



The DAS Project – high speeds and built for the heat

► IF THE IDEA OF A REALLY FAST, SUPER LUXURIOUS SUPERYACHT THAT WHISKS YOU TO NEARBY ISLANDS FOR A DAY OF FUN IN THE SUN, AND BRINGS YOU BACK TO THE MARINA IN TIME FOR SUNDOWN COCKTAILS SOUNDS APPEALING, CONSIDER PROJECT DAS. The project was developed by Verhaaren Naval Architects, the same people behind the *Destriero* high-speed boat, which broke the trans-Atlantic speed record in 1992 with an average speed of 53.09 knots, as well as numerous fast-pursuit craft for Gulf Country navies. Based on its experience in the Persian Gulf, the

team has turned its attention to a luxury yacht that makes long-range day trips fun and fast.

The 37-metre DAS has been designed for water-jet engines, with a carbon-composite build that will allow a very impressive top speed of 47 knots at full load. Weight-saving was a major component in achieving the projected top speed, according to Verhaaren. In addition to the high speed design, the DAS also includes plenty of measures to deal with hot temperatures, such as a very efficient air conditioning system, which will be an added bonus for someone cruising during the hot summers of the South China Sea. The superstructure is designed as a large open area suitable for entertaining a large number of guests. Very large windows in the main area open up, allowing cooling breezes throughout and panoramic views of the sea.

There will be room for jet skis and a 12-foot RIB tender, plus an aft garage that turns into a bathing platform. The superstructure is designed as a large open area suitable for entertaining a large number of guests. ■ ■ ■

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