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Stay Afloat with Virgin Limited Edition...

2 September 2009 - [Virgin Limited Edition](#), Sir Richard Branson's privately owned collection of luxury retreats, announces a new girl in town, [Necker Belle](#) – a magnificent 32 metre (105 foot) catamaran. Take note, she's one fast lady, effortlessly reaching a top cruising speed of 20 knots!

Necker Belle has spent the last two years undergoing an impressive refit, following her former years as Lady Barbaretta. Currently in Australia with the final nips and tucks underway, she'll be turning heads in no time!

With a fantastic crew of seven, she will then set sail for the Caribbean. Necker Belle will be available for tailor-made weekly charters from February 2010 onwards. It is planned that she will spend the winters in the Caribbean and summers in the Mediterranean, should her guests want her to sail the Riviera or uncover its untouched bays.

Days aboard Necker Belle will 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.

Whether you prefer formal or informal dining, fine cuisine on board Necker Belle is a given. Dining can be inside or outside, themed or traditional. Regardless, guests are encouraged to treat Necker Belle as their home. Whilst in the evenings, after dinner, there is always an option for open air cinema – a projector is on hand with the stars in the sky as a back drop.

Accommodating eight guests in four double cabins, Necker Belle is 14 metres wide, which means she's extremely roomy. It's been commented that she's as spacious as a beautiful beach house, a fine extension from her sister property, Necker Island. Except of course she can travel at over 20 knots under full sail!

To keep abreast of Necker Belle's progress in the run up and during her sea trials, visitors can log onto the 'Captain's blog' at <http://vlog.virginlimitededition.com>. This also provides the opportunity to chat with our Captain Jono and Chief Stewardess Suzanne.

The seven night weekly charter rate for the remainder of the 2009/2010 winter Caribbean season will be \$88,000 USD. This rate includes the charter of Necker Belle with a full crew.*

With a crew of seven catering to each guests' needs, and a modern and stylish interior; complete with fabulous Virgin service, Necker Belle is the perfect choice for fun and relaxation on the high seas.

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Notes to Editors:

*In addition to the \$88,000 USD clients will pay an Advance Provisioning Allowance (APA) usually a sum equivalent to 25% of the total charter fee. This amount covers 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; telecommunication costs.

Virgin Limited Edition is a collection of unique retreats chosen for their stunning locations, magnificent surroundings and offering a sense of fun, style, luxury and exceptional personal service. The group includes Necker Island in the Caribbean's British Virgin Islands, Ulusaba Private Game Reserve in South Africa, Sa Terra Rotja in Mallorca; The Roof Gardens and Babylon Restaurant in London; Kasbah Tamadot in Morocco, The Lodge in Verbier and soon to hit the waters, Necker Belle.

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