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From *Norna* to *Enigma*

Ex-fishery patrol vessel, *Norna* has been entirely refit under the guidance of Philippe Briand to emerge as superyacht *Enigma*.

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Built 28 years ago, the ex-fishery patrol vessel *Norna* was destined for conversion to a robust yacht capable of sailing in all conditions. After approaching the Atlantic Refit Centre, her owner embarked on a new conversion project with designer Philippe Briand to create an *Enigma*.

The project was to convert the ex-fishing patrol vessel *Norna* into the timeless superyacht *Enigma*. Maintaining the rugged exterior aesthetic, but with a complete overhaul, the new project would transform the patrol vessel into a yacht fit for tropical climes.

This new project hosts a wealth of elements outside of construction which encapsulate the ideal explorer vessel. Open spaces across the exterior, a touchdown helipad and open entertainment areas which could be protected from excessive sun exposure, extensive storage for limo tenders, all-terrain vehicles, water toys and motorcycles, make up the new layout.

One of the most impressive features of the newly converted superyacht is its glass observation room, which provides panoramic views of the ever-changing cruising grounds that the yacht is set to explore. With travel to the Polar regions available to the owner, this will no doubt be the most popular space from which guests can discover the natural beauty of these destinations without leaving the comfortable, warm cocoon of the superyacht's interior.



Before: *Norna* was a fisheries patrol vessel with little charm or luxury about her.

Philippe Briand, who leads the team of designers and naval architects at Vitruvius Yachts, commented on the challenge: "Refit work is very complex for a designer, as you often need to have a strong appreciation for the design of technical systems and naval architecture. On the *Enigma XK* project, I worked with a geometer to recreate all the areas of the vessel. Only then can you start doing the detailed work."

The next challenge was to open up the interior to natural light, as the original design of the vessel had restricted portholes to a minimum. In total, 27 port lights of 1.2 metres height were added to *Enigma XK* during the conversion, which now flood the living space with light and offer much improved views of the surroundings.

The internal space also required the low headspace of 2.5-metres to be addressed before opening space for 12 guests, a fitness room and spa.

The project began in August and *Enigma* is now celebrating her reentry to the water, destined for a long and prosperous career as one of the global superyacht fleet.

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