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Scheherazade Inside King's Court

Why will wood yacht enthusiasts ring in this New Year with extra zest? *Scheherazade* will launch this year! Designer Bruce King and builder Tim Hodgdon have collaborated on some of the world's most glamorous yachts in recent decades and their 154'7" ketch *Scheherazade*—the largest sailboat under construction in the United States—could set some sort of record for her number of carved seashells in walnut. *Scheherazade* comes from the same team and yard that produced the 124' sloop *Antonisa* and the 80' retro-style New York commuter *Liberty*, both cold molded yachts of extraordinary elegance, strength and performance. The new boat, which promises more of the same but on a larger scale, has an Andrew Winch contemporary interior of fiddleback sycamore and black walnut featuring harlequin bookmatched panels, carved seashell bands and furniture tops in burl walnut. Under this high-style modern finish—a departure from the traditional interiors of recent launches—are the elements that gave Hodgdon Yachts its worldwide reputation: skill in the use of space age composites, cold-molded wood-epoxy construction, state-of-art engineering and systems, and a commitment to excellence derived from the yard's 187-year-old history.

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Hargrave Composite

Designs From Sterling in Japan

Hargrave Yachts, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, will begin building a series of yachts in the 130' - 246' range at Sterling Yacht in Japan. Hargrave will arrange for distribution in the United States through their brokerage affiliate Colonial Yacht Sales in Ft. Lauderdale.

"The Sterling yard, and it's President, Sam Amao, have been recognized world leaders in composite technology and construction for 30 years," Hargrave President Mike Joyce said, "and they recently moved into a new 21 acre 'state of the art' facility which will allow simultaneous construction of up to six megayachts."

According to Joyce, composite construction offers many benefits, most notably low weight with extremely high strength. It has proven itself not only in the aerospace industry, but also in the advanced technology composite yachts built in recent years.

"In addition to the quality advantage that comes from building in a new high tech facility like this, we believe that we can offer the buyer two major benefits—faster delivery and measurable cost savings that come from building on a fast track construction program. Sterling's work force is amazingly productive. The 181' (55 meter) motor yacht *Southern Cross*, recognized as one of the finest examples of composite yacht construction afloat today, was built by the Sterling yard in a record 12 months."

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