

BRITISH BUILDER SUNSEEKER TAILORED M4, THEIR SECOND 37-METRE TRIDECK YACHT, TO ITS SPANISH OWNER'S EXACTING SPECIFICATIONS. THE RESULT IS A VESSEL THAT COMBINES ARTFUL BRITISH SEAKEEPING WITH AN ELEGANT EUROPEAN FEEL

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With Bermuda One supreme Eddie Jordan buying the first and a confirmed order book for a least a further eight hulls, it looks like Sunseeker has scored a winner with its new 37-metre range, the second of which (pictured) at England's Southampton show and then made a quick transatlantic dash to become one of the stars of the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show. From there, she was delivered to Mexico and her new Spanish owners, who enjoy cruising in that part of the world. M4 is the unusual name given to this, the second Sunseeker 37 trideck yacht, by the owner of a famous Spanish football club. Being a semi-custom yacht, she differs only slightly from the first launched model, which was Eddie Jordan's *The Skipper*. But, as the builders are quick to point out, the differences are all in the detail.

Each of the 37-metre yachts has its own set of specifications. To some yards, this could be a challenge, leaving them open to mistakes. But not this yard. With M4, just as with *The Skipper*, they have managed to create a yacht that is joined and grouted on the water and endorsed with great inner strength. The bigger the boat, the tougher the demands placed on it, so the company has used their hand-chime hull and trademark high decks to ensure good seakeeping qualities, making this yacht easy to handle in all sea conditions and a pleasure to control aboard for extended trips. The traditional dark blue finish enhances the yacht's bold lines, which are the



The boats in the lower deck, including the master cabin, are of dark wood



Rang & Chafon TV. Indeed, all the audio visual equipment throughout the yacht is Rang & Chafon. The system uses a KalturaScope matrix server and is operated using Cerastar controllers. It is the most comprehensive AV system yet to have been fitted on a Sunseeker.

It is not just the entertainment system that has been owner specified. There's a Sunseeker's retractable and diving system, which allows one or more divers to swim underwater without tanks. Instead, they breathe through regulators attached to long hoses attached in turn to an air compressor that sits on the boat. It is a great alternative to compressed air scuba diving because it eliminates bulky equipment and gas storage issues. IM4 is also fitted with custom-made Tiptec-operation, alarm and monitoring systems, and has tracking capability for her two ROP in situ and 5.8 motor Power tracks.

The bridge aboard IM4 also has all the features expected on a luxury ocean-going vessel, such as the latest navigation equipment with radar/chart plotter and colour GPS display.

The comprehensive navigation package includes two radars and complies with class requirements. IM4 has a SeaTel 4004 satellite television system and a Fleet 77 communications system. Wing station controls are fitted outside the wheel house on each side of the Bridge Deck. The builder constantly strives to identify and incorporate new enhancements that deliver positive improvements to the design and performance of their yachts. One area that has seen great progress is that of stabilisation at sea: the restriction of roll and pitch when a vessel is at anchor, moored or while drifting. Following market research, Sunseeker now offers the TRAC-STAB system as an option, one which IM4 has taken up. The benefit of this clever device is that it provides optimum stabilisation at sea, along with maximum performance underway.

IM4's two MTU 712 4000 M90 engines can drive her at 27 knots maximum speed and, at 12 knots, she has a range of 1700 nautical miles. The engines are flexibly mounted

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The bridge has all navigation equipment.



on rigid hull, and guffon units have been isolated from the structure of the hull. Generators have been similarly fixed on flexible mounts to a rigid structure specifically designed to prevent structurally transmitted noise and vibration. Particular attention was given to the floor between owner and crew accommodation, galley forward bulkhead to master cabin and lower deck accommodation to engine room. Water life-type silencers have been fitted to both main generator exhausts. Vibration tracking for air in and out of the engine room has been clad with an acoustic insulation. The main engine room bulkhead, engine room ventilation ducting and silencers have been constructed from a sandwich-type material consisting of a



MY's twin MTUs can drive her at 25 knots

high density rubber mat to reduce inherent noise. Other options fitted to MY include an ARI Level fuel cleaning arrangement, 1 lantern waste water treatment plant and an ASHA frequency converter for use in the USA.

The design of MY enables her crew of up to eight to move freely around the boat without intruding on guests. For maximum convenience, the captain's cabin has direct access to the wheel house on the upper deck. The galley and utility area on

the main deck gives separate access to crew quarters below, so privacy is maintained at all times.

Based at Poole in the south of England, Sussex has a long history of building performance hulls with quality-hewer interiors, and nowhere is this process more amply demonstrated than aboard MY. In Mexico, she is likely to be enjoyed to the very fullest by her owner's fun-loving family.

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## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS



Sky Deck



Upper Deck



Main Deck



Accommodation Deck



38.85m 127'1" **LENGTH OVERALL**

35.80m 117'1" **LENGTH WATERLINE @**

8.00m 26'3" **BEAM MAXIMUM (INC**

2.40m 7'10" **DRAFT @ NORMAL HALF**

3.90m 12'7" **HEIGHT FROM WATERLINE TO**

102000kg 225108 **DISPLACEMENT @ NORMAL**

28000 litres 7880 US gal **MAXIMUM FUEL CAPACITY**

4850 litres 1307 US gal **FRESH-WATER CAPACITY**

2 x fixed 200hp propellers **PROPULSION**

Generators 2 x 7000 280V/200V 2 phase 50Hz **GENERATORS**

Euro 2 x 7000 120V/200V 2 phase 60Hz 5/50 **GENERATORS**

10 persons **OWNER AND GUEST**

1 x captain's double cabin 1 x engineer's double **CREW ACCOMMODATION**

cabin 4 x crew in two cabins **CREW ACCOMMODATION**

2 x MTU 11V12 4000 kW/5400 **ENGINES**

28.1 PS @ 2100 RPM **POWER OUTPUT**

25 knots **MAXIMUM SPEED**

1700 nm at 12 knots **RANGE**

100-A-1.1 "Y" **CLASSIFICATION RINA**

2007 **YEAR OF BUILD**

Turkmen International **BUILDER**