



## Sequel P sets sail

▶ Proteksan-Turquoise Yachts in Turkey has launched the 54.7m *Sequel P*. Her name gives some clue as to her provenance – she is the sequel to the 47.8m *Va Bene*, recently sold to Eric Clapton by her previous owners Brian and Paula Power, who commissioned *Sequel P* with exterior styling and interior design by Jonny Horsfield of London-based studio h2 Design.

The 710 gross tonne yacht features four decks and a slender beam of 9.3m. With her keel laid on 5 March 2007, she was launched on 2 May this year bang on schedule – thanks in no small part to her Proteksan-Turquoise build manager, a young woman called Özlem Yurdakul. Working in cooperation with Yurdakul were build managers Neville Harrison and Alastair Bingham from Burgess Yachts, with her relief Captain, Nick Line, representing the owner.

Her h2 Design interior was created in collaboration with the owners who are keen art deco fans, reflected in her impressive overall finish. The yacht features a full gymnasium, and further activities are offered

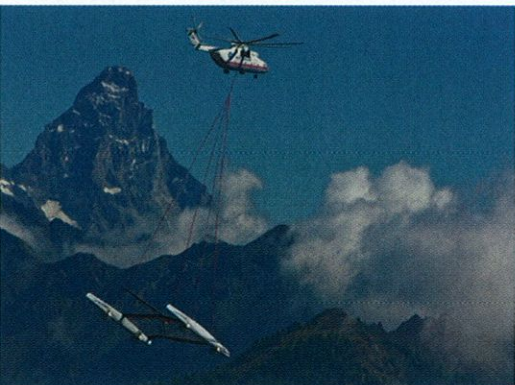


in the form of a twin 350hp outboard powered 10.8m Intrepid, two Laser dinghies, two glass-bottomed kayaks and a SeaDoo jet tender.

Her owners have ambitious plans for the yacht – after cruising the Med this summer, *Sequel P* will make her way to the Caribbean before heading out on a circumnavigation at the end of next summer. Good to know, then, that her range is 4,500 miles at a cruising speed of 12 knots, with power coming from twin Cats. Her top speed is 16.5 knots.

*Sequel P* is also available for charter, with rates starting at \$350,000 per week low season, rising to \$378,000 per week high season, subject to MYBA terms. Contact [captain@sequelp.com](mailto:captain@sequelp.com) for more information.

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## Alinghi's cat crosses the Alps

▶ Two floors up, on the terrace surrounding the splendid shipyard offices of Amico & Co, all eyes are scanning the northern sky. Presently, pointing fingers indicate an approaching speck, just visible between the derricks of the dockside cranes. Slowly, the speck becomes a helicopter, but not just any helicopter: it's the largest chopper in the world, a Russian MIL Mi 126 and, slung under it's belly, *Alinghi 5* hangs by a thread. Following recent trials on Lake Geneva, the cat was airlifted across the Alps to her final base of operations in Genoa, prior to next year's DoG match. For the forthcoming period of training and tuning, Amico & Co has provided Alinghi with a security-guarded, gated compound as well as reserved, enclosed water space. PB