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Ethereal, possibly the most talked about yacht to be launched for many years and one of the first yachts to be built with its carbon footprint uppermost in everybody's mind set sail during March 2009 for a short shake down cruise, a great success and a testimony to the effort that had gone into her creation. The new systems on this powerful ketch worked as expected and she handled perfectly, even though at times far too quietly for her Captain who found a lack of noise from the propulsion systems when leaving port a little disconcerting. Ethereal's unique hybrid propulsion drive runs on 400 kWh of stored energy stored in her advanced lithium ion battery bank, enabling her to operate in 'stealth mode' whenever required.

Her owners, Bill & Shannon Joy, who's obsession with reducing the use of energy onboard was paramount to the yacht's conception, its builder, Huisman, who accepted the challenges that this yacht brought to their workforce, the designers, Ron Holland and Pieter Beeldsnijder and no doubt hundreds if not thousands more people from around the world should be proud of what they have

accomplished. Experts from around the world were called in to consult on this project, many non sailing, and they have created between them what surely has to be seen as a pioneering blueprint for yachts of the future, be it innovation in glass, lighting, propulsion, vibration, monitoring & control, insulation, batteries, the list is endless.

What has also been accomplished is the launch of a beautifully aesthetic yacht, more traditional than racy, the owner wanted Ethereal to have a similar pedigree to the 43.58 m Juliet, another Huisman classic and he brought in the same design team to accomplish this but Joy's new yacht ended up being 58.06 m, certainly a stretch of somebody's imagination!

The yacht is also designed with many novel features to enable guests, and crew, to take their sailing experience to a new level. Hydraulically operated crows nests on each mast, the foredeck tender well converts to a Moroccan tent, great for a little meditation, be it inside or out this vessel definitely has it all. And more! A great success.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

LENGTH OVERALL:	58.06 M
BEAM:	11.42 M
DRAFT:	4.90 M
HULL & SUPERSTRUCTURE:	ALUSTAR- ALUMINIUM
ACCOMMODATION:	8 TO 12 GUESTS IN 5 CABINS 10 CREW IN 5 CABINS
ENGINES:	2 X CATERPILLAR C18, 533 KW
SPEED:	HULL SPEED 17 KNOTS
RANGE:	5000 NM @ 11 KN
CLASSIFICATION:	MCA & LLOYDS 100A1, SSC, YACHT, MONO, G6, LMC, UMS, EP
EXTERIOR DESIGN:	RON HOLLAND DESIGN
INTERIOR DESIGN:	PIETER BEELDSNIJDER YACHT DESIGN
DELIVERY:	2009
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