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## Royal Huisman's *Ethereal* sets sail

Surely one of Royal Huisman's most ambitious technological projects to date for its ground-breaking energy saving systems, the Ron Holland-designed 58-metre sailing ketch *Ethereal* has been declared a success by the yard and is now embarking on a series of voyages with its owners and their family.

Following sea trials out of Harlingen, a deepwater seaport in close proximity to the yard's location in Vollenhove, The Netherlands, late last year, *Ethereal* has now set sail for the Canaries and the Caribbean where owners Bill and Shannon Joy will share some time aboard with family and friends.

With so many technological innovations developed over the build process specifically to meet *Ethereal's* needs, *Ethereal* has been aptly described as a "floating lab" in which unique systems have been piloted and refined over the build process.

The project objectives called for a yacht delivering

sustainability of operations, energy efficiency, flexible energy management, reduced cost of operation and a lower carbon footprint.

The yacht can operate entirely on her 400kWh lithium-ion phosphate batteries and thanks to energy-saving measures such as LED lighting throughout, insulation and weight savings she requires only 90kW generators rather than the 140kW typical of yachts this size.

With her hybrid energy propulsion system, *Ethereal* is said to be virtually silent while under power.

The interior and exterior styling was completed by Pieter Beeldsnijder, who worked to a brief for "the perfect mobile gathering place for family and friends" – a movable island getaway.

Clutter has been minimised and the yacht has been designed to offer both relaxed entertaining spaces and intimate areas for when seclusion and privacy are preferred.

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Descending from the teak trimmed pilothouse one enters a light and airy upper saloon with panoramic views.

Aft of the lower saloon are the office, complete with video-conferencing facilities, two large guest cabins and a third utility cabin. A full-beam owner's suite is aft complete with a large cedar-lined sauna in the bathroom, and with direct access to the aft cockpit and swim platform.

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