

ARCTIC P 287' TUG

Kerry Packer, Australia's richest man, died last December, raising speculation about what son and heir James, in his late thirties, may do with the family yacht—287' converted tug *Arctic P*.

The German-built vessel, which was refitted in the mid 90s, has spent recent seasons prominently in the Med. Having lately run the gauntlet of the much-publicized pirates off Somalia, south of the Suez Canal, she was hosting James' party in the Maldives when his father became seriously ill, requiring a dash via Singapore to his bedside in Sydney. The younger Packer, who includes Tom Cruise among his friends, is keen on boating, and he is understood to have been in talks with the Rodriguez Group before his father's death, indicating that perhaps something a little more streamlined than *Arctic P* could be more his style.



LOA: 81'8" • Beam: 21'
Draft: 5'8" • Displacement: 134,000 lbs
Engines: 2x 1500-hp MTU 10V2000
Fuel Capacity: 2500 gallons
Water Capacity: 400 gallons
Top Speed: 23 knots
Cruise Speed: 20 knots

Starship PH Jefferson 82'

Jefferson Yachts' second 82' Starship Pilothouse will make her big splash at this year's Miami Boat Show. The Jefferson Starship 82' Pilothouse utilizes Nida Core Honeycomb coring in the deck, superstructure and bulkheads. It features a fiberglass hand-laid molded hull. She will feature a full-length cabin, spacious saloon with two oval coffee tables and a round dining table for six. The first of this series was built in 2004 and featured a smaller cabin. The new 82' has a roomier saloon and skylounge. Tommaso Spadolini designed the 82' with extensive cruising in mind. The expansive pilothouse helm station provides room for a full array of electronics and storage space. Accommodations include the ensuite master stateroom amidships, VIP forward and two starboard and port guest staterooms. Crew quarters are aft of the engine room. A Zodiac 380 Yachtline Deluxe is included as standard equipment. Twin 1500-hp MTU 10V 2000 series engines provide a top speed of 23 knots and cruising speed of 20 knots.

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BRUNSWICK ACQUIRES SWANSBORO HATTERAS EXPANSION

The Brunswick Boat Group (BBG) has acquired Tiara Yacht's Swansboro boat plant in Swansboro, N.C. Hatteras will use the 165,000-square-foot facility to expand its manufacturing capacity. "We have an immediate need for additional manufacturing capacity to support the growth of our Hatteras brand and this facility is ideally suited for that purpose," explained Dustan E. McCoy, president of the Brunswick Boat Group. "We were especially attracted to the access to deep water that the site provides, the availability of a skilled and trained workforce, and the proximity to our existing Hatteras plant." The Hatteras brand continues to experience strong demand for its sportfishing convertible and motoryacht models, Hatteras Group President William C. Naumann said. "Though there will be some transition as we prepare the Swansboro facility for Hatteras production, we will immediately seek ways to utilize this new resource to support our growth. We will begin to familiarize the employees with Hatteras systems and procedures, while we gear up the facility for full production in 2006."

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