



## SHOWBOATS INTERNATIONAL AWARDS 2007



### Vango

IN 1999, WASHINGTON State's Westport Shipyard boldly announced it would build four 130-foot production yachts per year on spec. While some greeted the news with skepticism, the project has proven a success. Three years ago, the company announced a similar program for 164-foot boats, an announcement that generated similar initial sentiments. But with the launch last year of the first product of that series, *Vango* (pronounced

**BEST NEW  
SEMI-CUSTOM  
YACHT**

van-GOH), the naysayers have again been proven wrong. The yard hired Donald Starkey to design and decorate the interiors of the 164s. For *Vango* he chose a combination of mahogany and pomele mahogany. Mark Masciarotte wrote, "Starkey's design details are complex and manifold and, as is certainly most important from the customer's point of view, they are executed with precision and finished to perfection."

SIZE: 49.94 m/163'10"; BUILDER: Westport Shipyard; NAVAL ARCHITECTS: William Garden/Taylor Olson; DESIGNER: Donald Starkey



### Julianne

ACCORDING TO OWNERS Larry and Joan Castellani, their 24-meter Northern Marine expedition yacht *Julianne* was supposed to be a 72-footer, got stretched to 84 feet and ended up at the price of a 115-footer. Cost was never the primary consideration; they simply did not want big. They wanted perfection and proportion in a small package. Because they enjoy driving their own yacht, the pair only specified accommodations for a captain and wife team as the sole crew. This single-screw,

**BEST FULL-DISPLACEMENT  
MOTOR YACHT  
UNDER 45 METERS**

FRP world-beater was designed for maximum ruggedness and ergonomic efficiency without sacrificing aesthetics. Her interior is a pleasing amalgam of traditional yacht details and cozy residential furnishings. Her systems and construction are offshore-tough. In his review of the yacht, Mark Masciarotte wrote, "A masterwork in traditional design, *Julianne's* joinery employs rich, satin-finished makoré for paneling and cabinetry in the boat's public spaces and for wainscoting in the staterooms, where the upper cladding is executed in off-white, satin-finished bead-board." Owner Larry Castellani said of the design, "Everything we did on the boat was for safety first, reliability and convenience second, and comfort third."

SIZE: 24.38 m/80'; BUILDER: Northern Marine; NAVAL ARCHITECT: Stuart Archer; DESIGN: Ardeo Design/Scott Cole >

