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## NECKER BELLE JOINS THE BURGESS CHARTER FLEET

13 October 2009 - Launched in 2003 as LADY BARBARETTA by the CMN shipyard in France, the 32 metre (105ft) NECKER BELLE has just emerged from an extensive two year refit in Australia. Not only is she an exciting new addition to the Burgess central agency charter fleet, but she is also the latest offering in the portfolio of Virgin Limited Edition – Sir Richard Branson's privately owned collection of luxury retreats.

A cutting edge carbon fibre catamaran with an impressive beam of 14 metres (45.9ft), NECKER BELLE provides spacious accommodation for eight guests in a master suite, a double cabin and two twin/double convertible cabins, all with ensuite shower rooms. A further two guests can be accommodated in the main cabin's lounge area which converts to a double cabin. Her cool contemporary interior is simple yet sophisticated, epitomising 'beach house' living at its best.

In addition to a cruising speed of 18 knots under power, NECKER BELLE is a swift performer under sail, capable of reaching speeds in excess of 20 knots, while her minimum draft of 1.8 metres (5.9ft) gives her plenty of flexibility when cruising shallow waters.

Operated by a crew of seven, NECKER BELLE will be available for charter in the Caribbean from February 2010 with a weekly rate of US\$88,000 on MYBA Terms for the winter season. Summer 2010 will see her in the Mediterranean.

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