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Cat-minded – Moonen yachts rely on Caterpillar power

Hamburg, Germany – Moonen Shipyards in the Netherlands is well known for its “pocket-size super yachts”. This September the company presented its first 94-foot aluminium model “Nilo” at the Cannes, France, and Monaco yacht shows. The 84-foot model “Etoile d’ Azur” was exhibited at the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show just recently, and the second 94-foot model “Infinity” is being exhibited at the Salon Nautico in Barcelona, Spain, this week. Powerful Cat® C-series marine engines have always been on board.

Moonen has been a loyal client of Caterpillar® marine power since 1995. Consequently, a great deal of the 70 yachts it has contracted since its establishment rely on Cat high-speed engines. For the “Nilo”, Dutch Caterpillar dealer Pon Power delivered twin Cat C32 ACERT™ engines, rated 1342 kW at 2300 rpm each. These engines actually were among the first to be commissioned with new high-performance E-rating, resulting in fabulous acceleration and a top speed in excess of 26 knots, which is 1.5 knots higher than needed or expected. The “Infinity” utilises Cat C32 engines rated 1045 kW at 2300 rpm each and has MCA (UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency) certification.

In the wake of Moonen’s debut with the 94-foot fast-range series, its hull number 191 will be a 99-foot aluminium design, again utilising the power reserve of twin Cat C32 ACERT engines. And “Etoile d’ Azur” already makes number seven in the series of 84-foot models, each of which powered by a pair of Cat C18 engines, rated 357 kW at 1800 rpm. Likewise, Moonen’s first two 97-foot models will have Cat C18 propulsion providing 448 kW at 1800 rpm.

Demonstrating customer satisfaction with Cat marine power is a statement by Emile Bilterijst, Managing Director of Moonen Shipyards. Commenting on the outstanding results of sea trials with “Nilo” in May 2007 he said: “At 10 % load and 2300 rpm Nilo flew at 26.5 knots, at 1950 rpm she glided at 19.5 knots. Equally impressive at 50 % load, Nilo hit 26 knots in 40 seconds and achieved 19 knots at 1950 rpm. With 18,300-litre fuel capacity and with the benefits of Cat C32 ACERT fuel economy, the semi-displacement Nilo actually has the range of a displacement yacht!” There is nothing we can add to that.

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