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**Eternal Spark: The Ultimate Yacht For Charter Experiences** 

**Istanbul, Turkiye - June 24, 2024 -** We are thrilled to announce that Eternal Spark, the latest marvel in luxury yachting, is now available for charter. This exceptional yacht was crafted with the charter market in mind, ensuring that every detail caters to a diverse range of audiences, cultures, and personalities. "Eternal Spark was designed to provide unparalleled comfort and relaxation for all guests, whether they are from Turkiye, the United States, Europe, Asia, or China." says Matija Longin, manager of Eternal Spark.

With exterior design and naval architecture by Unique Yacht Design, complemented by the interior expertise of Hot Lab, the yacht embodies a harmonious fusion of aesthetics and functionality. Emrecan Özgün, CEO of Unique Yacht Design, highlights the innovative features of the Eternal Spark from their latest semi-custom series: "Our design focus centers on creating expansive, sheltered open decks, as demonstrated by the 499 GT platforms. These yachts, exemplified by a superbly designed charter vessel in our range, offer an outstanding layout with ample spaces to enjoy daily activities. With a sleek, sporty, and elegant exterior, Bilgin 163 series yachts boast extensive exterior areas, including a vast beach club complemented by a sauna. We aimed to create generous areas such as a 21-meter sundeck, a 12-meter bridge deck aft, and a spacious main deck aft, measuring nearly 9.5 meters wide and 4 meters long. This provides a direct connection to the beach club and close proximity to the sea, all without making the exterior design appear bulky."

The yacht's modern design cater to every desire. Enrico Lumini, Partner and Head of Design at Hot Lab, describes the yacht as follows: "Bilgin 163 follows the studio's new philosophy 'Architecture for Voyagers' and focuses on cleanliness of architectural volumes and a renewed sense for a softness of lines. A plastic minimalism, sober, but rich in details." Built with over 200 different materials, the yacht boasts top-notch features and the latest entertainment technology, setting her apart from other yachts in her class. With a layout that includes six guest cabins

accommodating 12 guests, six outdoor and three indoor socializing areas, and a host of unique amenities, Eternal Spark is truly a yacht for charter like no other. Among her many highlights are an outdoor and indoor cinema, a massive 5,000-liter Jacuzzi pool on the sun deck, and a beach club centered around spa experiences. Additionally, the transformer swimming platform offers easy access to the sea, making her an ideal yacht for charter guests seeking both adventure and relaxation. A stay on Eternal Spark for ten days would not be enough to experience all she has to offer.

Berkay Yılmaz, the Commercial Director of Bilgin Yachts, describes the interior of the new Bilgin 163 as modern, luxurious, and elegant. He says, "Eternal Spark is everything and more than described in the brochure! A superbly designed charter vessel with plenty of spaces to enjoy whatever the day delivers. She has a sleek, sporty, and elegant exterior design with huge exterior spaces throughout the vessel, including a large beach club with a sauna. I believe that she will offer the best experiences to her charter clients and is the best charter yacht on the market." Yılmaz emphasizes that the yacht is the most technically equipped 499 GRT yacht, comparable to Bilgin Yachts' iconic 80-meter Superyachts M/Y Tatiana and M/Y Leona.

"I am truly happy and proud to have successfully completed the construction of our yacht. This project, the first in our 50-meter series, stands out with its much larger and more spacious usage areas compared to its peers." adds the Senior Project Manager Halil Uzunbabalar. He highlights that, contrary to other shipyards that no longer manufacture detailed furniture, Bilgin continues to uphold this tradition, showcasing it beautifully in this project. "The meticulously designed and crafted furniture elevates the yacht's luxury and comfort. Our large living and entertainment areas on the open decks provide magnificent spaces where everyone can comfortably spend time independently and enjoy the sea. The combination of the beach club at the back with the swimming platform and sauna offers a very spacious area for use while at anchor. Additionally, we achieved top-level quality in our technical areas by using the best materials and the latest technologies for the yacht's performance and safety. I want to thank our entire team who contributed to this project and our clients who trusted us. We wish our yacht to bring delightful moments to its owner during its adventures on the seas."

Matija Longin, manager of Eternal Spark, reflects on the intricate process of building the vessel, expressing, "It's been almost 3 years now, and every single day you are doing something on, and around that beautiful vessel. She is unique and beautiful. Aroused from continued dialogue with yachting industry leaders and professionals, our returning clients and travel enthusiasts Eternal Spark seeks to satisfy the most demanding cultures, emotions, and charter expectations. Six cabins for twelve guests, ten crew, four decks, five separated bars, seven divided socializing areas, ability to host over a hundred people for stationary parties, vast storage spaces, gymnasium equipment, full indoor and outdoor cinema, custom-built chase boat... You name it! I can't say more than to invite you on board to explore and enjoy by yourself!"

Eternal Spark is available for charter for the season of 2024. Don't miss the opportunity to experience this extraordinary yacht for charter, designed to provide the ultimate in luxury, comfort, and adventure. With twin 1,450 CAT engines, the new Bilgin 163 achieves a top speed of approximately 17 knots with low operational costs. Eternal Spark will make her premiere during the 2024 Monaco Yacht Show.

#### **BRIEF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Hull configuration: Displacement

Hull material: Steel

S/Structure material: Aluminium

LOA: 49.95m

LWL at full load: 48.26m Beam overall: 9.25m Draught at full load: 2.60m

Displacement at full load: 495t (full load)

Gross tonnage: 499gt Fuel capacity: 55,000lt Water capacity: 11,000lt Main engines: CAT C32

Engines power: 2x1,081 kW @ 2,150 RPM

Maximum speed: 17 Cruising speed: 12

Range at cruising speed at half load: app. 5,000 miles

Exterior Design: Unique Yacht Design Naval Architect: Unique Yacht Design

Interior Design: Hot Lab Builder: Bilgin Yachts

### ABOUT BILGIN YACHTS

Bilgin Yachts is a boutique shipyard at the European side of Istanbul, building bespoke 50 to 120-meter luxury superyachts. It has been a family-run business for five generations since the early 1900s. With its 700+ highly-skilled craftsmen, performing 90% of the work in-house, the shipyard operates in five facilities covering more than 79,450sqm. The shipyard facilities also comprises manufacturing areas, a state-of-the-art marine furniture factory, a comprehensive mechanic, hydraulic, stainless-steel and upholstery workshop, all of which work closely until a project is ready for launch. Headquarters located in the West Istanbul Marina, which is approximately 40 minutes from the Istanbul Airport, Bilgin provides high-quality yachts to its customers.

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