



## DRETTMANN'S NEW 24 M EXPLORER YACHT

### Keel laying at Acico in Enkhuizen, the Netherlands

A new era for the Drettmann company has begun with the keel laying of a 24 m Explorer yacht at the Dutch Acico shipyard in Enkhuizen. For the first time, the Drettmann Explorer is being manufactured in Europe. So far, 25 Bandido Explorer and 300 Elegance motor yachts have been built in shipyards in Taiwan. With the Dutch manufacturing location, Claudia and Albert Drettmann reconnect with the early days of their company. Up until the nineties, the Drettmann company sold 750 Neptunus motor yachts and from 1977 until 1989, the steel hulls of their DD yachts were procured from the Netherlands. Yacht building has a long tradition in the Netherlands. Dutch shipyards such as Acico Yachts in Enkhuizen, with its motivated and highly qualified personnel are held in high regard throughout the world. The additional advantage for the German owner of the 24 m long Drettmann Explorer – he previously owned an Elegance yacht – is that he can follow the progress of the construction of his vessel during visits, which are only a short trip away and can see how far the construction has come.

### Drettmann Explorer Yacht 24

The Explorer, designed by Drettmann Yachts and Focus Yacht Design, based on the specifications and built in accordance with the CE A regulations with a round steel hull and aluminium superstructures, will feature diesel-electric POD drive systems. It has been designed for a top speed of 13 kn and a maximum range of 5,000 sm. This also applies to the generously dimensioned storage space, which is required for long sea voyages. The garage for a Williams 445 tender, a SeaDoo RXP are maintained in the forecastle below the raised main deck and are launched with the use of a 1.2 t crane. As a result, the space common on motor yachts of this size at the aft of the bottom deck can be used for a beach club with a lounge and sauna directly next to the swimming platform. The three cabins for the owner and guests are arranged amidships – precisely where the passengers are ensured to have the calmest sleep during their voyage. The crew quarters with their own passageway to the wheelhouse will connect to the forecastle. In order to dampen vibrations and reduce noise, the floors, ceilings and walls will be mounted in a flexible manner.



*Drettmann Explorer Yacht 24 M*

The new line of the Drettmann Explorer Yacht with its striking appearance – compact on the outside and extraordinarily spacious on the inside due to offset levels – was created for owners, who above all want to own a proper ship. A vessel, whose elevated prow will repel splash water and waves far away. However, also a ship that leaves nothing to be desired in regard to storage space, for instance for diving equipment and jet skis. And additionally a vessel, which on the inside enables a stylish and comfortable life onboard due to its exclusive interior, selected by Claudia Drettmann in cooperation with the designer Birgit Schnaase. A particular highlight will be the large, pleasant eating and living area on the main



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deck. On top of the 54 m<sup>2</sup> large flying deck there is an outside steering position, two couch areas, a bar with a BBQ and storage for deck chairs.

With the laying of the keel, ACICO Yachts director Christian Bolinger was euphoric about the new collaboration with Drettmann Yachts and their keen sense for the potential of a shipyard. The Drettmann family has once before helped a Taiwanese shipyard in achieving sensational success and in good years took delivery of 80 per cent of the annual production. In the meanwhile, the number of employees in Taiwan increased from 50 to 1,300. Christian Bolinger is convinced that his Dutch shipyard will be able to achieve great things in the future together with Drettmann Yachts. He was already full of praise: "The cooperation has already been very pleasant during the preparatory phase – Drettmann Yachts provided the design and essential specifications, we complemented this with the engineering knowledge of our shipyard."

### **Main technical specifications Drettmann Explorer Yacht 24**

Length overall: 23.90 m  
Waterline length: 21.13 m  
Width: 6.76 m  
Draught: approx. 2.20 m  
Displacement: approx. 135 t  
Registered tonnage: <250 GT  
Top speed: approx. 13 kn  
Range max.: approx. 5000 sm / at 8 kn  
Diesel engines: 3 x diesel generator, each with 225 ekW/50 Hz + 1x 27 ekW/50 Hz  
Drive: Azimuth POD, Engtek  
Classification: CE A  
Stabiliser: Zero Speed  
Tank capacities (approx.):  
Fuel 18,000 l,  
fresh water 2,000 l,  
black and greywater: 800 l  
Design: Drettmann Yachts / Focus Yacht Design  
Construction: Drettmann Yachts  
Interior design: Claudia Drettmann / Schnaase  
Interior Design Consultancy

### About Drettmann Yachts

Drettmann Yachts looks back on 43 successful years in the yacht business. The company from Bremen, Germany, does not only offer a sales programme of new yachts, but also a wide range of pre-owned boats, technical services and in-depth advice as well as attractive terms and conditions in showrooms that are heated in winter for yachts of sizes of up to 100 t and 15 m in height.

### About Acico Yachts

The Acico Yachts name was introduced by the investor of the shipyard, who is the owner of a large building company in the Arabian region with Acico Industries, which enjoys an excellent reputation. The shipyard is located in Enkhuizen, the Netherlands, and since its founding in 2010 has been headed by the Swiss design engineer Christian Bolinger. Before this, for 13 years he worked on a number of yachts as a design engineer at his own yacht design company Naval Design. Christian Bolinger read shipbuilding and yacht design in Southampton. With Christian Bolinger, a specialist joined the company as a manager in the shipyard, who is particularly qualified in regard to the technical aspects of the

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business and was able to move things ahead in this aspect. For instance, additional engineers were hired, which now in collaboration with the assembly staff construct the entire complex pipe work of the large motor yachts as well as their engine rooms up to the smallest detail with 3D software. This increases the efficiency during construction and ultimately leads to a higher motivation of the assembly personnel.



*A coin as lucky charm*



*Sectional view DEY24M*



*Laying of the keel*



*The owner welds the steel himself*

### **Zu den Bildern**

Drettmann Explorer Yacht 24: So wird sich der Drettmann Explorer in gut 14 Monaten auf dem Meer zeigen.  
Rumpfschnitt DEY24M: Und so wird der Rumpf aussehen.  
Der Deal ist besiegelt: Mit der Kiellegung der Drettmann 24 m Explorer Yacht am 11. August 2013 besiegelten Claudia und Albert Drettmann (außen) die Zusammenarbeit mit Christian Bolinger von Acico Yachts (Mitte).  
Eine Muenze als Gluecksbringer:/ Der Eigner schweisst: Der Eigner beim Einschweißen einer Münze mit dem Kölner Dom als Glücksbringer in die Kielsektion. Wie üblich, bleibt sein Name top secret – und unter der Schweißerschutzhaube ist er auch nicht zu erkennen.