

Of course, a superyacht is the ultimate luxury accessory. But as all yacht lovers soon discover, it's an accessory that supports a whole host of lifestyle accessories of its own. We're not talking electronic sailing aids here (sexy as many of those are), but a personal wish list of techie gadgetry and life enhancing, wow factoring, fun-filled extras that are perfect to take cruising or keep aboard your superyacht. By **Jonathan Margolis**, resident technology guru for the Financial Times' 'How to Spend It' and Technopolis TV.



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C-EXPLORER 5 SUBMARINE

It's a bit James Bond, true, but it's hard to envisage any superyacht owner not going overboard for a personal submarine. This model, the C-Explorer 5, will take up to five people down to 300 metres, where it will cruise at 3 knots. Aircon, sideband communications and echosounder come as standard.
www.ubotworx.com

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TORNADO NIGHT VISION GOGGLES, GENERATION 2+

If you (or your crew) want to have 24 hour sight of anything and anyone around your yacht, this 2nd generation model Tornado technology will deliver. These biocular night vision goggles (which means they have two eyepieces, one lens) offer the highest level of security you could want, and they are a really cool way to watch marine wildlife at dusk or even in the dark. Battery-powered, they offer 3 or 5 times magnification and an infrared beam for discreet vision in total darkness.
www.spycatcheronline.co.uk

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ITWIN COMPUTER MIRRORING DEVICE

Ever wish there was a simple way to access your home or office desktop securely from anywhere in the world, using any computer, PC or Mac? There is, and this blissfully simple and cool little gadget is it. The iTwin looks like an odd sort of split USB stick. Plug one half into your desktop and keep the other with you on board to slot into any internet connected computer.
www.itwin.com

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I'M WATCH WRISTWATCH SMARTPHONE

Here, new from Italy, is surely the ultimate show-off piece of wearable technology - a Dick Tracy-style wristwatch smartphone. The I'm Watch doesn't only look ridiculously cool, but works, too. It connects via Bluetooth to your real phone cunningly concealed in your pocket or bag a few metres away, and mirrors most of its functions, so you can just chat away to your wrist, read emails and generally feel as if you are in an episode of Star Trek.
www.imwatch.it

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IZON WIFI VIDEO MONITOR

Want to keep a lazy yet stylish eye and ear on what's going on at home, in the office, or anywhere else in the world? The IZON wireless video monitor sends a constant stream of video and sound to your iPhone or iPad. You can run dozens of them simultaneously from one premises - and set them up to alert you when any one of them detects sound or movement. Great for keeping one eye on the kids on the lower deck, while you sip cocktails under the stars.
www.steminnovation.com



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HOVERWING 19XRW FLYING HOVERCRAFT

Is it a boat? Is it a plane? Well it's kind of both. And neither. The Hoverwing 19XRW Flying Hovercraft cruises along in the water under the power of its turbo-charged two-cylinder engine. Then, if the sea gets a bit choppy, or there's terrain to cross, the four-person craft flies, up to six feet from the ground - or water - yet still requires only a boat licence in most countries.

www.hovercraft.com

LEICA X2, ULTIMATE TRAVEL CAMERA

Why rely on your phone camera when you can tout around a work of photographic art like this compact beauty, made in Germany by the world's coolest camera brand? The Leica X2 is a near clone of Leica's Model 1 from 1925 - except it's now digital, of course, and takes point-and-shoot photos of pretty much the highest professional standard attainable. The Paul Smith limited edition livery is spot on, or personalise your own with the Leica X à la carte concept...

www.leica-camera.com

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ZAGGKEYS PROPLUS IPAD CASE WITH BACKLIT KEYBOARD

This is a genius accessory for your iPad. If you want to write lengthy emails, let alone your first novel, you'll know that the on-screen keyboard isn't for everyone. This protective case and built in Bluetooth keyboard, the ZAGG PROplus, is the very best you'll find for the iPad. The keyboard even lights up in the dark, a first for such gadgets. Check out ZAGGfolio customisable iPad cases too...

www.zagg.com

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MUTEWATCH DIGITAL WATCH

Another Bond-ish piece of retro but modern time-keeping technology, the Mutewatch comes from Sweden. Just touch the screen - or flick your wrist - to see the time, plus there's a discreet vibrating alarm guaranteed to impress gadget-loving shipmates. The Mutewatch charges via the USB port on your computer. So cool, Karl Lagerfeld reportedly bought three.

www.mutewatch.com

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GENEVA XS TRAVEL ALARM CLOCK/ WIRELESS HiFi

Trust the Swiss to make the best-looking and most retro travel alarm clock to sit stylishly by the bedside in your suite, radiating out the time in big, red digits. Except the Geneva XS is a little more than an alarm. It's also a mini sound system, which will pick up your music by Bluetooth from your PC, phone or tablet and turn it into extraordinarily fine, cabin or saloon-filling stereo HiFi.

www.genevalab.ch