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USA. Larry Ellison's megayacht Ronin lifted out by America's newest and largest travel lift



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The owners of the world's largest and most expensive yachts have limited options in the United States when one of their "toys" needs some work. Because most U.S. facilities have insufficient lifting capabilities to haul these enormous vessels out of the water, superyacht owners have no choice but to take their boats – and their money – to shipyards in Europe, Asia or Australia, until now.

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The Marine Group reports that the number of projects at its facility has not increased dramatically since the completion of the new facility, but the value of those projects certainly has – in fact, several times over. *Ronin* is just one of the large boats that have arrived at The Marine Group. *HMS Surprise*, a magnificent replica of an 18th century Royal Navy frigate best known for her starring role in the 2003 film *Master & Commander: The Far Side of the World*, also arrived this week. Another major project currently underway is the *Leightstar*, the 163-foot yacht owned by ear plug inventor/entrepreneur Howard S. Leight.

The Marine Group Story

Since the early-1980s, the yard, formerly known as South Bay Boat Yard, has made its home on one million square feet of land and water, quietly becoming San Diego's largest boatyard. In 2006, South Bay Boat Yard announced plans to re-invent itself in many ways – including developing an entirely new state-of-the-art facility, drastically enhancing its equipment capacity, and changing its name to reflect its new image.

In October 2006, The Marine Group announced the addition of a key member to its management team, former captain and project manager for the acclaimed *Atessa*, Fred Larsson, as director of superyacht operations. Larsson's international reputation and critical superyacht experience played a key role in attracting the *Ronin* to town. She is the largest privately owned yacht ever to be lifted by a Travel Lift.

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