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# Darsea

Herald of a new series of Moonen Displacement yachts

Builder: Moonen Shipyards BV Styling: René van der Velden Yacht Design Interior Design: Art-Line Interiors Naval Architecture: Diana Yacht Design Mechanical Engineering: Moonen Shipyards BV

Starring a glorious and hopeful role as herald for a new series of displacement yachts by Moonen, 'Darsea' will introduce the steel hulled, aluminium superstructure medium sized long range cruising Moonen 97 series to the Cannes Monaco Yacht Show audience this month. Another successful series from Moonen Shipyards is dawning, as the first two yachts have been built and the third is under construction, even before the yacht show début.

he Moonen 97 is an evolutionary design, derived from two recent yachts by Moonen. The custom built Moonen 96 Clementine, launched 2005, was one of the vachts that set parameters for the new design. The shipyard's most successful model, the Moonen 84 was the other source of inspiration. The eighth yacht in this semicustom series has been launched this year. The strong attraction of the Moonen 84 has been its practical fourcabin layout. The equally strong attraction of Clementine is the considerable volume she offers on a waterline about four meters longer than that of the 84. Combining and rearranging the outstanding features of both designs, Moonen has created the new 97-foot model to satisfy a clear market need for

a medium-size, long-range cruiser between its smallest model, the Moonen 72, and its new "Queen of the Fleet," the Moonen 124.

René van der Velden sculpted the Moonen 97 to have a close family resemblance to the Moonen 84, with a harmonious - somewhat classical - profile comprising a nicely flared bow, sloped stern with twin stairways, graceful sheerline, and bold fashion plates. The greatest apparent difference in the Moonen 97 is that the raised pilothouse of the 96 has been replaced by a long open flying bridge and sundeck with whirlpool bath, resulting in a somewhat lower profile, maintaining the recognisable exterior profile that marks the Moonen Displacement Series image.

In harmony with the exterior profile,

#### **Principal Dimensions:**

Length overall:
Length waterline:
Beam moulded: 7,00 metres
Beam maximum:
Draught maximum: 2,18 metres
Displacement full load:185 metric tons

#### Performance:

### Tank capacities:

Fuel (4 tanks):	7.650 litres
Fresh water:	6.700 litres
Black water:	.700 litres
Grey water:	.800 litres
Used lub-oil:	.280 litres





Diana Yacht Design has created an underwater body that also combines classic and modern elements, applying best hydrodynamic capacities of both worlds. The round bilged hull form ensures smooth sea keeping abilities, the modern propulsion train generates power at moderate fuel consumption. Comfort aboard is further achieved by extensive sound reduction. The rattle of the propellers rotating just below the hull is minimised by creating a much bigger clearance between the screws and the bottom of the hull. This approach reduces sound at its source, making sound reduction by the use of absorbing materials much more effective. This practice of sound reduction was developed during the conception of the Moonen 84 series, it is applied again with the 97.

The first completed yacht in the Moonen 97 ft. Displacement Series, 'Darsea', was launched in June. The second, to be named 'Sofia', will be splashed by the end of September. The two sister ships look alike, but they are far from identical. Each yacht is being customized by their clients to a high level. 'Darsea' has a fixed bimini top, a single bridge-deck tender crane, a walk-through galley opening to the wheelhouse, two staterooms with double berths and two with twins. The second, Sofia, has a folding bimini top, two smaller tender cranes, an extended bridge-deck overhang, a Ushape galley, and two twin staterooms below. The saloon and dining area configurations are quite different as well.

Technology aboard is identical to the extent of main engines, generators and stabilisation systems. The twin Caterpillar engines generate 600 horse-power each, total propulsion power is rated 1200 horsepower. The four-tank fuel capacity of 27.650 liters ensures a





cruising range of 4.000 nautical miles at a cruising speed of 9 knots. In the aspect of instrumentation, the first and second vacht in the series are quite different. The captain of 'Sofia' chose total security and ordered the yard to install complete back-up systems for 75 percent of all navigation, communication and other technical systems on the yacht.

The contemporary Art-Line interior features ample use of leather, bamboo, panelling and built-in furniture of fine cherry veneers. On 'Darsea' richly classical wengé trim adds drama to the interior, while aboard 'Sofia', lighter more contemporary maple trim creates a contrasting mood. Below, the considerably greater volume has enabled Moonen to augment the four-cabin layout by enlarging the owners' and guests' suites and the crew quarters, increasing stowage for long-range cruising, and adding sufficient fuel for transatlantic capability. Layout is typical Moonen. All staterooms are on the lower deck. Owner and guest rooms are in front of the engine room and crew quarters aft. This offers the crew a comfortable living area, and provides owner and guests with four spacious cabins. A minor disadvantage caused by this lay-out is that the crew have to enter their accommodation either via a stern door on the bathing platform, or climb a ladder that leads up to a door under the stairs of the aft deck.

Both 'Darsea' and 'Sofia' are built to Lloyd's Register Class and MCA certification. The Moonen 97 Displacement is configured to be a grade 'A' steel hulled, twin screw round bilged motor yacht with aluminium superstructure, transom bathing platform, duct keel and doublebottom tanks integral with the hull.



Subcontractors and suppliers of equipment fitted on board the 'Darsea' (partial list)
Alfa Laval Benelux, Breda

Alfa Laval Benelux, Breda fuel oil separator
Angst & Pfister, Rotterdam
Artline, Amhem interior design
Awlgrip Europe, Grobbendonk (B) paint
Beekmans rvs, 's-Hertogenbosch Freeman water &
weatherthight
doors & hatches
Bloemen de Maas, Niftrik teakdecks
Blokland Non Ferro, Sliedrecht anodes
Bosch Rexroth, Rotterdam Marex OSII
electronic remote
control system
Cosalt, Rotterdam life rafts
Cramm Yachting Systems, Berlicum deck crane;
gangway;
hydraulic
installation
Econosto Nederland.
Capelle a/d IJssel valves & fittings
Esco Aandrijvingen, Alphen a/d Rijn .: Twin Disc
gearboxes; Centa
flexible couplings
Freeman Marine, Oregon (USA) pantograph doors
Heinen & Hopman, Spakenburg air conditioning &
fresh air

dromar, Milano (I)	.; watermaker
HC Lagersmit, Kinderdijk	
	seals incl. ceramic
	coated liner
	stainless steel
Jong Scheepsstoffering, De,	
Ishout/Drunen	
Klaver Yachtpainting, Vollenhove	.: painting
Kroon, Technische Groothandel,	
Hoogezand	ship's hardware;
	CF-systems
	isolamat
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,	Cata a contract
Rotterdam	
Muir Engineering, Australia Nicoverken Marine Services,	
Schiedam	
	treatment plant
Nieuwburg & Zn, L.,	
Krimpen a/d IJssel	sound & thermal insulation
Noordenne, Handelmij. B.M. van,	
Hardinxveld-Giessendam	.: steel
Observator Instruments, Ridderkerk	Hepworth window wipers
Pon Power, Papendrecht	.: Caterpillar main engines
Rafa Ship Windows and	ungnico
	windows

	René v.d. Velden, Amersfoort exterior design
ube imic	R.P.M., Bodegraven stern door & anchor hatch
	Hoefnagels, Tilburg sliding door
	Rubber Design, Heerjansdam : propeller shaft- and
	rudder shaft installation
	SIM Holland, Papendrecht ONAN generator
	sets
	Snijtechniek Brabant, Raamsdonkveer : cutting and
	forming
	superstructure
on	Spraybest Europe, Zwijnenburg : mist eliminators SPX Process Equipment NL
)II	Johnson Pump brand, Assen pumps
	Technica Nova, Breda LINN & Loewe
e	entertainment
ıt	Tijssen Elektro Zeeland, Zierikzee: electrical
	installation;
1	navigation &
	communication
	equipment
	Trinoxx, Rotterdam hatches and
OW	manholes
	Van Voorden-Promac, Zaltbommel propellers
1	VT Naiad Marine Holland, Heerlen stabilizers
	Wortelboer, Rotterdam anchors & anchor chains
	Charle

