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### **Sail away from the winter blues onboard Necker Belle**

19 November 2010 – Got the winter blues already and fancy some sunshine in the New Year...well [Virgin Limited Edition](#), Sir Richard Branson's privately owned collection of award-winning luxury retreats has just the ticket.

[Necker Belle](#) is a luxury 32-metre (105ft) catamaran available for weekly tailor-made charters in the Caribbean. She is one of the largest all-carbon multi hull yachts of its kind and can reach speeds of over 20 knots. Not only is she one of the fastest catamarans on the water but she also boasts one of the world's first underwater aircraft. Live out your James Bond fantasies with our 3-person aero submarine [Necker Nymph](#) which is usually anchored to the yacht's top deck when she's not berthed on Necker Island. The submarine was tailor-made to Necker Belle's exact specifications and is guaranteed to satisfy the 'need for speed' of even the most adventurous soul!

Days aboard Necker Belle can be spent enjoying the clear waters of the Caribbean, whether cutting up the sea on a pair of water-skis, trying a hand at the high-adrenaline sport of game fishing or marvelling at the vibrant marine life with scuba tanks strapped to your back. Sun lovers can relax suspended over the turquoise waters, catching some rays on the forward beam trampoline.

Unlike many yachts, guests on Necker Belle can choose a tailor-made itinerary and with a maximum sailing distance of 40 miles between each destination the Caribbean is the perfect place to island hop. Guests can explore the British Virgin Islands – home to our very own Necker Island, or visit the sights of the Bahamas, Antigua or perhaps even Barbados. Once guests decide on their itinerary they just have to sit back, relax and count down the days until their cruise in paradise.

For charters in the Caribbean sailing season the weekly rate is US \$100,000, plus the advanced provisioning allowance.\*

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

\*Advanced Provisioning Allowance (APA): An advance provisioning allowance equivalent to approximately 25% of the weekly rate will be charged in addition to the weekly rate to cover the operating expenses of the charter such as fuel, food, port fees, harbour and marina dues, customs clearance, water and electricity, personal laundry, all provisions, wines, beers, spirits, soft drinks and consumables for the charterer's party such as

telecommunication costs. You're welcome to view the APA tally onboard at any time and when your cruise comes to an end, the captain will work out if you owe us, or we owe you!

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