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"Exuma" at Suwarrow: her owner sets off in his Iveco tender on an exploratory tour of the atoll that is part of the Cook Islands.

Vehicle for genuine explorers

Iveco supplied a true amphibious car to "Exuma's" adventure-loving owner.

After lavishing praise on the builder Picchiotti at her glittering launch party two years ago, "Exuma's" British owner then proceeded to spell out why he was having this 50-metre Philippe Briand-designed yacht built. "I want to see the world,

experience unspoilt natural beauty and not be reliant on pre-specified routes and bunker stations," he stressed with glee. The crew of this exceptionally styled explorer can consider themselves fortunate that he began realising his heralded travel dreams so soon after the yacht was delivered. The logbook of "Exuma" details visits to wonderfully exotic destinations, such as the rain forests of the Marquesas, the beaches on Tonga, the underwater world around the Fiji Islands or turquoise bays on Bora Bora. In order to be able to reach remote regions and advance more effectively up-country or up-river, her owner had "Exuma" kitted out with a wide range of unusual toys and tenders. He not only has two Castoldi tenders, jet skis and a Hov Pod hovercraft at his disposal, but now also an amphibious vehicle custom-made by the Italian commercial vehicle manufacturer, Iveco.

This floating all-terrain vehicle, the model number of which is "AV 40E18 W", features a stainless steel hull with GRP front and stern section and is powered by a 130kW water-cooled Iveco engine. In the water this operates a compact Castoldi waterjet propulsion system and generates a maximum speed of 5.4 knots. The 90 litres of fuel in the tank provide for nine hours jet operation or give a remarkably useful range of 750 kilometres on the road (top speed = 110 km/h). Two bilge pumps, which can be activated both manually and automatically, effectively pump any water coming over the sides back overboard. In the water the amphibian's crew has a choice of three propulsion modes at its disposal: jet propulsion, using the rotating all-terrain tyres, or a jet/tyre combination to go ashore.

Martin Hager



Amphibious tender: this robust Iveco can do up to 110 km/h on dry land.