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#### A LETTER FROM THE CAPTAIN – M/Y STAR DIAMOND

I've had the honor of serving as a Captain for over 25 years. I've boarded hundreds of vessels and commanded many motor yachts throughout my career. For the past several years, I have had the privilege of serving as Captain of STAR DIAMOND. It is from that experience both professional and personal that I share with you, candidly and sincerely, her virtues and uncommon pleasures.

If you are considering STAR DIAMOND, you are not simply shopping you are evaluating stewardship. After decades at sea, I have learned that some yachts are acquired for a season, while others represent continuity, capability, and quiet confidence. STAR DIAMOND belongs firmly in the latter category.

She is a 154-foot Admiral Yacht with nearly 500 gross tons of volume, a true owner's sweet spot. Large enough to deliver stability, comfort, and presence at sea, yet refined enough to enter the smaller harbors that make yachting personal. Her proportions feel substantial without ever feeling excessive. What truly separates her today, however, is the depth of her renewal.

Over the past three year, more than \$9 million has been invested into her structural and mechanical foundation. This was not a cosmetic refresh. It was a comprehensive rebuilding of the systems that matter most. Her bow structure was opened, reinforced, and rebuilt with new stringers. Her keel was opened, strengthened, and filled with resin to eliminate flex and increase rigidity. Both port and starboard struts were replaced. Shafts were renewed and props balanced to precise specification.

Her Caterpillar main engines underwent top-end overhauls. New wiring harnesses were installed. Exhaust systems were replaced. Hydraulic lines and valves were rebuilt. Fuel and bilge plumbing were renewed. Through-hulls were replaced and sea chests refurbished. Tanks were cleaned and painted as needed. A new digital monitoring system now provides real-time oversight from the engine room, control room, and bridge. Her Quantum Zero Speed stabilizers completed a full overhaul and received a new controller, dramatically enhancing comfort both underway and at anchor. Electrical, navigation, fire suppression, shore power, and battery systems were all modernized.

When she was lifted following the structural work, there was virtually no deflection in the slings, a visible sign of strength beneath the surface. When I first ran her in open water afterward, I listened carefully. There was no creaking, no structural conversation from the hull. She felt tight, composed, assured. The heavy capital

cycles have already been addressed. For her next owner, that means predictability and confidence from day one.

Equally important and often overlooked is the renewal of her interior working spaces. The galley has been modernized with new commercial equipment and improved refrigeration, making it efficient, organized, and a true professional workspace. Adjacent to this is a large, comfortable crew mess bright, functional, and separate from guest areas. This is not a cramped afterthought; it is a proper living space where crew can decompress, dine, and feel at home.

In addition, STAR DIAMOND features a dedicated ship's office used by the Chief Officer and Chief Stewardess. This allows administrative work, provisioning logistics, charter preparation, and accounting to be handled outside of the crew mess. By separating operational tasks from personal space, the crew mess remains exactly what it should be a place to relax. That separation is critical. It protects morale, preserves privacy, and meaningfully contributes to crew longevity.

After many years at sea, I can say confidently that crew retention is not accidental it is designed. When crew have space, organization, and systems that function properly, they stay longer. When they stay longer, service improves. Continuity strengthens. Owners benefit directly from that stability.

Beyond her strength and operational intelligence, she offers space that breathes. Her sundeck rivals yachts well above her size range, offering multiple gathering areas, Jacuzzi, shaded lounging, and seamless access to the interior. Her interior carries a relaxed elegance refined without formality. The full-beam master suite provides privacy and comfort rarely achieved in this class. Five flexible guest cabins accommodate ten with ease, adapting to family cruising or refined entertaining.

Most yachts exist in one of two states either too new to be proven or mature enough to require significant reinvestment. STAR DIAMOND stands in a rare third position: structurally renewed, mechanically prepared, operationally intelligent, and ready to begin her next chapter immediately.

When I stand on her bridge at sunrise, I feel certainty. She is settled, capable, and prepared for an owner who understands the difference between acquisition and stewardship. I would be honored to walk you through her personally and share what I have experienced at sea.

With respect,



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