PROJECT 60

SUPER YACHT CONVERSION OPPORTUNITY

(foto 1974)

Former Hr Ms “Blommendal”
Introduction

A worldwide market exists for super yachts of above 50 metres in length. Yachts of this size can only be custom built at a cost of around 1m Euros per metre/lengt, with often a waiting list of several years. Consequently a trend has developed for the conversion of former marine commercial vessels into super yachts.

A unique opportunity exists for private owners or investors to own or to participate in one of these conversion projects known for the time being as Project 60.

The target vessel is a former maritime research vessel commissioned in 1972 by the Dutch Government. The vessel was built in Holland to the highest possible standards. The hull and superstructure are currently still in good condition.

The conversion process would involve the appointment of an established naval architect to re-style the vessel as a modern, fully equipped super yacht or expedition vessel. A full engineering conversion would then be carried out to the naval architect’s specification, to the highest quality standards in a recognised shipyard.
Technical information:

Name:   (former) Hr. Ms. Blommendal
Type of vessel:   Motor ship

L.o.a.:   193.58 ft / 59,00 m
Beam:   37,07’ / 11.30 m
Draft:   11.48’ / 3.50 m

Built:   1972
For:    Royal Dutch navy, hydrographic research vessel
Builder:  Boele’s Scheepswerven & Machinefabriek b.v.
Identification nr: 15816BA2004
Displacement:  1050 tons
Engines:  3x 700HP Diesel/electric    (dismantled)
Speed:  13 knots cruising
Range:  3500 nm approx.
Fuel:   69,180 lt / 18,277 US Gallons
Water:   75,940 lt / 20,063 US Gallons
Crew:   45

Material:  Steel, welded. (cortén)
Registration nr:   (before) A905 (marine vessel)
Home port:  Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
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Previous conversions of sister ships with similar hulls:

Hr. Ms. Blommendal      m/y Akula

**Akula** (ex Elanymor, Formalhout) was built by Holland’s Amels yard in 1974 as a North Sea pilot vessel and was sold in 1999 when she underwent a major conversion to an expedition yacht. Sold to her current owner in 2008, she has now been transformed into a luxury superyacht. Akula is Russian for ‘shark’.  
Builder: Amels Holland

Hr. Ms. Blommendal (current state)   m/y Altair

**Altair** was built by Amels in 1974 as a pilot vessel for the Dutch Navy. In 1996 she was converted into a luxury expedition yacht at Australia’s Oceanfast yard and refitted again in 2003. Accommodating 12 guests, her three Paxman diesel engines give her a range of 10,000 nautical miles at 12 knots.  
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Conversions of sister ships with similar hulls:

**Hr. Ms. Blommendal  (current state)  m/y Intuition II**

*Intuition II* is one of a series of Amels-built pilot vessels originally for the Dutch Navy and subsequently converted into strong, sturdy expedition yachts. Formerly called Spica, she was rebuilt in 1999 at the UK's Vosper Thornycroft yard. Accommodating 14 guests, this luxury superyacht has three 650hp Deutz engines powering her to a cruising speed of 10.5 knots. Builder: Amels Holland
Naval Architecture: Royal Dutch Navy

**Hr. Ms. Blommendal  (current state)  m/y Wega**

*Wega* was originally built in 1968 for the Dutch Navy to serve as a pilot vessel in the North Sea. Designed for extremely hazardous conditions, her construction follows NATO military standards. She was converted into an explorer yacht in 2005, when all her machinery and equipment was upgraded as part of a complete refit. She carries a turbine helicopter, two rigid inflatable tenders equipped with diesel engines, and a whole host of safety equipment. Builder: Vuyk, The Netherlands
Naval Architecture & Exterior Styling: Royal Dutch Navy
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Conversions of sister ships with similar hulls:

Hr. Ms. Blommendal (current state)  m/y Capella C

*Capella C* built in 1968 as a pilot vessel for the Dutch Navy to guide merchant ships into the country's ports she was converted into a yacht in 1985. It is understood that she is Australian-owned.
Builder: Scheepsbouwwerf Bolnes
Naval Architect / Exterior Stylist: Royal Dutch Navy
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The Transformation of the HR MS Blommendal into a Superyacht:

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Note : Owners are keen to sell.

Homeport : Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Asking price : On request.

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