

Yacht Hampton

Joe Ialacci

Founder, Yacht Hampton

Joe Ialacci is the founder of Yacht Hampton, a modern class of yacht club setting a new paradigm with a first-of-its-kind Fleet Share™ model, built from his vision for access, ease, and elevated service typically reserved for yacht ownership. Under his leadership, Yacht Hampton has grown to more than twenty-five globally-sourced, premium vessels ranging from sixteen feet to sixty-two feet, serving clients in the Hamptons and Palm Beach County. His novel approach centers on crafting an offering that cannot easily be replicated; one that elevates the traditional boating experience.

Ialacci brings more than two decades of experience building and scaling businesses to Yacht Hampton. He founded Optisource International in 1995 and led it from a six-product startup in a basement to an industry-leading supplier of more than 15,000 ophthalmic products serving over 40,000 eyecare professionals worldwide. During his tenure, he invented the world's first clear ultraviolet protection for eyeglass lenses, executed strategic acquisitions, and positioned the company for sale to the world's largest manufacturer of ophthalmic lenses, frames, and retailers where he remained to oversee growth and integration.

Raised on Long Island, Ialacci is a lifelong boating enthusiast who first fell in love with the water at age eleven. He recognized a gap in the luxury charter and yacht club market for consistently managed, high-quality experiences. He founded Yacht Hampton in 2013, initially with a single vessel, and quickly grew his fleet to meet the high demand.

Today, Ialacci guides Yacht Hampton's strategic direction, focusing on operational excellence, elevated service standards, safety, and expanding the brand's presence through the continued evolution of his Fleet Share™ model. Building on this vision, he purchased and renovated a private marina in Sag Harbor in 2023, now called Yacht Hampton Boating Club & Marina, establishing it as the headquarters for his fleet with exclusive access for members.