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THOMAS MERCER CLASSIS
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Even the seasoned yachting press were rendered speechless when this timepiece, designed in a very British collaboration between Andrew Winch and marine chronometer specialist Thomas Mercer, was revealed from beneath a Union Jack at the 2012 Monaco Yacht Show. The Classis is a winch-shaped design with a body of makassar ebony crafted by Linley.

The gimballed face is an escapement of astounding intricacy. Around the base are 12 detailed etchings in gold-plated steel of great discovery ships from history, detailing the dates of their voyages.

"This is a trophy to time, something we all need more of," says Andrew Winch. "It is a work of art and I am proud to be involved with it." The piece features Thomas Mercer's new calibre, the TM0801, a Spring Détente Escapement formed of a helical spring and an ovalising balance. "The mechanism revives a challenging but fascinating art form, and delivers the best results," says the manufacturer. It is in a limited edition of ten.

