

# HARGRAVE'S

## 120-Foot Sandrine

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The well-earned reputation of Michael Joyce, the gentleman behind Hargrave Custom Yachts, has given him high recognition in the yachting industry due to the combination of his impeccable work ethic and construction of some of the finest yachts in the world. Hargrave's newly launched 120-foot Tri Deck Sandrine is a testament to what this company is all about.

Joyce met the owners of Sandrine, Sandy and Rick Sorenson, at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show where they were actually visiting another display next to the Hargrave booth. At the time, the Sorensons owned an 86-footer and were looking to upgrade.

Joyce explained, "As they were leaving the show, Sorenson's wife said to her husband, 'Didn't you want to look at Hargrave?' He replied that they would look another day. But Sandy insisted, and the next thing I knew, we are talking to this enthusiastic couple about

building the largest Hargrave built to date ... which has become the flagship of Hargrave Custom Yachts."

Joyce noted that Hargrave builds fully custom yachts, as their name suggests, but that this concept has lost its meaning in today's world where the word "custom" is, as Joyce said, "used on everything from soap to mass produced automobiles." His customers require a wide array of custom needs, from the simple to the complex.

"I sometimes feel like a piano salesman, and most people we talk to can only play 'Chop Sticks' and don't need anything more than an upright spinet piano," said Joyce, "but when we discussed the details of this project I realized that Rick was a passionate engineer used to working in the high tech aerospace industry. His wife Sandy had been involved in the design of multi-million dollar construction projects so we told the guys at the Hargrave factory, 'Get ready, boys - they're building a Steinway!'"

Rick Sorenson made it clear from the beginning that he and Sandy did not want this to be a one-sided affair. He was the owner of industry leader Octoplex Systems for the marine industry and CEO of Carling Technologies (a global leader in circuit breakers and wiring systems). Rick not only made this a showpiece for Hargrave but a technology showcase as well. The systems on this boat are hard to comprehend on the first visit, and when Rick explains what the technology will do for an owner, it truly is a look into the future of yachting.

He and his wife encouraged everyone on the Hargrave team, including Yacht Interiors by Shelley and Concorde Electronics, to make this yacht a statement for everyone involved in the build. "It is so



Clockwise, from top left: Aft deck, master stateroom, sky lounge and aft Jacuzzi

advanced, so sophisticated, so intuitive," Joyce said. "The best way I can describe it is to say imagine Disney World engineered the systems on your boat. You would expect it to be futuristic, loaded with 'wow features,' and most important of all, it must be fun. This yacht is all of that and more."

Technology was not the only feature important to the owners of Sandrine. They also wanted their yacht to be comfortable, and they wanted to entertain their guests in a relaxed environment with wide-open spaces. The décor was created by Sandy who worked closely with Shelley DiCondina of Yacht Interiors by Shelley. Together they incorporated some of the finest fabrics, and their choices were defined with simplicity and refined designs. Sandrine boasts handblown glass sinks, and organic materials were used throughout, including wool and silk carpets, bamboo for the galley floor and fine mahogany paneling. The designers chose peaceful colors of avocado, cocoa, vanilla and cayenne.

The main deck space is divided into the salon aft, a dining room area and a country kitchen forward. All of this can be accessed through a starboard side door that opens to a foyer. The handsome dining area

seats eight comfortably, and the mahogany walls are adorned with fine pieces of art.

On the top deck aft of the bridge is a comfortable sky lounge with zebra wood paneling, wenge wood, satin sapele and maitore accents. A large dropdown screen is suspended over the portside settee, and aft of the lounge is a deck with a bar, the Jacuzzi and a tender.

The main deck features a spiral staircase that leads down to four spacious staterooms. The Sorensons had the beds laid out fore and aft to ensure a more comfortable ride while cruising. A full width master is located aft with his and her baths. The aft deck leads to a sportfishing-style cockpit and a transom door leading to a stern platform for easy access to the yacht's tenders.

More than half of Hargrave's clients are repeat customers. The final results of Sandrine were exactly what the owners had hoped for in their yacht, and Hargrave had completed this largest build to date to Rick and Sandy's complete satisfaction.

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## HARGRAVE'S 120-foot Tri Deck Sandrine

- Length: 120 feet
- Beam: 25.3 feet
- Draft: 7 feet
- Guests: 8
- Crew: 4
- Engines: Twin C-32 CAT (1825 hp)
- Cruise Speed: 12 Knots
- Max. Speed: 16 Knots
- Fuel: 8,000 gallons
- Water: 1,000 gallons
- Generators: (2) Onan 55 KW
- Hull: Fiberglass



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