

# NAUTICAL CHARM

Fashioned For Cruising And Entertaining Family And Friends,  
The *Chairman* Offers High Style On The High Seas

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When yacht designer Patrick Knowles begins a project, he weighs a myriad of considerations. First and foremost are the clients' desires; and in this case — one family's motor yacht manufactured by Sovereign Yachts with architecture by Setzer Design Group — they were quite specific. "The design intent was to create a highly dramatic and sophisticated interior that was more indicative of an uptown residence," Knowles says. "The owners' objective was to enjoy the environment of the boat as much as their destination."

The yacht, christened the *Chairman* — a fun play on words to depict the husband's business as a chair manufacturer — docks in South Florida, so it

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**ABOVE:** A dramatic study in black and white, the luxurious grand salon features a sofa in silk fabric from Jeffrey Michaels. Walnut chairs dressed in black leather and brass nailheads surround a game table with embossed gold rope detail. Motorized silk Roman shades cover the windows.

**RIGHT:** A crystal light fixture from Turner Bay casts a golden glow over the 9-foot-tall dining salon, where Versace china graces a beveled glass table surrounded by armchairs from E.G. Cody in a gold-striped fabric. Custom cabinetry lines the port and starboard sides of the room.



seemed only natural that the owner would call upon Fort Lauderdale-based Knowles, an award-winning yacht and aircraft designer, for the new-build project. "They love dark woods and light textures," Knowles says, accounting for the stunning contrast of white fabrics and sapele wood tones used throughout the 120-foot vessel.

In the grand salon, a preponderance of white is punctuated with black and boldly patterned accent pillows. A custom-designed sofa and loveseat covered in

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