

## From Small Ship to Large Yacht

In the 1950s, four small passenger ships were built in Yugoslavia, each named after a famous national poet. The 178' (54.2m) *Vladimir Nazor* was completed by the Uljanik Shipyard in 1952 and for the next 50 years saw service on the Adriatic Sea carrying up to 650 passengers at a time. Then a private investor bought the aging vessel and commissioned the Zagreb, Croatia, naval architecture firm Water Line Ltd to develop a plan for rebuilding the vessel and converting her to a yacht. Rechristened *Seagull I*, she was relaunched last winter.

The work was done at the Shipyard Trogir in Croatia, where the riveted steel hull was totally stripped and some plating replaced. On the aft upper deck, the yard built a new superstructure. Project director and lead naval architect Ivo Milicic told *Professional BoatBuilder*, "The hull skin and superstructure were locally faired with epoxy filler, but not over the rivets. All decks are covered with teak 100mm wide and 30mm thick [4" x 1"]."

In terms of styling and decor, the conversion aim was to preserve the original look of the early 20th century. The new accommodation plan features an owners' suite, six guest staterooms, plus separate cabins, saloon, and galley for the nine-person crew. There is a Jacuzzi in the owners' suite, and another on the sundeck. The new interior has cherry cabinetry, custom carpets, and Alcantara textiles (artificial leathers made in Italy) on the overheads.

*Seagull I* was repowered with twin 750-hp (563-kW) Caterpillar diesel engines and cruises at 14 knots.



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The 178' (54.2m) *Vladimir Nazor*, built in 1952 and named after the famous Yugoslavian poet, was recently refitted as a yacht at the Shipyard Trogir, in Croatia. *Water Line Ltd* of Zagreb managed the project.

Other recent Water Line projects include a 131' (40m) catamaran and conversion of a 148' (45m) steel tugboat to a luxury yacht at Shipyard Izola. In addition to design and naval architecture, the company also offers survey and project-management services.

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