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Yachting

Vertige excels at sea



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Italy's Tankoa Yachts' new S501 superyacht has performed excellently during sea trials, reaching a top speed of top speed of 16 knots.

The yacht was launched in February and was due for delivery to her owner last month.

While performances of 50-m-long *Vertige* were to be measured in calm seas and five knots of wind, actual sea trials took place with over waves of more than 1 m and a crossed choppy sea with northerly wind gusts up to 30 knots.

Edoardo Ratto, General Manager of Tankoa Yachts, commented: "The first sea trials, which lasted about eight hours, were simply incredible. Vertige reached a top speed of 16.5 knots at 60 per cent load (about 33,000 litres of fuel and more than 20,000 litres of water). S501 has a range of over 5,000 nautical miles at 12 knots, which really makes a difference when going for Atlantic crossings. There were no vibration at all and the decibel readings were inferior to contracted levels – in the owner's suite and VIP cabin, levels were below 50 decibels."

During the first trials, while performing all the maneuvers foreseen by international standards, the *Vertige's* excellent handling was confirmed: even when the stabilizers were not enabled, the yacht demonstrated excellent stability. The S501 project has clearly surpassed even the yard's most optimistic expectations.

Tankoa S501 *Vertige* therefore represents the result of the ideal alliance between a highly qualified builder and a sales and marketing organization in daily contact with owners, captains and brokers.

DESIGN

Tankoa's team worked in close collaboration with Francesco Paszkowski to design the yacht and fulfill the following goals:

- Achieve a perfectly balanced, fluid and timeless design that will not look like what is currently offered on the market.
- Offer perfect circulation flows for owners and guests, providing them with the possibility to move from deck to deck and from inside to outside without interfering with the working crew, while at the same time giving the crew total freedom of movement to carry on with their tasks.
- Provide a 499 gross ton package for the owner with amenities and equipment commonly found on much larger yachts.

S501 hull N°1 is a six-cabin yacht that includes a main deck full beam owner and VIP suite, two VIP and two guest cabins on the lower deck, gym, home cinema on the upper deck, a 7-m tender garage, two jet skis and rescue tender forward. Other amenities include floor to ceiling windows, foldout hydraulic terraces in the owner's suite and on the aft deck increasing the already considerable available space.

Maintaining permanent visual contact with the sea was one of the other tasks assigned to Francesco Paszkowski's design team. Interiors, as per client's request, were designed by Francesco Paszkowski Design Studio in cooperation with Margherita Casprini and reflect a "modern but warm" atmosphere.

The result is one of the most beautiful 50-m yachts ever build under 500 GRT. The level of detailing, both inside and outside, is in line with what everyone usually expects to find onboard much larger yachts.

Vertige is built entirely in aluminum light alloy. Construction has been carefully followed by builder and build engineer Albert McIlroy, the owner's representative.

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