

## Moonen Shipyards to Build Second in 97 Series

Set for delivery to its new owner by mid-2008, the second Moonen 97 to be sold in 2006 will have her exterior designed by René van der Velden and her interior styling by ArtLine. As the extended version of the Moonen 96 *Clemetine*, the new Moonen will have a steel hull and an aluminum superstructure with naval architecture drawn by Diana Yacht Design, who chose a large flybridge with a whirlpool bath instead of a raised pilothouse with a sun deck. The Moonen 97 features the spacious four-stateroom layout, which was made popular by the Moonen 84. By enlarging the staterooms, increasing the crew area, adding stowage for long-distance cruising, and expanding fuel capacity for transatlantic range, Moonen has taken full advantage of her larger space. Both Moonen 97s are being built to Lloyd's and MCA certification. — DA

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## Ocean Marine Looks to Break Records

The British sailing team Ocean Marine has unveiled plans to build a new yacht that is to be the fastest charter yacht in the world. The 100ft superyacht *Leopard3* will strive to break world speed sailing records including the transatlantic record, and will also make an attempt to sail non-stop around the world in just under 80 days.

*Leopard3* will be approximately 24 feet wide, 100 feet long, and will have an 18ft 6in canting keel, a 15ft fixed bowsprit and a 154ft-high mast. Mike Sanderson, who was recently named ISAF World sailor of the year, has been appointed as a consultant for the *Leopard3* project. While it will be incorporating high performance racing features, the yacht will also have three double cabins and will be designed and styled by Ken Frievoch Design. It is also

noted that the interior will be removable for racing purposes.

Currently, the yacht is under construction at John McConaghy's Yard in Sydney and will be shipped to the United Kingdom in April 2007. Following her launch in June 2007, she will begin her day charter role in the Solent, before preparing to endorse herself at the maxi race circuit which include stops at the Fastnet Race, the Sardinia Maxi series, the Sydney-Hobart, the 2008 Caribbean Heineken series in St. Martin, Antigua race week, and the Newport-Bermuda race. — JW

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## Northern Marine Rolls Out New 151ft Tri-Deck

Northern Marine is due to roll out their first 151ft tri-deck, *After Eight* in February and has another also in the works. Following on the heels of successful Northern Marine launches such as the 130ft *Magic* and the 152ft *Lia Fail* (featured in BI USA Nov/Dec 2005), some of the unique features on board the JQB-designed *After Eight* will include an elevator that accesses all levels of the fully-infused hull and superstructure, wheelchair accessibility, and a sun deck fully equipped with a gas grill, full wet bar, and hot tub. The yacht is expected to reach a maximum speed of 22 knots and a cruising speed of 20 knots. There are also five guest staterooms and six separate crew quarters that will be able to accommodate a total of 12 crew members. Having been in the yacht

industry for over 11 years, Northern Marine has launched 25 boats to date. The yard is known for being a leader for the application of advanced resin infusion processes, enabling them to build stronger megayachts to make frequent ocean passages safer. — JW

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