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Michael Hill might be particularly well-known for jewellery and golf but he has recently been making waves with an altogether different pursuit. In September of this year, his superyacht, VvS1, was awarded no less than three trophies from the World Yacht Awards in Cannes, France. Winning the categories of Best Motor Yacht, Best Interior and Best Functionality, Michael Hill's 34-metre superyacht is quite possibly one of the best superyachts to ever come out of New Zealand.

Having won a World Superyacht Award in Venice, Italy, earlier this year for the Best Displacement Motor Yacht of Below 500GT, owners, Michael and Christine Hill, are over the moon. "Having had the opportunity to include so much of our own personal input in the interior design of the boat, Christine and I are incredibly honoured by the continual international recognition awarded to VvS1. We're delighted with this latest award from Cannes and extremely proud of our boat and its representation of Kiwi thought, design and know-how across the world's oceans," says Michael Hill.

VvS1 is named after a grade of almost flawless diamond. And like its namesake, it is perfectly finished: shark grey hull, complementary metallic silver superstructure and very clean interior lines. Michael and Christine Hill's vision for ultimate relaxation onboard took lean edges and soft colours to offset the exterior lines of the boat.

"VvS1 is all about making the desirable accessible. It is my favourite hideaway and specifically built to experience the Pacific in a unique way," says Michael Hill. "Building VvS1 was like a dream come true. The design is outside the square as it breaks traditional thinking in layout and shape, yet it is practical and functional, and seems to give the impression of masculine ruggedness."

With a maximum speed of 13 knots and a range of 3,000 nautical miles, this internationally renowned yacht is able to take its owners or chartered guests almost anywhere they desire. Unlike any superyacht in the world, you can charter VvS1 for short charters of two nights and three days. VvS1 will be in New Zealand from December 15, 2008 and is available for charter from 37 South New Zealand. For bookings and latest destinations, visit yachtVvS1.com. 

VvS1 Features:

Full beam on-deck master stateroom, VIP and 2 x twin staterooms. All staterooms with en suite, TV, DVD, stereo and phone. Bamboo and wenge floor, wenge and white-washed oak cabinetry. Keyboard, gymnasium, Teppanyaki bar, BBQ, live bait wells, bait station, Fleet 33 satellite phone/fax/internet.

For the enjoyment of guests onboard...

- 6.5-metre / 21.5-foot Protector RIB with 150 hp 4-stroke Yamaha
- 3.65-metre / 12-foot AquaPro with 25hp 4-stroke Yamaha;
- Scuba equipment and compressor
- Snorkelling gear
- Kayaks
- Fishing gear
- Water skis
- Wakeboard





VVS1 - THE SPECS

Type	Twin Screw Diesel Yacht
Flag	Cayman Islands
Length O.A.	112 ft (34.18 m)
Length W.L.	98.8 ft (30.1 m)
Beam	25.5 ft (7.78 m)
Draught	7.3 ft (2.23 m)
Tonnage Displacement	238.84 tonnes full load
Builder	Alloy Yachts International
Designer	Gregory C. Marshall Naval Architect
Interior Design	Gregory C. Marshall, Owner & Alloy Yachts
Furnishing	Cruikshank Furniture
Classification	Lloyds 100 A1 SSC Yacht
Mono	G6 LMC
MCA	LY1
Main Engines	2 x 354 kW Caterpillar diesel engines type 3406E B rated
Gear Boxes	2 x ZF type W325 reduction gearboxes
Propellers	2 x BT Marine bronze 1,170-mm diameter 5-bladed propellers
Cruising Speed	11.7 knots
Maximum Speed	13.0 knots
Range	4,300 nautical miles approx. at 10 knots
Generators	2 x 51 kW Caterpillar diesel
Bow / Stern Thrusters	Trac II hydraulic
Fuel	8,987 US gals (34,000 litres)
Water	1,862 US gals (7,050 litres)
Accommodation	8 guests in 4 cabins, 6 / 7 crew

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