

300T ORIGINS PAYS HOMAGE TO MB92 LA CIOTAT HISTORY

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Starting back in 1998, the site that now houses MB92 La Ciotat focused on modest-size megayachts, up to about 300 gross tons. As a nod to that history, an area of the refit yard now bears the name 300t Origins. As the name suggests, the space is dedicated to servicing motor- and sailing yachts within that volume limit.

With a mobile hoist, plus several on-land and in-water amenities, the 300t Origins section is able to work on more than a dozen megayachts simultaneously. To put the volume another way, the yachts fall between 98 and 164 feet (30 to 50 meters). Specifically, 300t Origins has 14 on-the-hard spaces, four of which further have keel pits. A paint shed is on site, too. For in-water tasks, there's 984 feet (300 meters) of quay space. Of course, a crew area and a gym, along with high-speed internet and office rentals, are available as well.



Ben Mennen, MB92 La Ciotat's president, says it was only logical to dedicate a special area. "The 30- to 50-meter segment is our historic area of expertise and requires a different approach," he explains. He adds that customers will receive "a 'boutique' experience" to maintain and refit their yachts."

Leading the 300t Origins team is Philippe Escousse (above). He has been part of the MB92 La Ciotat team for some time, as a project manager. "Many of us have worked on yachts or ships, some as captains, others as engineers or crew," he says. "We have a unique understanding of our client's needs, what they want, and just as important, what they don't want."

In related news, MB92 La Ciotat plans to expand its overall refit and maintenance abilities in 2022 with a 4,300-ton lift. Additionally, it will have six spaces for megayachts up to 344 feet (105 meters).

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