



# GOLD STAR BUNKERING

Rubis continues to lead on product quality and service standard by now offering HVO renewable diesel

Rubis is a French-based energy company which distributes fuel to superyachts in Europe, the Caribbean-Americas, as well as Africa, and is committed to supporting the climate change transition from the most polluting fossil fuels to higher refined conventional, renewable and hydrogen based, fuel products. This policy complements in close alignment, that of the superyacht industry which for the past 20 years has recognised the performance benefits of cleaner fuels but more recently has promoted the advancement of alternative, more environmentally conscious, power and fuel solutions. Rubis being one of the largest physical suppliers of fuel to the superyacht sector ensures the highest

standards across its Atlantic network and is highly respected by reputable fuel brokers. Therefore Rubis is well placed to promote the transition to cleaner marine fuels.

The northern European hub for Rubis Superyacht Bunkering operations are the Channel Islands of Guernsey and Jersey located in the western approaches to the English Channel, adjacent to Cherbourg. The islands are a strategic bunker stop choice of vessels leaving the Dutch and German shipyards before making the crossing of Biscay and heading south and into the Mediterranean or crossing over to the Caribbean. The importance of assurance on fuel quality becomes even more crucial

on these longer distance transits when weather windows, schedules, port calls and provisions have been planned accordingly. Any disruption to these plans due to poor quality or off spec fuel would likely lead to major cost liabilities on resolving the contamination, re-scheduling port calls and managing owner or charter commitments. Rubis Channel Islands therefore supplies highest grade premium diesel ULSD/AGO to EN 590, sulphur <10ppm (0.001%) and flashpoint >60°C, which is also certified FAME free (ISO de-minimis), with MARPOL documentation and samples. This along with the islands being a low duty zero VAT jurisdiction offering some of the lowest fuel and lubricant prices across Europe, is why Rubis Channel Islands is the go to fuel stop for the majority of vessels heading south on a long haul transit.

For superyachts looking to reduce their carbon footprint Rubis Channel Islands now also offers renewable diesel HVO to EN

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15940. Rubis supplies HVO in the Channel Islands at rates which are similar to those of fossil diesel in Europe, therefore superyachts can choose this as a cost neutral way to offset their carbon emissions.

This HVO is an advanced 2nd generation hydro-processed bio-fuel which is FAME free, outperforms other bio diesels and fossil diesels, will produce up to net 90% less CO2 over its lifecycle and is fully compatible with EN 590 fuel. As a major development in this direction Rolls Royce MTU have now released EN 15940 renewable diesel for use in their very popular series 4000 GenDrive engines. This is expected to be extended across much of the MTU engine range in the 2021 update of their Fluids & Lubricants Manual. With the rapid increase in demand for renewable diesel in the superyacht sector, Rubis is extending the availability of this grade across their network of bunkering locations covering Bermuda, the Caribbean and South America.

## AMERICAS

On the Americas side Rubis offer their superior brand quality and service assurance in superyacht bunkering, across their Atlantic network of locations including Bermuda and 16 other countries of the Caribbean. Bermuda is a transit point for vessels from the US and for many a last stop before making the crossing east to Europe. In the Caribbean, from the Bahamas, Cayman, Jamaica and Turks & Caicos in the west, French Antilles and Antigua in the east, down through St Lucia, Barbados and the Grenadines to Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana on mainland South America, Rubis has the region comprehensively covered.

With such scenic destinations, many of which include marine conservation areas and UNESCO World Heritage Sites, along with performance and reliability issues associated with fuel quality, it is now also an important responsibility of owners and captains to consider the environmental effects their fuel quality has on the ecology around them.

## ENVIRONMENT

Environmental impact of vessel operation is a key factor in sustainability but with the climate change crisis now at a critical level, fuel quality advances and emissions reductions should be a target for all vessels. This will be a credit to the vessel and company whether they are embarked on exploration, eco-charter or pleasure cruising.

Pre-planning fuel stops to suit selected routes and fuel specifications for a superyacht captain reduces the unknown element and unforeseen circumstances. A network of locations from the same supplier with premium quality of service and product assurance, means standards of bunkering procedures are one less thing to be concerned with. Rubis know fuel and together with port agent partners understand superyacht requirements for the smooth planning, booking and completion of bunker port calls. The Rubis network provides start to finish expertise and superior customer service.

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