

## **SP-High Modulus engineered *Antares III* named Best Sailing Superyacht 24-40m**

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2012, Auckland, NZ** – *Antares III*, a 30m composite sloop, has come out on top at the prestigious International Superyacht Society Awards, held during Fort Lauderdale Boat Show last week, having been named Best Sailing Superyacht in the 24-40m category.

SP-High Modulus, the Marine business of Gurit, provided the composite structural engineering solution for the Dixon-designed superyacht, which was built by Yachting Developments.

*Antares III* was engineered to meet stringent Germanischer Lloyd and MCA classification requirements. Due to the use of composites, she weighs 25-30% less than an aluminium equivalent, with no compromise in strength and stiffness properties. The hull was specified to be an epoxy post-cured sandwich laminate, using an E-glass/carbon/aramid combination skin over a foam core.

SP-High Modulus engineers worked closely with the designer and the yard to enable the challenging build schedule, which allowed just 400 days from start to launch, to be met.

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