NEW LAUNCH

# Panthera

The second vessel in the 500 series, this 100% aluminium Benetti is both lightweight and fast. Reviewed by Frances and Michael Howorth

Panthera is the second yacht in the 500s series from the Benetti Livorno shipyard. Imagination is the first of the series to have been launched in 2010 and there is a third due to be launched later this year (2014). Constructed completely in 100% aluminium, 47 metres long and 8.8 metres wide Panthera is capable of a maximum speed of 24 knots and cruising speed of 22 knots.

Built for German owners Panthera has clean, soaring lines and large tinted oval windows that go well with the metallic silver colour of the exterior, silver being the dominant colours where even the caulking on the teak deck is gray rather than the more traditional black.

## Fashion shoot

Inside, fashion is the theme with photos hung throughout the yacht's main areas. Prints in black and white or colour, large or small, framed or unframed, the images portray the magnetic feminine allure of gorgeous international models and actresses, adding even more glamour to this sophisticated yacht. A team of Benetti architects and designers supported by Maria Rosa Rachelle and Rachele Ranucci worked closely with the Owner and his staff, so there was no need to engage alternative external designers. Nadine Billal the owner's representative had clear visions regarding the interior design and realised her ideas with great effect.

Panthera carries a crew of ten in accommodation that is spacious and well laid out with four twin-bed cabins for the crew and a double bedded Captain's suite. The engine room, designed by Cornelsen & Partner is astern of the VIP cabin; and even further astern is the garage which accommodates both a tender and jet ski, with a large door opening onto a stern swimming platform providing nearly 10m² for beach chairs, shower, and a highly original custom-designed trampoline.

Throughout the winter months the Captain and crew will be working the yacht up for her first season of summer cruising in the Mediterranean Sea and for much of the early part of the year she will be based in the Baleanic Islands.

## Specifications

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| **Length overall** | 47m |
| **Beam** | 8.8m |
| **Draught** | 2.70m |
| **Displacement** | 364.8 T |
| **Tonnage** | 492 gt |
| **Fuel tank capacity** | 55,000 litres |
| **Fresh water capacity** | 12,000 litres |
| **Water maker** | Idromar 1x10.000 litres/Day |
| **Main engines** | MTU 16v 4000 M73l |
| **Power output** | 2.880kw @ 2.050 rpm |
| **Gear boxes** | ZF 9355 |
| **Generators** | Northern Lights 2x105kw - 400v - 50hz |
| **Propellers** | Detra - Five Fixed Blades |
| **Stabilisers at anchor** | Quantum - Non Retractable Fins |
| **Stabilisers underway** | Quantum - Non Retractable Fins |
| **Max speed** | 24 knots |
| **Cruising speed** | 22 knots |
| **Range at 12 knots** | 3,400m |
| **Classifications** | ABS |
| **Cabins guests owner** | 4 + 1 |
| **Crew berths** | 8 |
| **Captain's cabin** | Double |