

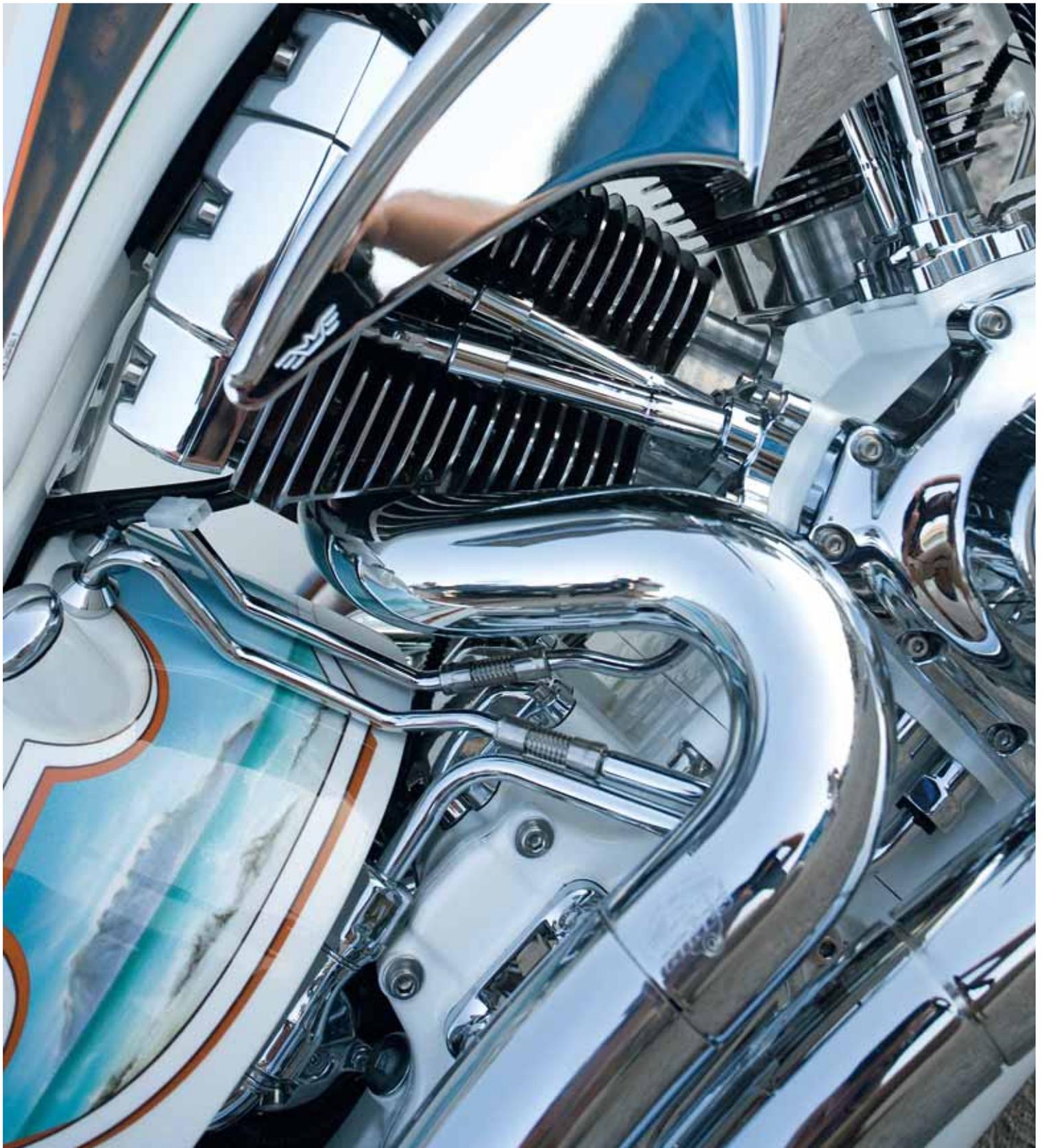
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Motorsailer Magic

HORTENSE

Designed specifically for extended periods at sea is the 27.5-metre motorsailer *Hortense* from JFA. After two and a half years in build, she is expected to spend much of her time in remote southern hemisphere locations, where self-sufficiency is going to be key, and has therefore been equipped with high capacity tanks (16,000l) and long-term food storage. By using her sail and motor methods it is hoped that she will be able to cover the long distances to such isolated locations. Her owner chose Joubert Nivelte Goeffers to create *Hortense's* naval architecture, and for the interior design, decoration and external details, he contracted Rhoades Young. As the yacht is not intended to be the typical Caribbean/Mediterranean bimini-covered cockpit experience, the interior spaces have been designed for comfortable living at sea with views onto potentially uncomfortable climates. With initial voyages planned to Latin America, it will be possible to maximise the experience of these environments whilst aboard through her large openings. An owner's full-beam-width cabin is accessed from the lower saloon, while three ensuite guest cabins – two twins and one full-width double cabin – can be found in the bow section of the yacht. A twin-berth crew cabin is located aft port side, near the galley and the engine room. Her full-beam-width engine room is accessible via the galley, and contains two 285hp engines allowing the yacht to reach 11 knots cruising speed with ease. Temptation to over-specify the amount of technical and electronic wizardry on board has been purposefully quashed, in the name of reliability and self-sufficiency. Her lazarette holds all of *Hortense's* recreational accessories (diving equipment, windsurfing boards and so on) as well as two large freezers, which help this self-reliance theme, which runs so strongly throughout the design of the yacht. Further forward, underneath the guest cabins, there is a cofferdam that contains a set of pumps and boilers as well as a wine cellar and large shelves intended for food and spare parts storage. Special care has been given to the sound and thermal insulation, but the yacht's concept is fully realised when using the engine with the help of the sails, which reduces fuel consumption by up to 30 per cent.

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