

Naval Architect – Project Lead

Van Oossanen Naval Architects

Shape the next generation of high-performance ships

At Van Oossanen Naval Architects, we design high-end ships and yachts that redefine performance, efficiency, and sustainability. Hydrodynamics drives everything we do.

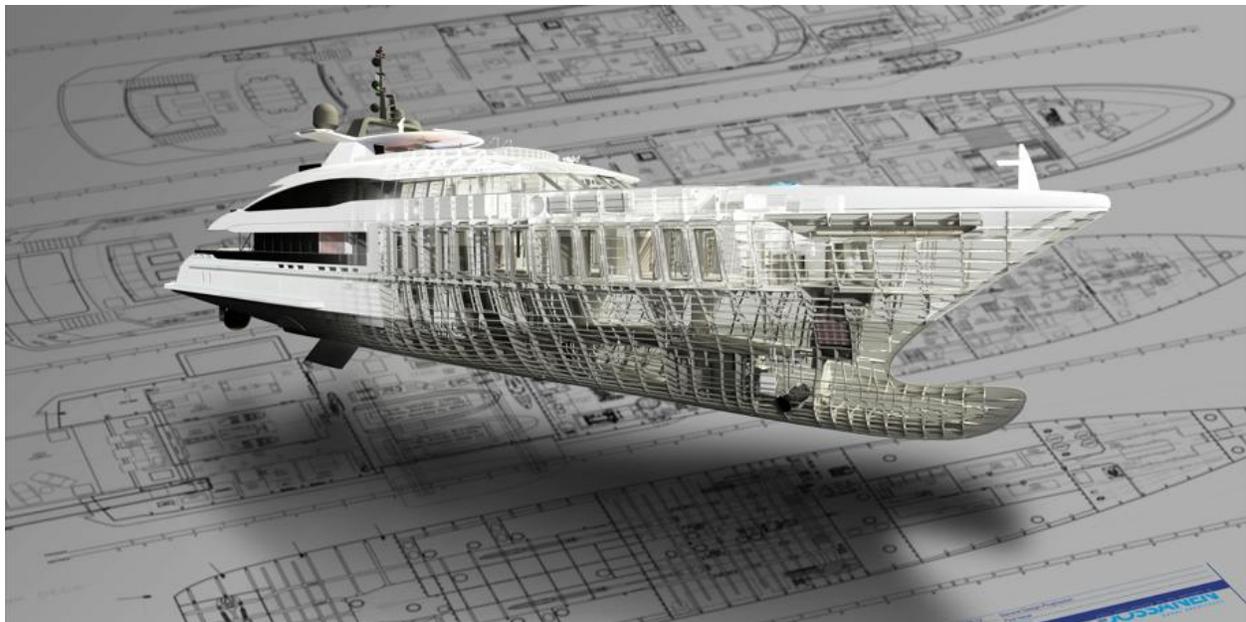
As a **Naval Architect – Project Lead**, you take ownership of complex design and engineering projects from concept through delivery. You combine technical authority with structured project leadership, ensuring that innovative ideas translate into buildable, high-performance vessels, on time and within budget.

You are both a technical expert and a strategic coordinator. You guide teams, align stakeholders, and remain closely involved in naval architecture and R&D throughout the project lifecycle.

What you will do

- Lead multidisciplinary design and engineering projects from concept to delivery
- Act as primary technical authority and key contact for clients and partners
- Safeguard scope, planning, budget, and technical quality
- Coordinate naval architects, hydrodynamicists, and marine engineers
- Stay hands-on in performance optimisation, hydrodynamic development, and innovation
- Mentor junior and mid-level engineers
- Report to the Project Office and work directly with management

You combine deep technical expertise with the ability to steer projects strategically and decisively.



Why Van Oossanen?

We are not a traditional design office. We are a performance-driven engineering firm with over 40 years of expertise in naval architecture, maritime engineering, and fluid dynamics.

- 20% of our time dedicated to in-house research & development
- Strong focus on hydrodynamics, efficiency and measurable performance gains
- Integrated design approach: hull, appendages, structure and systems as one
- International, multidisciplinary team of specialists
- Short decision lines and high technical autonomy

Here, innovation and sustainability is not a slogan, it is embedded in how we work. Curiosity is expected. Challenging assumptions is part of the job.

Who you are

- Bachelor's or Master's degree in Maritime Technology or a closely related field
- 5–10+ years of experience in naval architecture
- Proven experience leading complex, multidisciplinary projects
- Strong technical foundation in hydrodynamics and ship design
- Proficient in AutoCAD, Rhino, Maxsurf or comparable tools
- Structured, communicative and decisive
- Fluent in English (spoken and written)
- Based in the Netherlands or willing to relocate

You take ownership. You think analytically. You lead with clarity.

What we offer

- Competitive salary aligned with seniority and experience
- Flexible working hours (32–40 hours per week)
- Hybrid working model (up to 40% remote)
- High-impact international projects
- 20% R&D exposure and strong technical development opportunities
- Modern, comfortable, and open office environment in Wageningen
- A professional, collaborative and intellectually ambitious team

If you are driven by performance, innovation, and technical excellence and you want real influence on the vessels you design, we would like to meet you.

Ready to take the lead?

Send your **CV and motivation letter** to info@oossanen.nl or call **+31 (0)317 451 573**

Recruitment agencies are kindly requested not to respond.