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Superyacht of the Week: The 32 metre Pendennis Akalam

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Resulting in a technical tour de force, constructed and executed to extremely high standards, the 32 metre *Akalam* is very much a home away from home, combining a family friendly, welcoming ambience with optimal interaction between inside and outside spaces. Outdoor living on board this brand new Pendennis was one of the main priorities in her development, which started out as a unique design concept as formulated by the European owner, stating that the design process for this yacht "*should not have to follow the concept of a yacht just because it is a yacht*".



Inevitably putting everybody involved at the top of their game instantly by using a unique point of view like this, Barracuda Yacht Design delivered the traditional, extremely attractive design that was meticulously constructed by Pendennis. Finished in graphite black with a matching carbon rig and cream painted superstructure, the aluminium hull consists of a gently rising shear, traditional bow and raised counter stern and measuring a total of 32m/105ft. Distinctively recognizable by large glass windows and 'patio-style' doors, the elevated pilothouse opens onto a spacious aft-deck. Being largely covered by a fixed awning with removable side screens, the aft deck offers space and comfort for those loving sun and shade alike while enjoying ample possibilities for savouring magnificent and unobstructed views in virtually every direction.



The original comprehensive brief as created by the vessels designer created many challenges, giving the entire project team all the more reason to be justifiably proud of the impressively elegant and unique final result. Putting an emphasis on outdoor living and aiming for a naturally smooth flow between indoor and outdoor spaces, a space-orientated design was produced for a yacht that is solely intended for private use. Bearing all this in mind, Akalam turned out a space oriented and family friendly vessel, offering a uniquely sociable atmosphere.



From ashore, [Akalam](#)'s elegant exterior gives the impression of her being considerably larger than her 32m length would have you believe, mainly due to her generous beam and freeboard height. As far as first impressions go, the vessel offers a perfect one by welcoming guests onboard to her considerably spacious aft deck area, measuring an impressive 60m². Along with these striking dimensions, the furniture and general layout have been arranged in such a way that being onboard here resembles a feeling of being on a large motor yacht instead of a sailing yacht.



As twin helm stations are adjoined to the rear of the pilothouse, virtually all of the sailing dynamics can be attended to without crew having to advance on the sociable aft deck area. The area can be used all year round, as a lounge style seating area situated around a varnished teak coffee table has been equipped with concealed, low level heating underneath. Formal outside dining takes place at a beautiful glass table, custom made by the Pendennis team. A second, removable dining table and additional seating can be found at the rear of the aft deck, more than completing possibilities for relaxing, sunbathing and all other good things Akalam has to offer.



Granting access to the main saloon, a custom-made and impressively elegant curved sliding glass door from Rondal, offers sophisticated privacy by turning the glass from crystal clear to opaque at the flick of a switch, by use of LED technology. Similar to aircraft doors, a gas seal ensures complete security and privacy once inside. Akalam's interior appears to have little need for large paintings or ornate wall decoration, as the ample presence of glass and natural light supply guests with stunning views of the surrounding scenery. A near 360° round view can be enjoyed from the pilothouse, and when stepping down towards the lower saloon, tall windows set within the hull structure itself assure continuation of these stunning vistas and, while sailing upwind, become partially immersed beneath the sea so one can enjoy watching water rush past the vessel.



Javier Muñoz, has created a sharp and sophisticated 'apartment' style interior design, mainly using light sycamore with contrasting dark grey tinted zebrano and touches of olive and panga woods. The highest quality interior fixtures and fittings have been applied, adding the finishing touches to Muñoz's sophisticated and delicate design, which has been applied throughout the interior, including galley and crew area.





At the rear of the pilothouse, a spiral staircase leads down to two virtually identical twin-bed en suite guest cabins and, through a small corridor, into the luxuriously airy owners suite. All cabins optimally benefit from plenty of natural light and marvelous sea level views.



Akalam has been specifically designed bearing in mind ease of handling and she is fitted with a JP3 steering system which includes an all-carbon rudder and stock, self-tacking jib and remote control handling of lines and winches. A full onboard control system by SPIN of Barcelona monitors many of the yacht's systems and functions and even controls the bow and stern thrusters, enabling a turning ability that is alike that of a helicopter, using a joystick in the narrowest of spaces.



A retractable dagger-board varies draught from 3.6m to 5.5m to enhance performance under sail and enable a wider choice of anchorages and cruising ground in shallower waters closer to shore. Under power, a 610hp MAN diesel motor will provide comfortable passage speeds in excess of 13.5 knots.

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