



In her custom projects, Sylvia Bolton strives to create, in each interior, an extension of the owner's personality. "I try very early in a project to identify the client's preferences and taste," she says. "Whenever possible, I visit clients in their homes, both to listen and to get a sense of the way they live. Often I will ask them to select photographs of favorite interiors in architectural or boating magazines. What they tell me and show me, I believe, is fundamental to creating a compatible environment aboard their yachts."

Like any designer of growing stature, Bolton has amassed a portfolio of successful projects and a commensurate roster of happy clients, both individual owners and yacht builders. These, of course, have led to an enviable list of current and pending projects, including two Horizon 82s, an 80' North Star sport fisherman, an Ocean Alexander 78' and a pair of steel expedition yachts, at 92' and 102, at the new Aleutian Yachts yard.

A work load like that requires the occasional diversion, and for Bolton that means cruising the open road on her 2000 Harley-Davidson Custom "Fatboy" motorcycle. It's her second bike, and like the first boasts a lively graphic theme that's—you guessed it—custom designed by Sylvia Bolton. Her enthusiasm for the sport and the distinctive look of the machine have earned her a spot in this year's Professional Women Who Ride calendar.

Back at work, while she also manages to squeeze in an occasional home design project—in each case for a satisfied yacht owner-client—interior design for yachts continues to offer the greatest professional rewards.



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