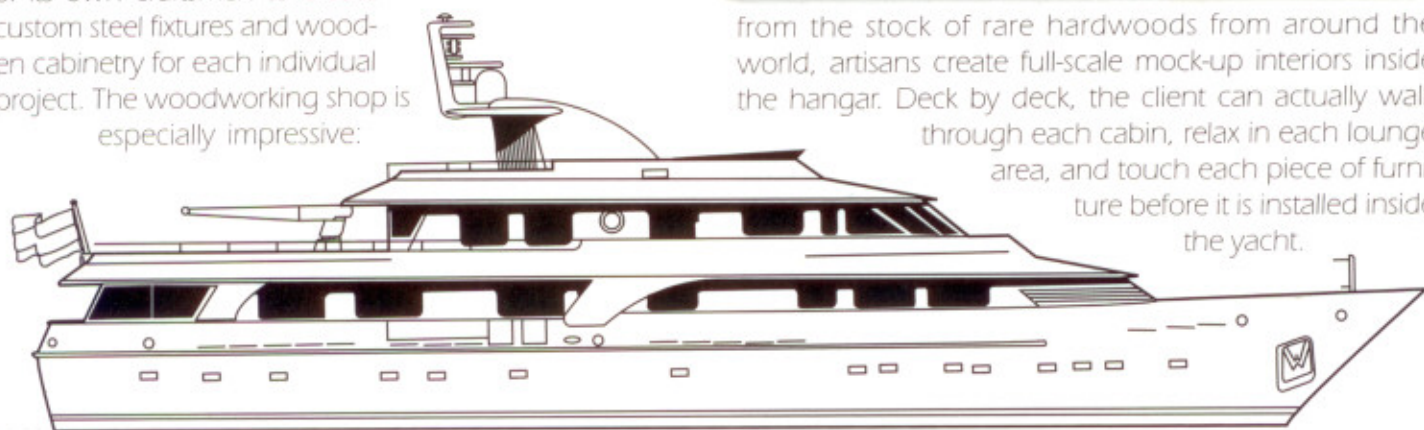


The no-nonsense approach prevails over the operations at the Hakvoort shipyard, where a single yacht is launched every nine months, on the average. A client who chooses to have his yacht built at Hakvoort knows that he'll have to wait. The yard is located in the enchanting little fishing town of Monnickendam, where the shipyard itself nearly dwarfs everything around it. Hakvoort is a family owned and operated shipyard that got its start in the construction of fishing vessels. The structure and the activity of the yard remain closely tied to tradition, in particular the in-house fabrication of most on-deck hardware all interior woodwork. This is one of the rare facilities that still relies on the expertise

of its own craftsmen to create custom steel fixtures and wooden cabinetry for each individual project. The woodworking shop is especially impressive:



from the stock of rare hardwoods from around the world, artisans create full-scale mock-up interiors inside the hangar. Deck by deck, the client can actually walk through each cabin, relax in each lounge area, and touch each piece of furniture before it is installed inside the yacht.

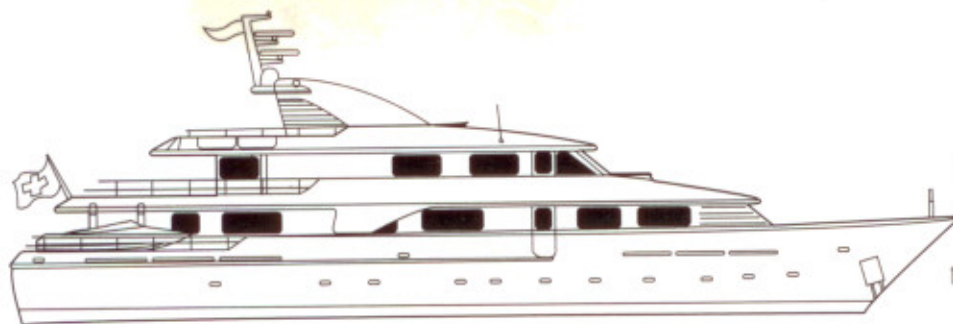


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143' Rhapsody.

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Through their dedication to detail, executives of the shipyard believe that they are able to offer the highest level of satisfaction to their clients, and they welcome changes or modifications of interiors prior to final installation. During our visit, workers were completing interior installations, cabin by cabin, onboard 143' "Rhapsody", as well as fairing and sanding her exterior surfaces in preparation for the paint job. Featuring a steel hull and aluminum superstructure, the exterior styling of this yacht is



131' Hakvoort by Diana Yacht Design.

the work of Diana Yacht Design. This is the owner's second yacht built by Hakvoort,

and although that fact in itself may not be surprising, she is virtually identical to the owner's first yacht. Next in line is a 131-foot yacht by the same designer. Both of these designs are for displacement hulls; the larger of the two being powered by twin 672 kW engines and the smaller by 537 kW, providing top speeds of 14 and 13.5 knots, respectively.