

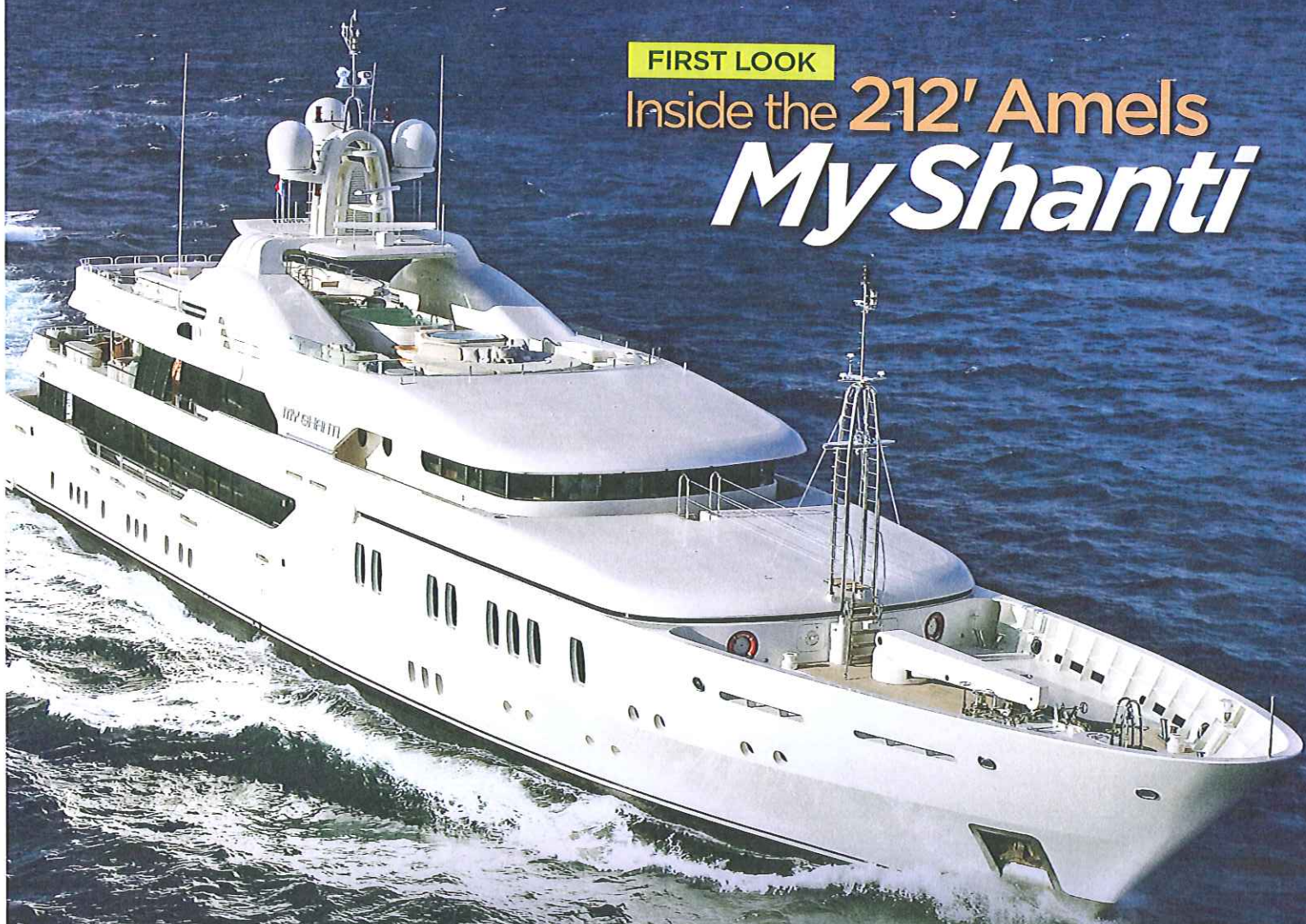
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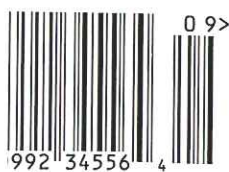
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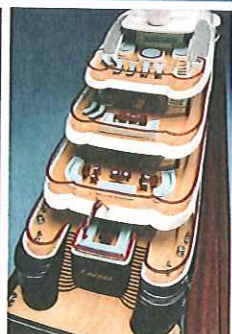
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CAKEWALK REVISITED

Owner's fifth yacht by same name is largest yet **STORY BY JILL BOBROW**

This is the first in a series of articles leading up to the launch of the custom 281-foot Derecktor motor yacht Cakewalk.

A YEAR AGO at the Monaco Yacht Show, there was a press conference on the balcony at the YCO offices overlooking the myriad yachts on the Quai des Etats-Unis to present the model of the new *Cakewalk*. This issue previews the Monaco Yacht Show, and next year at this time we will be seeing the final product.

Cakewalk is well under way at the Derecktor shipyard in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Tim Heywood (pictured top, center) designed the six-deck, 85.6-meter yacht that is the largest steel yacht ever to be built in America—at least in terms of volume. At last visit, I witnessed that she is moving well along and on schedule for delivery in 2010. The sheer size of *Cakewalk* in the shed is staggering. She represents

970 tons of steel, 129 tons of aluminum and boasts 328,000 feet—62 miles—of wiring.

The yacht's owner has built numerous *Cakewalks* at the world's top shipyards. He says he is enjoying building a record-breaking yacht in America, simply to prove it can be done. Furthermore, he is out to establish that yachts in America can be built to the very same high standards as the top yards in Europe.

Build captain Bill Zinser (top, right) is regularly on site at the yard ensuring that the owner gets exactly what he wants. The late builder Bob Derecktor was revered and respected in his day, and now Zinser and the owner of *Cakewalk* are finding it satisfying working with Derecktor's sons Paul and Tom (above, left) because they are flexible and open to new ideas and, in particular, they are open to modular construction techniques.

As of our press date, the hull is complete, the engines are in, the plumbing is done, the

watermakers are in, all wires have been run, and in are the sub ceilings and sub walls and floors. The hull has been faired and the joinery and furniture are well along. Subcontractors have been working closely with the team at Derecktor and, despite the economic crisis, all is going according to plan.

The owner, a veteran businessman and

the consummate yachtsman, says,

"Nothing worthwhile is ever easy."

From where I stood with my hard hat on, I must say it seems like a cakewalk to me. *Contact Derecktor Shipyards at 203-336-0108 ext. 125. www.derecktor.com* ☐

SPECIFICATIONS

BUILDER: Derecktor Shipyards
NAVAL ARCHITECTURE: Azure Naval Architects
EXTERIOR DESIGN: Tim Heywood Designs
INTERIOR DESIGN: Elizabeth Dalton, Dalton Designs
LOA: 281' (85.6 m)
BEAM: 46'11" (14.3 m)
DRAFT: 13'1" (4 m)
EXPECTED SPEEDS: 17 kn (max.)/15 kn (cruise)