

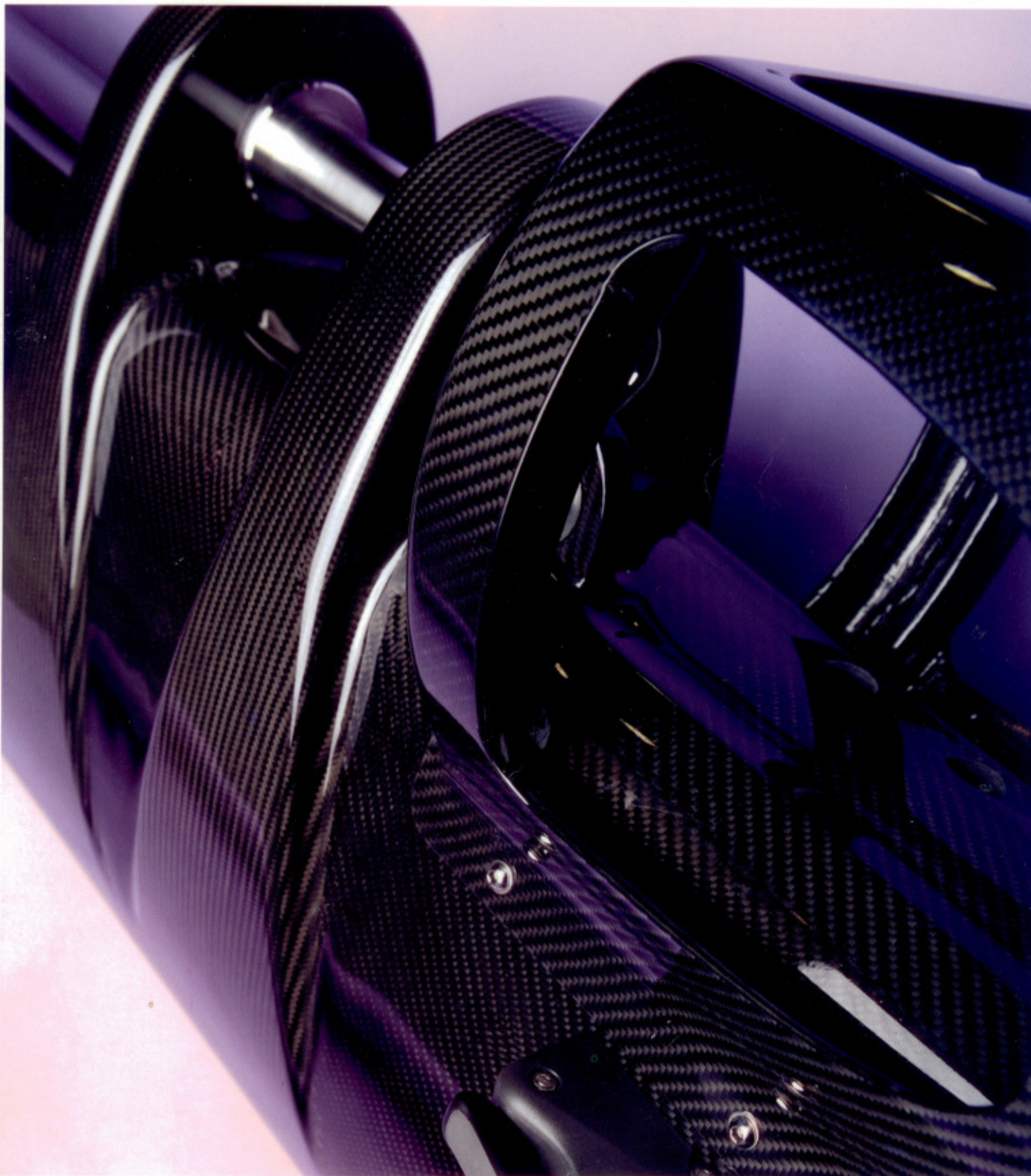
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First Launch Of 2006 For Hakvoort



A recent splashing at Hakvoort Shipyard saw the 49.99-m (164-ft) yacht *JeMaSa* touch water on 28th January this year. At her launch party 400 guests gathered in a tent built on pontoons next to Hakvoort's facilities. The owner organised the event to celebrate the launch with his family and crew, and also to thank the shipyard's employees. By volume and tonnage, *JeMaSa* is the largest yacht launched to date at the yard and will be delivered to her owner in April 2006.

She is a twin-screw ocean-going motor yacht with a steel hull and aluminium superstructure, equipped with facilities that allow her decks to be enjoyed all year round. This philosophy is evident in many areas of the yacht; in warm weather the aft deck, for example, will be the ideal place to relax in the shade of the upper deck; however, in strong winds it can be screened off on both sides, and in cold weather, the entire deck can be enclosed.

Espen Oeino has designed the yacht's profile, while Diana Yacht Design carried out naval architecture, and Michela Reverberi and Barbara Barry oversaw her interior. Further style features of *JeMaSa* includes a split level sun deck to accommodate both a helicopter platform and a jacuzzi and, to guarantee exceptional comfort levels, she has been equipped with special stabilisation-at-anchor systems.

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Refurbishment Of A Classic Feadship



A major refurbishment project was completed by Amels refit & repair department last summer. The classic 52-m/171-ft *Rio Rita*, whose owners have now enjoyed their first full season with her new finery, was designed by Diana Yacht Design with a Terence Disdale interior. *Rio Rita* was originally launched by Feadship's de Vries Shipyard in 1984, and purchased the next year by her current owners.

Having always been impressed by her seaworthiness, classic form, and interior, the owners asked Amels to carefully modernise

the 21-year-old yacht, in large part to give guests easier access to the water and land. Amels began the refurbishment by replacing the square transom stern with a swim platform and symmetrical curved stairs to the main deck. This change has stretched *Rio Rita* from 52 to 56 m (184 ft) and increased her top speed from 15 to 16 knots.

Furthermore, because the owners anchor out a great deal in remote places the yard added a concealed high-holding kedge anchor and capstan on the deck astern, as

well as a new hydraulic passerelle. The old tender cranes were replaced with two hydraulic ones on the upper deck, and a saltwater whirlpool bath on the sundeck. Despite the added weight aloft, stability has been minimally affected. Below, Amels realigned the engines and shafts, upgraded the firefighting system, and added new soundproofing. *Rio Rita* was also repainted completely outside, touched up inside, and had upholstery replaced in the existing Disdale style.

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