legislation for larger vessels, has created new requirements in yacht design which must now be overcome. HeliRiviera remains at the forefront of the Heliyacht Industry, having been actively involved in creating this legislation as well as continuing to work with our clients in finding new and innovative ways to implement it.

HeliRiviera is a multi dimensional organisation that guides our global client base through the challenges of heli-yachting in these new and exciting times. Whether designing a helideck and integrating a helicopter, training the deck crew, chartering either an aircraft or managing an embarked helicopter, both they and their partner LuviAir have the services and experience to give you the complete solution.

Whenever a yacht operates a helicopter to her deck, she becomes open to a whole new set of risks and liabilities. As aviation management is a separate discipline to yacht management, and an Air Department is rarely structured to support a remotely operating helicopter, the two key departments involved do not easily overlap. HeliRiviera has the dedicated maritime aviation consultancy and support services to create the crucial link between these two departments.

## Helicopter Solutions

Their acquisition service matches the helicopter solution to the Principal's lifestyle and examines the life-cycle costs of its operation. This approach is the only way to identify an aircraft's true value enabling an informed buying decision to be made. In parallel with the acquisition, they will examine the most advantageous ownership structures. The stages in the acquisition of a helicopter are more complex than for a fixed wing aircraft, particularly with the additional considerations when embarking on a globally cruising yacht. HeliRiviera has a unique position within the market, with the experience and contacts to employ a considered strategy with detailed planning, leading to a smooth acquisition process.

## Yacht Solutions

They will initially advise on the feasibility of your ideas, and then help implement this plan through design guidance, including the construction of the landing area and any support features such as a hangar or helicopter refuelling facilities.

Throughout the build process they will remain as the lead aviation facilities consultant, working with the build team and liaising with the relevant regulatory authorities. As they deal exclusively with heliyachts on concurrent projects, HeliRiviera remains continually abreast of the latest developments and legislation, preventing unwanted surprises and assisting in the completion of the aviation facilities on schedule.

## Operations Solutions

Flying to, from and within any area away from home is significantly easier, and less likely to go wrong, with support from a familiar operations team who understand the rules and requirements of that region. Heli Riviera provides that team support from their headquarters in Cannes, in the South of France, supported by their regional offices; in the United States in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and in Asia on the beautiful Island of Phuket, in Thailand.

Some yachts venture into different cruising regions every year, while some may have a set routine that varies little. Similarly, some yachts conduct numerous helicopter movements while others use the helicopter facilities only occasionally. In order to reflect these variations, HeliRiviera offers 3 levels of support for your helicopter operation;

### Platinum

Global assistance in all matters connected with the Air Operation, including flight planning, support for the embarked helicopter and charter aircraft, on board training and annual auditing.

### Gold

Short term flight planning support for the embarked helicopter and charter aircraft within cruising area.

### Blue

Helicopter operation, procedural documentation and online support.



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## Training Solutions

Training for both the aircrew and the deck crew is essential in this challenging environment. All of the best hardware in the world is of no use without the knowledge of how to use it. To complement a Helideck Operations Manual that will be written for your yacht, HeliRiviera sends a team onboard to conduct helideck crew training during a convenient period for the vessel, traditionally prior to an owner visit at the beginning of a cruising season.. Practice does indeed make perfect, and so as well as annual visits, usually combined with an audit to check the facilities and procedures remain current, the HeliRiviera Training team will also help the yacht crew to create their own ongoing training packages.

They also works with external fire fighting organizations to deliver live Helicopter Fire training. This is an important addition to the practical element of training, as while many yacht crewmembers will already be Advanced Fire Fighting qualified, this does not prepare you wholly for the aviation environment; the differing materials of construction, volatility of fuels and need to focus on the snatch rescue techniques essential for saving life.

## Charter Solutions

To complete our aviation support services, HeliRiviera charters both private jets and helicopters for their clients, wherever they may be in the world. Their experienced charter team has developed over the years a valuable global network of preferred service providers, operating every type of aircraft from small twin turbo propeller aeroplanes to the largest private jets and helicopters. Their team will co-ordinate all the aircraft and land transport, linking them seamlessly from departure to arrival, between your home, the yacht, an airport, a fantastic restaurant or even your favourite golf course.

HeliRiviera works in harmony with their partner Luviair, a specialist Helicopter and Aircrew Management Company

dedicated to operating privately owned aircraft within a global structure. Luviair offers a unique financially strategic structure in which yacht embarked helicopters can be efficiently managed. Flying as part of Luviair, helicopter aircrew gain the additional benefit of becoming part of a larger organisation with colleagues on different yachts all over the world, and yet remain within a private individual's smaller fleet.

Regardless of your helicopter type and place of registration, or the yacht it is operating with, Luviair offers a comprehensive manning and operating solution with the highest standards of safety and is sensitive to your needs.

## The Complete Solutions

The Heliyacht Industry has woken up to the fact that it is growing at an impressive rate, and has entered the necessary but challenging period of developing regulations. Heliyacht projects and operations now need accurate, timely advice and support to meet the new requirements, which can only be given by professionals such as HeliRiviera. As a company, HeliRiviera, in partnership with Luviair, continues to evolve in order to meet the needs of Heliyacht Owners, Managers, Designers and Shipyards, and provides that vital link between the yacht and the helicopter.

To discover how HeliRiviera can help with your individual circumstance, please contact one of their offices directly.

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