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# Hargrave **100'** *Katina*

THE LARGEST HARGRAVE WITH MODERN "CAPRI" STYLING IS THE NEW 100' *KATINA*, WHICH MADE ITS DEBUT AT THE FORT LAUDERDALE BOAT SHOW AND AT THE SAME TIME MADE A LASTING IMPRESSION WITH HER NAVY HULL, STUNNING INTERIOR, TOP-OF-THE-LINE ELECTRONICS SYSTEM AND GOOD SEA-KEEPING CAPABILITIES, WHICH SHE DISPLAYED DURING A SEA TRIAL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SHOW.





**SHELLEY DICONDINA  
DESIGNED THE INTERIOR  
WITH THE OWNERS, WHO  
RAISED THE CEILINGS TO  
OVER SEVEN FEET, EVEN  
IN THE COUNTRY  
KITCHEN (FACING PAGE)**

**T**he GRP hull had just received brand new navy paint just weeks before unfortunately taking some minor scrapes when Hurricane Wilma scythed through South Florida 10 days before the show. Fortunately, those scratches were the only noticeable damage, and at the show the arsenal of yachts surrounding *Katina* at the Hargrave stand covered the blemishes.

Everything looked perfect in the cockpit, where we found a large settee, granite table and wet bar, where a flat screen with DVD and satellite TV, controlled by a Crestron remote, was within easy sight lines of the settee. After stepping through the double saloon doors it was difficult to tell that the yacht had been through any storm at all: the top-of-the-line electronic equipment and precious glassware were perfect, a reflection of the highly professional and hard-working crew. The owner, a veteran NFL All-Pro who plans on chartering *Katina* extensively in the Bahamas and Caribbean, ordered the state-of-the-art Crestron entertainment system, which includes three satellite receivers and DVD/CD players in every conceivable space that charter guests might frequent.

At 6'6" tall, the owner had established an interior headroom requirement greater than seven feet, a mandate that, according to crewmembers, production builders could not accommodate. As a custom builder, Hargrave could, a capability that earned them the order to build *Katina*.

"The production builders said 'no,' but Hargrave had no problem changing not only the ceiling heights, but all the door archways and stairwells as well," said First Mate George Pinon. "They even made the seats larger for the owner's long legs in the pilothouse and on the flybridge."

This is the owner's second yacht—he previously had owned a 50' Ferretti—so a 100' represented quite a jump. Nevertheless, he and his wife became very involved with the interior and helped create a warm, comfortable and user-



**THE SUN DECK IS READY TO ENTERTAIN WITH A BAR, BARBECUE, HOT TUB, PLENTY OF SEATING AREAS AND LOTS OF DECK SPACE ONCE THE FLEET OF 60+ MPH PWCS ARE LAUNCHED**

friendly 100-footer. For the design they tapped Interiors By Shelley, a Fort Lauderdale design house accustomed to creating cozy interiors for Hargrave and Monte Fino yachts. The beautiful sapelle wood cabinetry with makore wood accents conceals a humidior/wine cooler behind the marble bar in the saloon. Triple-crown moldings and cutout-curved doors add elegance to the dining area. Along with the fine woodwork, rich, dark-brown marble adorns the entry foyer and main deck day head.

"The owner's wife was absolutely wonderful to work with," said chief designer Shelley DiCondina. "She was actually eight months pregnant with their second child during the first meeting, and brought in her six-day-old newborn to one of the meetings. The beautiful baby didn't disturb the discussion at all—they were a lot of fun."

The accommodations, all below decks, are arranged for a charter party of eight. The VIP is just forward of the large country kitchen, which features Sub-Zero appliances and a large settee wrapping around a breakfast table. Located in the bow, the VIP has tall ceilings around a queen bed, and in the marble bathroom.

The master suite and two guest cabins have their own private staircase descending from the saloon. The master suite is full-beam and has a comfortable couch across from a make-up table. Because the owner is considerably taller than his wife, "his" vanity in the his-and-hers bathroom is much higher than "hers." The master suite is separated from the two guest suites by a small foyer. The twin stateroom includes a Pullman berth and a cream-marble bathroom. The twin beds can convert into one big bed, or can be separate; with the Pullman down they can accommodate three children. The other guest suite has a queen bed and a marble ensuite bathroom. All suites, as noted above, have complete entertainment systems, including RCA jacks for X-Box or PlayStation game systems.

In the pilothouse, an L-shaped raised settee also accommodates the long legs of the owner, witnessed by the forward-facing part with a 30" seat base. Dash monitors can display data from the navigation electronics, including a pair of Furuno radar units, one of which was installed as a backup. Another helm with Raymarine electronics is up on the flybridge, in front of a full-sized Stidd helm chair.

The sun deck features a bar with granite top adjacent to a barbecue, icemaker and a large television that was tuned to ESPN through the duration of the boat show—apparently there are some sports fans onboard. A hot tub sits in front of triple four-stroke SeaDoo PWCs that can exceed 60 mph. *Katina* also tows a 32' Intrepid—powered by triple 275-hp outboards that deliver speeds of 65-mph—to all of its charter destinations. The foredeck has a sun pad and two seats, which creates yet another social area for charter guests.

CAPTAIN WAYNE  
NOLANDER DEFTLY  
MANEUVERED *KATINA* OUT  
OF THE BOAT SHOW SLIP



TO ACCOMMODATE THE  
OWNER'S 6'6" FRAME,  
THE PILOTHOUSE HAS  
AN ENLARGED SETTEE,  
A PERFECT PLACE TO  
ENJOY THE CRUISING  
CAPACITIES OF THIS  
100' GRP YACHT



The aft crew quarters for four are finished to guest quality. A refrigerator and stacked laundry center are in the main hallway, which serves two suites, one with separated twin bunks and another with a full bed.

Along with gleaming, chrome-plated Caterpillars C32 diesels, the engine room houses a 35-kW Onan generator for daytime duties and is backed up by a 27-kW Onan Naiad stabilizers, a Sea Recovery water maker and a Headhunter Tidal Wave septic system made us feel like we were in the equipment room of a 130'.

The day of our sea trial dawned sunny and warm, albeit blustery at times, with Northeast winds gusting beyond 20 knots. Right on schedule, Captain Wayne Nolander deftly maneuvered *Katina* out of its boat show slip and into a crowded Intracoastal Waterway, dodging temporary pilings, floating cranes, towboats and other yachts that make up the controlled chaos of move-out day at the Ft. Lauderdale Boat Show. The short transit to the inlet at Port Everglades gave us the opportunity to complete our onboard inspection tour, and to experience agreeably low sound levels of the yacht at idle speeds. Here, *Katina's* muted demeanor allowed even subdued conversation. Outbound through the cut, the sea state built predictably to about five-feet at the sea buoy, where *Katina* turned South to display comfortably straight tracking in a quartering sea.

Reversing to a more windward course, the yacht at full throttle allowed only an occasional dash of spray over the bridge, yet at each rpm level retaining its good manners, its mechanical noises well below the rush of the wind over the bridge deck. For contrast, we moved below momentarily, to discover that conversation was not only possible at cruise speeds, but also eminently enjoyable.

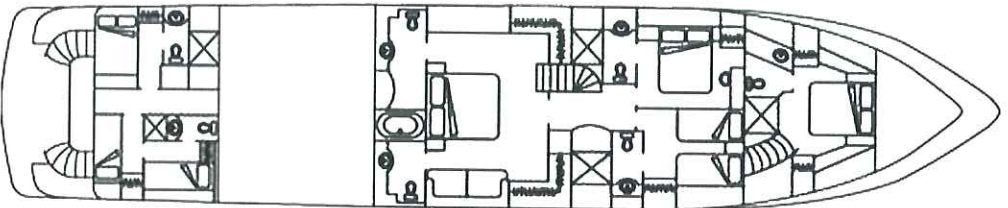
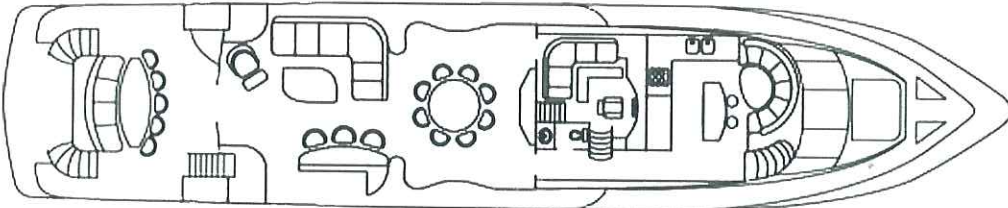
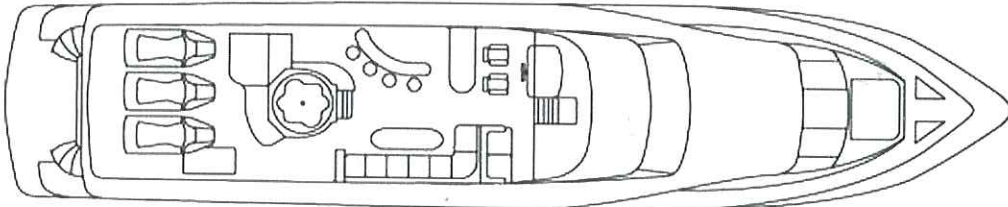
Back inside, *Katina* rejoined the boat show fleet as it headed up the New River in another round of close-quarters maneuvering, culminating as Capt. Nolander deployed the hand-held remote docking station, alternating mains and thrusters to ease his charge into its slip with inches to spare... but not so much as a scuff to show for it. Following a few days of post show, post-hurricane touch-up and detailing, *Katina* was once again ready to take her owners cruising.

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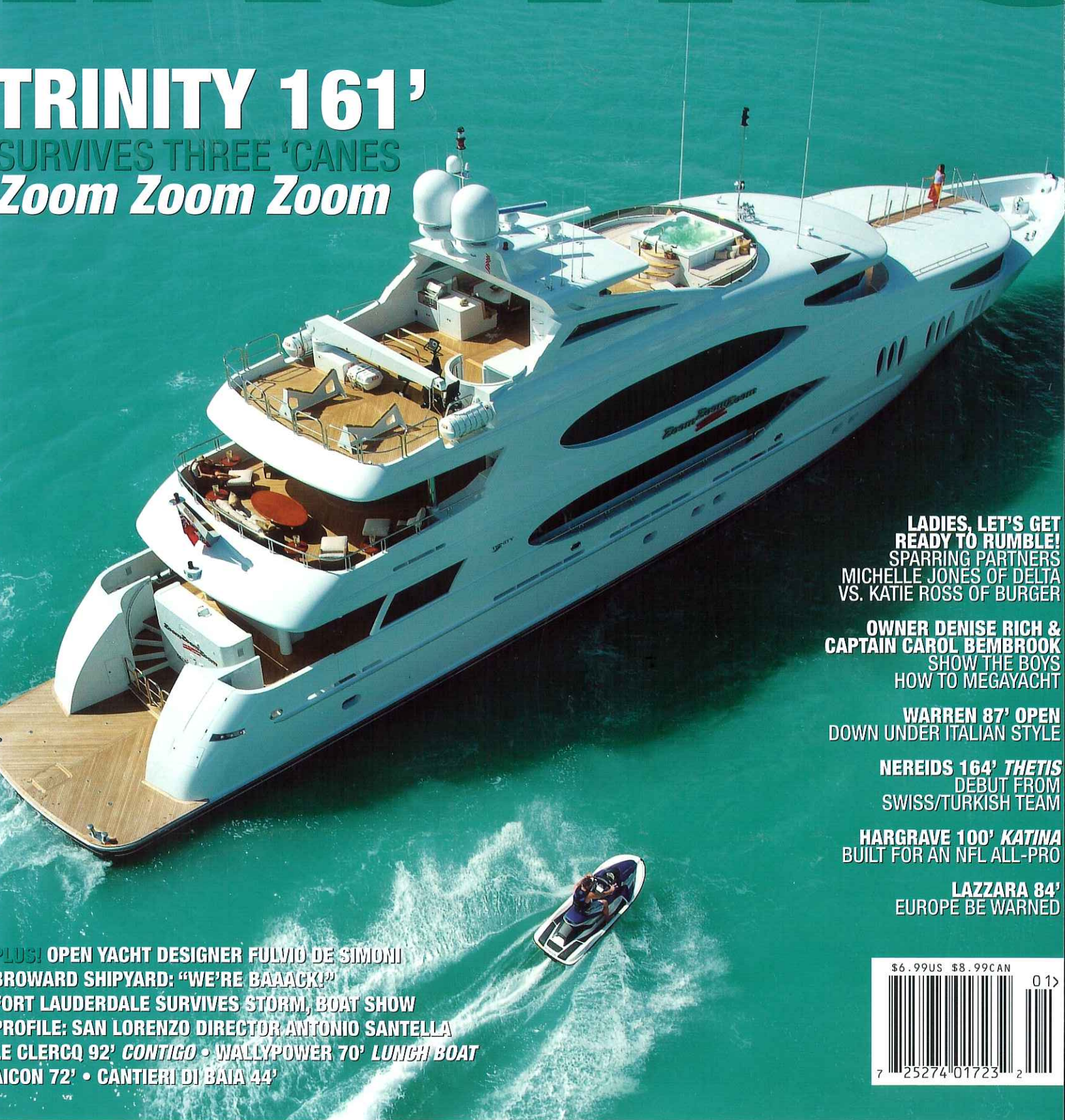
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