





Wholly Hargrave

The new 93 Raised Pilothouse *Donna Marie* is another floating Hargrave masterpiece that's as elegant as its name suggests — right down to the very last detail.

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Donna Marie is a Hargrave through and through. The classic J.B. Hargrave styling is apparent from the minute one sees the yacht. The exterior lines are at once graceful, elegant and sturdy. The raised pilothouse offers three cleanly balanced levels that showcase space-optimized interiors to house the nearly infinite number of relaxation and entertainment options aboard.

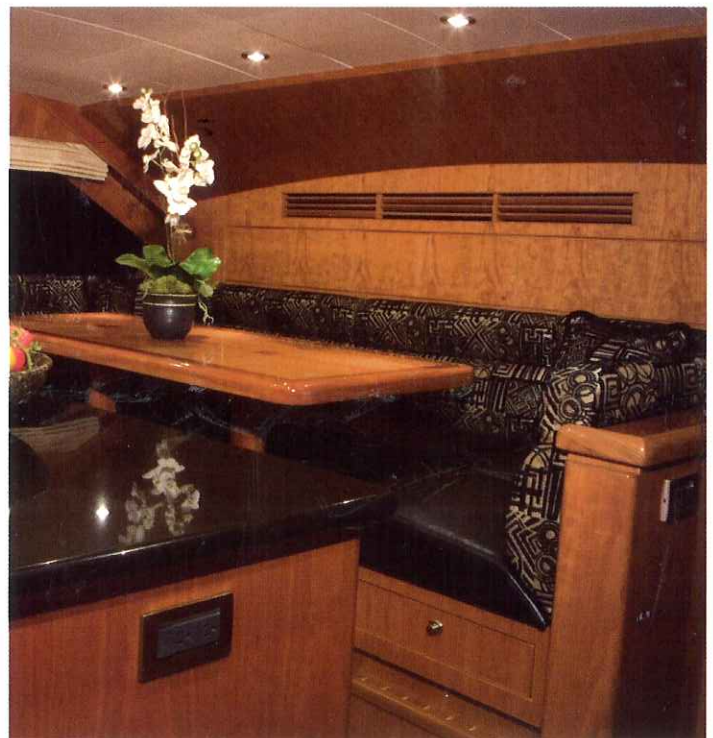
“Our customers are experienced yachtsmen and successful businessmen, and when they talk, we listen,” says Mike Joyce, company president and CEO. “Most of our clients have built custom homes. They expect the same freedom in building a yacht, and we try to accommodate them.”



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Hargrave has undergone some significant changes in the past decade since the legendary designer of the eponymous firm Jack Hargrave passed away in 1997. After a 20-year absence, Joyce returned to the company. "I immediately recognized that Hargrave was far more than a design office," says Joyce. "Jack's name was in fact a 'brand name.' Based on that, I outlined my plans to begin construction of luxury yachts under the Hargrave banner." Joyce is further credited with bringing Hargrave into the 21st century when it comes to design, technology and customized service. "Today, demanding buyers customize everything they purchase in life," he says. "The computer industry builds computers to order based on each individual customer's specifications...heck, even Wendy's makes hamburgers to order, so why not yachts?"

The result of that listening, in the case of *Donna Marie*, is a 93 that works equally well as a family yacht, corporate vessel or for placing in the well-respected Hargrave charter fleet which currently has vessels offered on the east and west coasts of North America as well as in the Bahamas and Caribbean. From the moment one steps aboard, it is apparent that this isn't just another luxury megayacht, but rather a floating private resort. The aft dining area with hi-low table is at once open and cozy and covered by a brawny hard top and situated so that diners are not battered by the wind, even at speed.





Above and Below: The spacious master stateroom is a work of art centered on the opulent, oversized bed which faces the home theatre system with Marantz 42-inch EDTV. The luxury treatments continue through to the master head.

The large and airy salon makes the most of the 21-foot beam to offer several plush seating options, with a formal dining area forward. The conventional cherrywood décor features Hargrave's famed attention to detail down to the Sholettee window treatments. The fit and finish goes beyond seamless; it is a superlative testament to the art of woodworking. The state-of-the-art entertainment system with Marantz 42-inch EDTV 16x9 plasma television in the salon is the first hint of the high-tech electronics that are to be found throughout the yacht. This focus on building the best yacht possible is also apparent in the sizeable galley with top-of-the-line appliances from GE, U-Line and Kitchenaid. The granite-topped meal prep area will impress a professional chef, yet welcomes the family who cooks together to come on board and start slicing and dicing.

Up top, the flybridge continues the theme of casual sophistication and is laid out to be a playroom-at-sea. The fiberglass hardtop thoroughly protects guests during the day, which is doubly important when cruising in hot tropical UV rays. In the early evening the flybridge becomes an excellent spot from which to sip trendy cocktails at the full marble-topped bar with stainless steel seating for four. Additional plush seating options, two Aritex SS Hi-Low tables and a Charbroil grill make the flybridge handy for impromptu nibbling of grilled hors d'oeuvres and watching sunsets. Just forward is a full helm with a trio of Stidd Low Back Admiral seats. Aft is a 16-foot Avon Seaport tender with a Yamaha 90hp outboard and a Quick Lift 2500lb, 360-degree davit with removable chocks.

"We always include fresh ideas in our boats, but it would be preposterous to start a project with a fresh piece of paper," says Joyce. "We believe in platform engineering and try to build on the proven solutions Jack Hargrave helped pioneer."

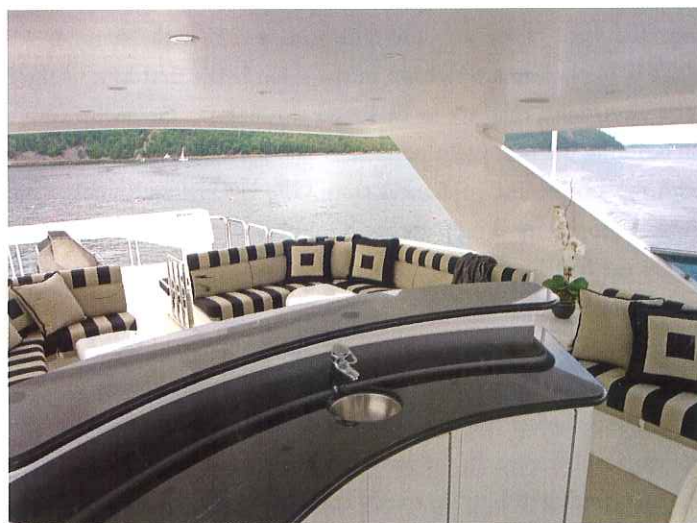




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The raised pilothouse optimizes the indoor space atop the seakindly hull without taking away from outdoor amenities. The elegant helm features dual Stidd Low Back Admiral chairs in midnight black leather facing the latest in navigation electronics from Furuno, Raymarine and Simrad, computers and gauges. The open layout allows guests to join the captain and enjoy the panoramic views as the yacht smoothly motors to its next exotic destination. Powered by twin 1,825hp C-32 CAT diesels, *Donna Marie* cruises at a comfortable 20 knots with a hearty top speed of 24 knots.

The owner and guest staterooms for six are found below. The spacious master stateroom is a work of art centered on the opulent, oversized bed which faces the home theatre system with Marantz 42-inch EDTV. The compact vanity for her can also function as a handy desk for a laptop computer. The remaining fine joinery hides plenty of dresser and closet storage. The marble ensuite continues the opulence. The VIP and guest staterooms continue the extravagance, while separate crew quarters for four make sure the staff members are equally content.

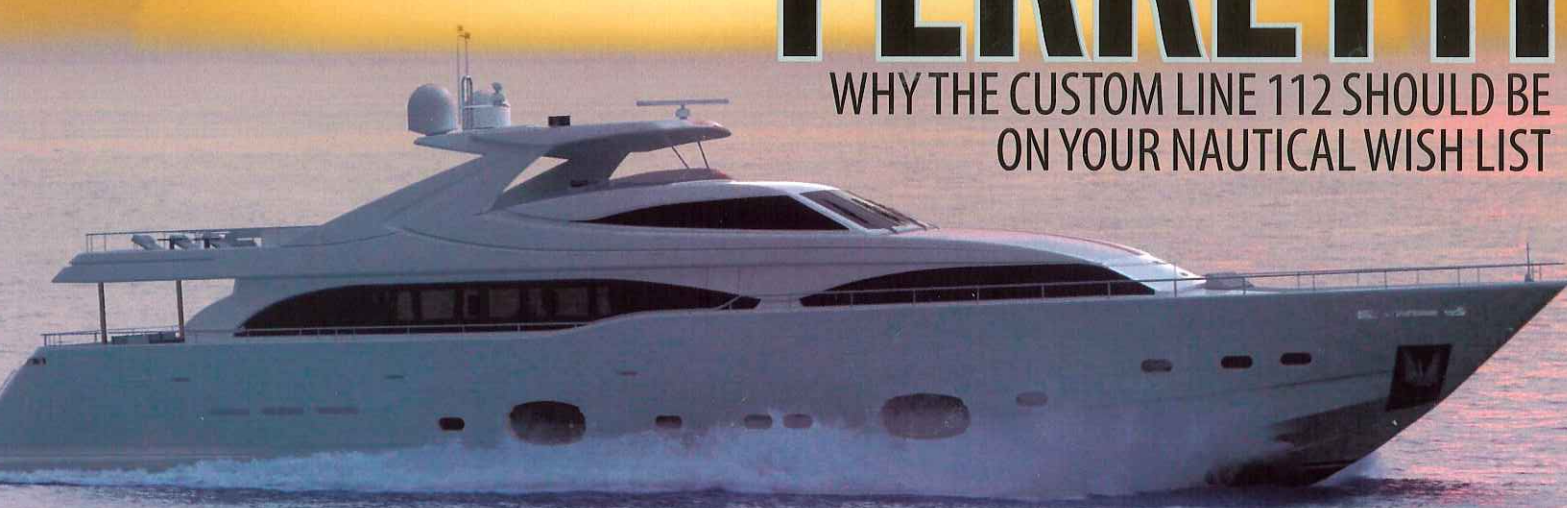


Each Hargrave is a truly unique vessel and *Donna Marie* is no exception. “Almost every buyer comes to us with a file,” says Mike Joyce, company president. “This is a file that’s full of clippings from yachting magazines that they have been saving with various rooms, design details that caught their eye, technology articles, etc. This file immediately gives us a sense of what is important to the buyer.” Hargrave then takes those dreams and turns them into a sea-going reality and every owner’s wish come true. 🍷

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