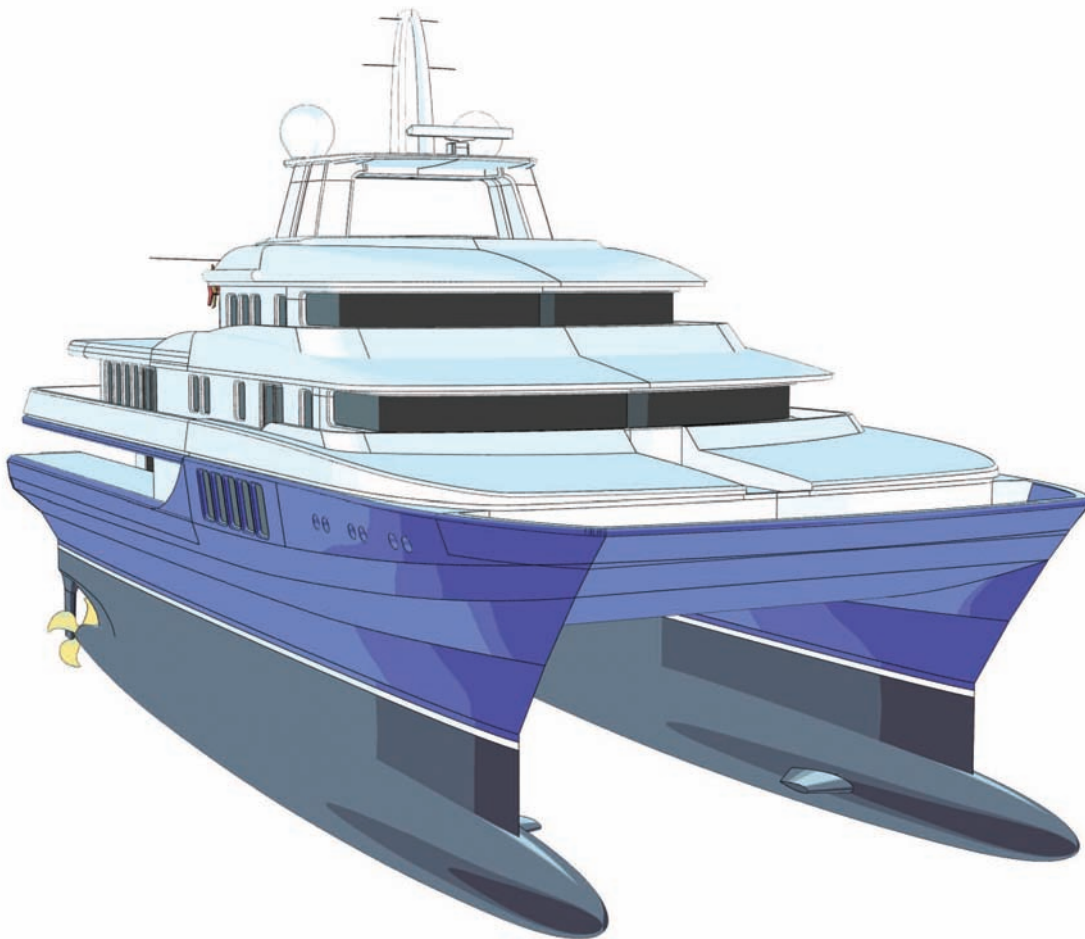


BMT Nigel Gee in the vanguard of innovation



Founded in 1986, Nigel Gee & Associates began life as a small naval architecture practice based in Southampton. From there our company has developed into a leading independent naval architecture and marine engineering design group.

With a small portfolio of initial designs the company grew rapidly and quickly established a reputation for excellence in the design of high speed craft in the ferry, defence and yacht markets, demonstrating both considerable innovation and the ability to meet demanding vessel specifications. Today, the company employs around 50 naval architects, structural and marine engineers with the design and engineering of large yachts dominating around two thirds of our workload.

The theme of innovation has run through the 23 years the company has been in business and testament to this are the numerous commissions for specialist vessels it has been involved in. Examples such as its patented Pentamaran design, SWATH yachts and ferries, high speed trans-oceanic freight vessels right through to luxury lifeboat tenders and even the design of an Antarctic research station.

In 2003 the company joined the BMT Group, a leading international multi-disciplinary engineering, science and technology consultancy with 30 subsidiaries spanning the globe, and is now known as BMT Nigel Gee Ltd.

James Roy, Yacht Design Manager at BMT Nigel Gee Ltd says: "Becoming part of BMT has allowed the company to expand further providing solid financial stability and access to an unparalleled scope of services throughout BMT's network of subsidiary companies.

"Being part of a large group has not, however, meant that we have lost our autonomy or independence. The company is still run by a founding partner and retains a long term core of experienced individuals who are committed to the company's desire to deliver high quality design work with a practical, pragmatic emphasis and attention to detail.

"As yachts are increasing in size and complexity, developing new and innovative designs, and BMT Nigel Gee is in the vanguard in this field, we work closely with Lloyd's Register to ensure that both new-building projects and yachts in operation reach and maintain the required balance between safety, compliance and aesthetics.

"Our relationship with Lloyds Register is fundamental to undertaking projects of this type as we are often faced with designs which do not fit within existing rules, and push the boundaries of established practice.

One of the key benefits of working with Lloyds Register is that they do not try and push our designs into rule frameworks that are unsuitable, they are open to a first principals engineering approach giving us the freedom to explore a wider range of design solutions."

The company's first large yacht project came right at the birth of the modern super-yacht market in the early 1990's, with the commission of a 40 knot 38m yacht. From there our current portfolio has flourished and today we are working on the design and engineering of yachts in all segments of the industry from small production motor yachts to large sailing catamarans and, most predominantly, super-yachts with current projects including designs in excess of 100m in length.

Not only has our portfolio expanded but also our range of services which now includes detailed production engineering where we have gained a reputation for delivering production friendly designs with a high level of attention to detail.



The ability to deliver projects where we undertake the concept, class and detailed production design gives us total control of the yachts engineering and offers the customer a clear and single source of engineering responsibility.

Richard Goodwin, Manager of Lloyd's Register's Passenger Ship Support Centre in London says: "Yachts are increasing in size and complexity, and builders are developing new and innovative designs. BMT Nigel Gee is in the vanguard in this field, as demonstrated by their latest projects. We have been working closely to ensure that both BMT Nigel Gee's new-building projects and yachts in operation, reach and maintain the required balance between safety, compliance and aesthetics.

"With both organisations possessing a strong background and knowledge in naval architecture, concept and preliminary design, product engineering, consultancy service and surveying, we continuously exchange ideas, feedback, and discuss technical matters. That way Lloyd's Register and BMT Nigel Gee can ensure our clients are in a position to deal with any issues, sometimes even before they arise."



James Roy graduated from Southampton Institute in 1996 with a first class honours degree in Yacht and Powercraft Design and joined Nigel Gee and Associates in the same year. Having worked on the development of a wide range of vessel types he is currently Yacht Design Manager at BMT Nigel Gee Ltd with responsibility for development of the company's yacht design and consultancy activities, including management of conceptual and preliminary design work.

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