

Feel the Spirit of the East

Aegean Yacht Services (Ege Yat), the biggest shipbuilder in Bodrum, launched its first vessel for this season on 10 April, but this launch is far from being the last for Aegean Yacht this year.

Spirit Of The East is a beautiful name for a beautiful yacht. Standing apart from other vessels typical of Bodrum, *Spirit Of The East* is something very special. To start with, she is not a gulet but a real sailing yacht that is rarely built in Bodrum nowadays. And even compared to other sailing yachts, she is unique for her style and materials used for the construction.

As with all the vessels from the Aegean Yacht's boatyard this 26.60 meters ketch has a steel hull where the computer controlled (CNC) cutting had been used to provide the highest quality. Masts and booms are from aluminium, the decks are

from expensive Burmese teak. The best designers of the company were working on the yacht's interior. It is light and neat made from chestnut. Another gracious yacht from Aegean Yacht Services.

'I should say it is a real pleasure to build a boat in Bodrum', says Peter Burnet, the *Spirit of the East's* English owner, 'before, I had an idea to build my yacht in Tuzla (Istanbul area) and even spent one winter there. But nothing compares to Bodrum. This place is quite competitive by prices, quality and the whole atmosphere. I am happy working with Aegean Yacht.' For a few weeks more the yacht can be seen at the Aegean Yacht's boatyard while the finishing touches are put. The vessel will probably stay in Gümüşlük Bay for summer when not being used for charter.

The occasion of a launch of a



yacht is always inspiring and impressive. The launch of *Spirit of the East* was witnessed by Peter Burnet himself and his surveyors and all the Aegean Yacht's team who had for months been devoting their energies and talents to the yacht. The ketch took the water without any trouble from the slipways, as if she were eager for baptism. She glided down

to the sea with a grace and dignity, and the sea accepted its new explorer with readiness.

Aegean Yacht plans to launch four vessels more this year, including two motor yachts of 32m and 34m LOA and two twin schooners of 22.50m LOA.

Natalia Spatar

Chernobyl

Reactor number four at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine exploded on 26 April, 1986, spewing radioactive dust over much of Europe. The radioactive fallout - up to ten times the amount released during the Hiroshima atomic bombing in 1945 - spread across Ukraine and its neighbours and reached eastern Europe, Scandinavia, northern Britain and even the eastern United States.

There are about 440 commercial nuclear power reactors operating in 31 countries supplying about 16 per cent of the world's electricity, ranging from 78 per cent in France to two per cent in China, according to the World Nuclear Association (WNA), which aims to promote nuclear power as a sustainable energy resource.

China, riding a booming economy, is embarking on a major nuclear building programme, the United States has given the green light to new nuclear plants and at least 15 other nations from Turkey to Australia are considering nuclear power. Just this month Prime Minister Erdoğan of Turkey announced that Sinop, a Black Sea city, would be the site of the first nuclear plant in Turkey.

A report this month from a British all-party parliamentary group warned the government, faced with having to shut down all but one of its ageing nuclear plants within a decade, not to rush a decision on a new generation of nuclear power stations.

Trench divides Bitez and Gumbet

A huge trench has been carved into the rock of the road between Bitez and Gumbet beaches, causing traffic to be diverted along a rough track. The Bodrum municipality is

digging the trench for a new main sewer pipe built on a gradient to improve flow from the Aşarlık area of Gumbet. The work is expected to be finished by the start of May. In the

process of cutting through the rock some 2000 year old rock tombs were exposed that had been covered some years ago by landfill.

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Ayşe has moved to Bodrum, after forty years in the national system and in private practice in Istanbul.

A graduate of Friborg University, Switzerland, she speaks French and some English.

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