

## **Designer Commentary**

Akin to the shot of a cannon the design process for Ill Amigos was initiated with an instant barrage of freehand sketches and concepts in an effort to capture the quickfire ideas and thoughts of the owner and bring them ever closer to a tangible reality.

Prior to signing a contract with the builder, the owner insisted on Patrick Knowles Designs (PKD) designing the interior of the vessel first, producing a specification package along with detailed drawings and a dizzying number of photo realistic renderings of both her exterior and interior.

The employment of such realistic visual tools brought forth a virtual reality in which the owner was able to clearly see into the future - the vessel, and hence, himself on and in it, which sparked his desire to take the project to the next level of quality and execution.

After a broad consideration of the key players on the international stage of Interior Fabricators, the owner quickly settled upon Metrica in Sanden, Germany as the group to fabricate her interior. After much collaboration between PKD, Metrica and the shipyard, they were commissioned to fine tune the details of the design according to what the owner desired.

## **The Commission**

An avid sport fisherman and yachtsman at heart, as well as one who is experienced in the complexities associated with owning and enjoying all sorts of vessels, including fishing vessels of notable significance, this owner set out on fulfilling a quest to build for himself yet another vessel, this time - the ultimate fishing vessel - not only in performance, operation and functionality, but also in the aesthetics.

Already the owner of a 60 meter Feadship he commissioned and took delivery of within a handful of years, this owner requested the same level of fit, finish and detail to that of his beloved Feadship, which sports a traditional interior shrouded in a modern skin, her looks identifiable among the crowd given her prowling in-water stance. Likewise, this is the same sort of look he was after in his new sportfishing vessel.

Drawn to the Michael Rybovich and Sons (MR&S) brand in North Palm Beach, Florida, he approached the yard for them to present him with what they could produce in the mid 90' range, which would mark a new milestone for the boat builder. Known for having a great reputation in the world of sport fishing boats with performance and styling very

much to the likes of the owner; after receipt of a proposed general arrangement and profile, the design process began and the decision was made to commission Patrick Knowles Designs (PKD) as the designer of record for the project on June 2, 2017, a key step that came ahead of his contractual commitments to the MR&S shipyard.

A very loyal, multi-project, repeat client of PKD, the owner once again called upon the design firm to work closely with his own management team and his captain of many years, Jody Whitworth to collaborate in bringing his dream sportfishing yacht to life.

Read more in the [Design Statement](#).