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**Tankoa Yachts** have announced excellent results after the **S501 M/Y Vertige** recent sea trials. According to contract specifications, top speed was to be 16 knots at half load.

While performances of 50 meter long Vertige were to be measured in calm seas and five knots of wind, actual sea trials took place with waves of over 1 metre and a choppy sea state 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% load (about 33,000 liters of fuel and more than 20,000 liters 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 vibrations at all, and the decibel readings were below the 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.

### ABOUT S501 DESIGN

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

- \* Achieve a perfectly balanced, fluid and timeless design that will stand out from other yachts 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: main deck full beam owner and Vip suite, two Vips and two guest cabins on the lower deck, gym, home cinema on the upper deck, a 7-meter 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.

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