

Sassy

When experienced owners looking to move up handed the reins to the Hargrave Custom Yachts team, the collaboration resulted in a truly innovative, yet user-friendly 101-footer.

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IT IS A RARE OPPORTUNITY WHEN a custom builder is tasked with designing a yacht just as it would like. For Hargrave Custom Yachts, an owner willing to turn over the reins meant the chance to build the new 101ft raised pilot-house *Sassy*—a design borne from a wealth of ideas aimed at improving life on board. From answering crews' requests to increase galley prep space to offering multiple master staterooms, owners, guests, and crew alike were considered in this objective.

While Hargrave seldom designs a boat without a customer in mind, *Sassy* is the happy exception, representing a design concept years in the making. "This boat is a collection of every piece of criticism, critique, and suggestion we've had from owners, captains, and crew," says Hargrave Custom Yachts Chairman and CEO Michael Joyce. "We had been sitting on [the design for] this boat for two years until the owner came along and said, 'What ideas do you have?'"

Sassy is by no means a yacht designed devoid of an owner's perspective; rather, she is the brainchild of myriad Hargrave owners—and captains, chefs, crew, engineers, and designers. As this is these owners' second Hargrave—the first a 94ft skylounge also named *Sassy*—they felt confident relying on the builder to dream up their next boat. "When you're a custom builder, you get all these great ideas, but you give the owners what they want," Joyce says. "It was a great opportunity for us when he said, 'Let's see what you got.'"

Combining an exterior derived from Jack Hargrave's classic styling with an innovative interior never before seen on a Hargrave in this size range, *Sassy* is both beautiful to behold and extremely user friendly. An open layout, complemented by elegant interiors from Shelley DiCondina of Yacht Interiors by Shelley, adheres to the design goal for a more natural, livable flow. ➤





Previous spread: With strong, clean lines, *Sassy* is unmistakably a Hargrave. The redesigned flybridge is the perfect place for socializing. This page: Light fabrics, picture windows, and an open flow make the main salon, above left, an inviting space. *Sassy* is the first Hargrave to feature a main-deck cabin, upper right. The crew quarters boast a lounge and entertainment center, bottom right.

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She represents many firsts for the builder, including being the first Hargrave to have a main-deck master suite. This full-beam stateroom, replete with king-size bed and a large en suite bath made to feel grander with the expert use of mirrors, can be purposed as a master or a VIP suite. The main-deck stateroom is actually one of two master suites. A second full-beam master, slightly larger and featuring walk-in closets and his-and-hers bath areas, is found below. This double master-suite arrangement is ideal for anyone sharing ownership of the yacht, splitting the cost on a charter, or simply as a means to make special guests feel all the more special. Two additional guest staterooms below with en suite baths convert from twin beds to queen configurations.

In *Sassy*, Hargrave gave up its celebrated country kitchen in lieu of a commercial-style galley that maximizes space and responds to the input of chefs and crew, such as the oft-heard request for more prep space. Such suggestions helped design a galley that is a chef's dream, with four

workstations and plenty of counter space to plate 12 diners. Three sizable pantries and ample storage space round out the galley's charms.

Storage space is a commodity on any yacht—Joyce notes that crew's number one complaint is lack of storage—and creative use of space abounds on *Sassy*. It seems storage compartments can be found everywhere, even behind the headboard panels in the main-deck master.

Hargrave continues to prove its reputation as a builder that understands the needs of crew. "Crew quarters were a key part in Jack Hargrave's designs because he was a captain himself for so many years," Joyce says. "Good crew have a lot of choices, so we think it's beneficial to have a great crew cabin." Located forward on the cabin deck, the crew quarters are impressive for a 100ft yacht. High ceilings, a flood of natural light, and the same fit and finish found in the owner's accommodations make for a comfortable living space, with a lounge area, entertainment center, and three double staterooms, each with a private en suite bath.

A watertight bulkhead between the crew quarters and guest areas doubles as a hidden passageway. Instead of »



The headboard in the full-beam master is made of Capiz mother of pearl shells, cultivated in the Polynesian Islands. A marble shower separates his-and-hers areas in the master bath. The commercial-style galley, left, is the stuff chefs' dreams are made of.



The well-equipped wheelhouse, above, offers owners a quiet place to read or set up a temporary office.

rushing up and down stairs and sidestepping guests, the crew can now quickly service the cabins and access the laundry. Tucked away in the foyer is a walk-in laundry center featuring a large-capacity washer and double dryers, the latter of which were requested by crew to reduce the time spent drying linens.

Owner feedback influenced the redesign of *Sassy's* flybridge, which is topped off by an electric sliding sunroof. Hargrave owners asked for additional upscale features on the flybridge, including wood detailing and increased visibility at the helm. In designing the space to be more ergonomic and livable, even a facet as subtle as the

placement of the TV was evaluated. Instead of mounting the TV above, it was placed on a sideboard at eye level across from the settee for more natural and comfortable viewing. The wet bar is built lower so those seated at the bar can put their feet on the ground. Built-in coolers and extra storage ease the duties of crew.

Sassy rides on a proven hull by J.B. Hargrave Yacht Design that handles multiple layouts but has been widened to 21 feet to carry more weight. "Our owners are looking for a big, comfortable, heavy ride in rough seas, as they will cross the Gulf Stream often," Joyce says. With twin Cat C32s at 1,650 horsepower, she is designed for a top speed of 21 to 24 knots and a comfortable cruise of 18 knots.

As Jack Hargrave gained success as America's premier powerboat designer in the 1960s, the lifelong sailor and top-ranked ocean skipper had a design up his sleeve for a 150ft sailing yacht that never got built. "I remember when I took over the company after Jack's death, feeling sad as I stared at the profile and arrangement plans," Joyce said. "Jack Hargrave was a phenomenal sailor and always wanted to design a big sailboat. But he said the problem was you become a prisoner of your own success. It becomes a trap when you want to show something new." Hargrave Custom Yachts defied this trap, as its success with past builds inspired *Sassy's* owners to ask for something innovative. *Sassy* gave Hargrave a unique opportunity to go beyond the confines of a custom builder, taking years of collected knowledge to build a better mousetrap, or in this case, a better Hargrave. ☐

LOA: 101ft (30.78m)
LWL: 99ft (30.18m)
BEAM: 21ft (6.40m)
DRAFT: 5ft 8in (1.72m)
DISPLACEMENT: 117 tons
ENGINES: 2 x Caterpillar C32s, 1,650hp

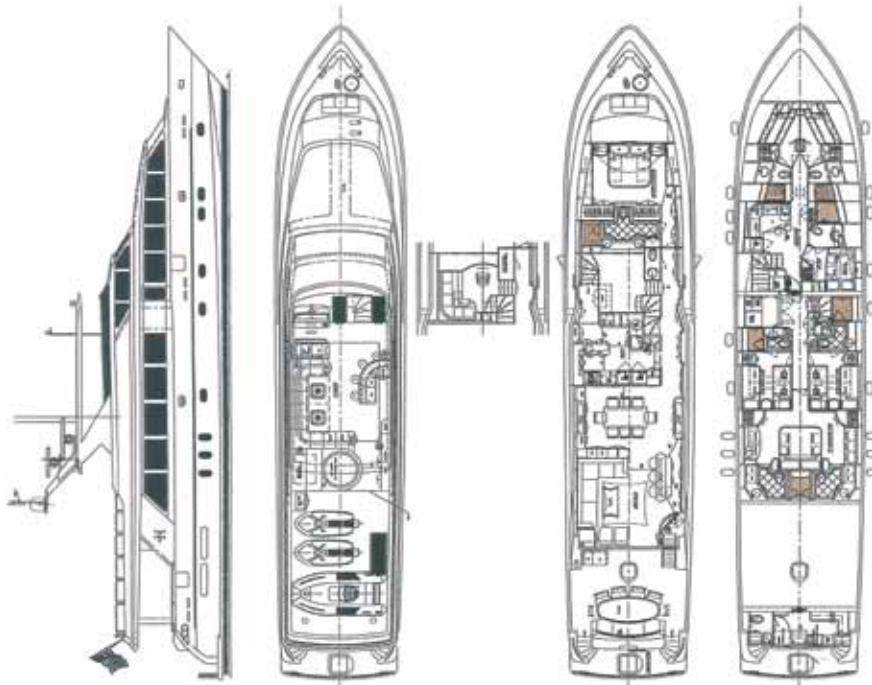
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SPEED (MAX/CRUISE):
 21/18 knots

RANGE AT 10 KNOTS:
 1,000nm

FUEL CAPACITY:
 3,200 U.S. gallons



THRUSTERS: Naiad 36hp
STABILIZERS: Naiad 302 system with Datum Control
GENERATORS:
 2 x Phasor 40kW
FRESHWATER CAPACITY:
 6,000 U.S. gallons
GREY/BLACK WATER CAPACITY:
 200 U.S. gallons
OWNER AND GUESTS: 10
CREW: 6
TENDERS: 15ft Sea-Doo sport boat, 2 x 11ft 6in Sea-Doo PWC
CONSTRUCTION: FRP
NAVAL ARCHITECT:
 J.B.Hargrave Yacht Design
EXTERIOR STYLING: J.B. Hargrave Yacht Design
INTERIOR DESIGNER: Yacht Interiors by Shelley, Inc.
BUILDER/YEAR: Hargrave Custom Yachts/2009
PRICE GUIDE: \$8 million