

## Germany seizes another superyacht

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Authorities in Germany have seized superyacht **Dilbar** (IMO 9661792), the world's largest yacht by gross tonnage, after determining that it was owned by Gulbakhor Ismailova, sister of Russian oligarch Alisher Usmanov. Dilbar was the first name of their mother.

Usmanov and his immediate family have been sanctioned by the US and the EU. The vessel was in a shipyard in Hamburg when it was detained, initially temporarily, by German officials in early March. On Thursday April 14th Germany's federal police (BKA) announced that extensive investigations, despite facing attempts at offshore concealment, had revealed that Ms Ismailova was the beneficial owner of the vessel.

Dilbar is the largest personal yacht in the world by volume, measuring in at nearly 16,000 GT and 512ft in length (the sixth-longest vessel of its type).

The Dilbar can accommodate up to 24 guests in a 40,000 sq/ft interior. Its builder, said that the vessel had 25-metre-long pool, the largest ever installed on a yacht. Usmanov is the owner of Russian metals conglomerate Metalloinvest, media company Kommersant and mobile-phone provider Megafon. Through Metalloinvest he is one of the largest shareholders in Deep Sea Minerals Finance, the successor company of deep-sea mining firm Nautilus Minerals.

No AIS since December last year. It had arrived in Hamburg, from Monaco, in October 2021.

2016-built, Cayman Islands-flagged, 15,917 gt Dilbar is owned by Navis Marine Ltd care of Lurssen Yacht Management GmbH of Bremen, Germany.