

Yachting Partners International enjoyed a particularly festive Christmas by selling *Colombaio Star*; Palm Beach Yacht Brokerage sells the 58.5m *The Other Woman* for a reputed \$35 million and immediately put her up for sale, and the Edmiston and Camper & Nicholsons charter brochures are on their way to you now

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COLOMBAIO STAR

The new brochure from **Edmiston & Company** is an elegant, 90-page blue cloth-bound book that would slip nicely into the shelves beside Adlard Coles' *Heavy Weather Sailing* and *The Roux Brothers on pastries*. Nick Edmiston has assembled some heavyweight contributors to add gravitas to his millennium charter book, notably yacht designer Jon Bannenberg, the Tory Party's erstwhile Minister of Hedonism Lord McAlpine and wine guru Hugh Johnson. The multi-talented McAlpine is especially good on why being driven is better than driving your own boat and Johnson is refreshing about wine: don't even think of old clarets and burgundies at sea, he writes. In the Mediterranean, the local wine is almost everywhere the best answer. His passion is Madeira, the ultimate seafaring wine. Back in the real world, away from the enchanting cruise destinations

depicted in the Edmiston brochure such as the beaches of the Seychelles innocently scattered across thousands of miles of Indian Ocean blue and Sardinia with its rough-diamond coast, we have news of a yacht sale from **Yachting Partners International**. She's the well-known *Colombaio Star* motor sailer, for which YPI will continue to act as central agents for charter. The sale was completed over the Christmas recess and the yacht is to finish her Far East commitments before returning to the Mediterranean in March for refurbishment. She will then charter in the Med and Caribbean at \$45,000 MYBA per week. She was at the Antigua Charter Show under her new owners for the first time and will be available for charter from June. The new owners, experienced charter owners, will be bringing her up to MCA standards. YPI was assisted in the deal by Ann Casebourne of Yacht Connections. YPI is also rather proud of its new brochure for the 61.5m

(202ft) *Codecasa Esmeralda*, which looks more like a mini cruise liner. She heads the charter listings with 19 crew looking after 22 guests. A new office has been found by **DS Maritime** in Antibes, in the Old Town, between the port and the market. David Skellon is now the exclusive distributor for Ferretti in France, with several new models, including the F94, on order for stock deliveries over the next two years. Ferretti, Bertram, Pershing and CRN Ancona are represented and DS Maritime is re-establishing an international brokerage, charter, sale and operations. That means that it is no longer associated in any way with Yachtbrokers International. The DS team consists of Jean Allier, Jaap de Bruijn and Olivier Lenclen as sales and charter brokers and Priscilla Whitaker and Skellon on new boat sales. Becky Bostwick is in charge of administration. **Vripack Yacht & Ship Brokers** is a



EXCALIBUR

For a connoisseur of exemplary construction and classical interior design the 38.1m (125ft) *Excalibur* (ex-*Lady Alice*) represents one of the finest ocean-going superyachts on the market today. The fact that she was built in Holland by the Hakvoort yard is in itself an indication of the high standard of craftsmanship of her aluminium hull and superstructure, as well as the quality and installation of her machinery.

Inevitably it is the unique richness of her interior which draws particular attention. Legend has it that due to recent protection measures only 11 logs of the rare Japanese Tamo wood were available at the time of her build, and the best log was purchased for the veneered panelling throughout the yacht.

The reason why this wood was historically reserved for the exclusive use of



Japan's emperors becomes clear on entering the main saloon. This richly grained, almost translucent, honey toned wood, expertly fitted by the world renowned Dutch joiners, Struik & Hamerslag, dominates all of the guest areas making other

decoration practically redundant.

There is accommodation for a total of eight guests in four staterooms. The owner's stateroom, featuring a king-size bed and twin bathrooms that meet on either side of a large spa bath, shares the lower deck accommodation with two further guest cabins, a twin and a double, both with marble lined bathrooms. A further large double stateroom with spa bath is in the forward part of the main deck accommodation.

Besides the main and dining saloons *Excalibur* has a good balance of other public areas to suit all climates. The observation lounge on the bridge deck is ideal for informal gatherings or parties which can spill out on to the adjoining boat deck, whilst the stern deck, enclosed and air-conditioned in the American style, is a particular bonus in northern climes or in areas of high humidity.

At her 11 knot 'long-range cruise speed' she has a 2800-mile range, more than adequate for an Atlantic crossing, and fitted with Naiad stabilisers she is a comfortable sea boat. If European cruising is a requirement she is equipped with a Mediterranean-style passerelle, but would need to be converted for European shore voltage unless all electrical power were to be generated aboard.

Having spent most of her life outside her owner's mansion in Florida or on short cruises to the Bahamas, (for which her shallow draft makes her ideal) she has been spared the transatlantic rigours undergone by many yachts of this size. Indeed her main engines have only logged a total of 2500 hours running, just 500 hours per year. The interior is in almost new condition and will require little immediate work on the part of the purchaser. At an asking price of \$7,950,000 she is certainly worth inspection. □



Top: superb build quality by Hakvoort of Holland. **Middle:** opulent stateroom lined in rare Tamo wood. **Left:** her saloon is among the most superb on any superyacht

SPECIFICATION

LOA 38.1m (125ft 3in)	Water tankage 3800lt (835gals)
Beam 8.0m (26ft 6in)	Fuel tankage 33,000lt (7257gals)
Draft 1.8m (6ft)	Range 2800nm at 11kts
Displacement 200tonnes	Guests 8 in four staterooms
Construction Aluminium hull and superstructure	Crew 8 in four cabins
Propulsion 2xMTU 12V396TB83 1550hp diesel engines	Design Diana Design
Maxspeed 14.4kts	Builder Hakvoort Shipyard
Cruising speed 12.7kts	Price \$7,950,000