

Newport Beauty Comes Home



The *Loie B* will take your breath away. This 90 foot luxury motoryacht is among the most well-appointed motoryachts you will ever see. Interior Designer Tom Bakker has created a beautiful, elegant, highly customised interior where attention to detail is paramount.

Architectural interior design is what Tom does best. Coffered ceilings, elaborate crown moldings, fluted columns, baseboards and door casings are all part of the interior details of this magnificent motoryacht. Tom's stamp can also be seen on the highly customised exterior styling of the *Loie B*. The portlight style was changed and three large vertical portlights were added to both sides of the full-beam master stateroom. Custom stainless steel rails were added and the enclosed bridge and bridge deck bulwarks were extended.

All of this adds up to a yacht with stunning lines and symmetry.

Tom met the owners of the *Loie B* three years ago and learned about their plans to build their 90 foot dream yacht. He reviewed their wish list and "dream book", a collection of images reflecting their desires, and created layouts and hand-drawn artist impressions to visualise ideas and possible details. Many hours of sketching, telephone conversations and meetings culminated in a masterpiece.

The interiors feature hand-picked makore. Cabinet fronts and passage doors have exquisite Makore veneered starburst designs while the VIP and guest staterooms boast specially selected quilted maple veneer with makore reveals. The gold-plated door hardware is imported from Italy. Granite was sourced from a number of stone yards

in North America and machined into light-weight slabs to maximise the use of natural stone.

The three ensuite stateroom heads are outfitted with granite and have amazing detail. The galley and sky lounge feature honed stone tile floors and granite countertops. All areas with stone floors have stone baseboards elegantly wrapping around circular columns. Local stone artisans executed these exceptional interior finishes. Every interior detail is custom designed and manufactured. Several loose furniture items, such as the salon sofa, barrel chairs, coffee table and end table, have been custom designed and made by world-class manufacturers.

Lighting is critical, especially when it has to highlight custom interior details and art. The owners commissioned Tom to create a custom

work of art, which is installed in the sky lounge; another artist created cast glass sconces and a sliding door for the Master Stateroom, all of which are elegantly illuminated by a lighting plan implementing a Lutron Homeworks system.

Loie B is equipped with state-of-the-art electronics, sophisticatedly integrated in the interior joinery. The bridge demanded a more masculine feel, so Tom designed a dash wrapped in black leather with decorative top stitching, inspired by luxury car interiors. The enclosed bridge floor features maple and makore and was custom manufactured from hand-selected strips of solid wood, matching the styling and dimensions of the exterior teak decking.

This elegant yacht arrived at her homeport, Newport, Rhode Island, this summer and is already astounding spectators.



Tom Bakker has twenty-two years experience as a professional interior designer and has had the privilege of working on a large number of luxury yachts in Europe and North America. He has a great eye for detail - exactly what the owners of *Loie B* were seeking.

Working closely with the owners has been an amazing experience and privilege for Tom. He says that it is most rewarding when things turn out the way they were initially conceptualised. While visiting the owners in Newport recently, they commented that some of the first artist impressions "look exactly like the completed interior"; a true testimony of Tom's talent, experience and abilities.

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SPECIFICATIONS:

Interior design	Tom Bakker Design Ltd.
Soft décor	Serventi's
Specialty joinery and custom furniture	Durante Furniture
Specialty joinery	Lech Podgorski Design
Stone manufacturing	Michael Homchick Stonework
Stone manufacturing and installation	TTG Stone Fabrication Corp
Stone installation	Mark Polgrabia
Glass art	Cast Glass Images
Photography	Onne van der Wal

