

Super Conversions

Purchasing a yacht is no small feat, and every individual is different. Some like to buy brand new, some prefer second hand, and some clients, rather than building a yacht from scratch, prefer to purchase an old vessel, such as an icebreaker, ferry or cruise ship, and convert them into their own, customised superyachts.

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Two vessels whose owners have decided to do just that are those of the 106 metre ferry conversion, Poseidonos, a colossal project that is due for delivery this year, and 71 metre Enigma XK - an award winning conversion of a British military owned vessel into a luxury explorer yacht delivered in 2013.

Originally launched by Turkish shipyard Halic Tersaneleri in 1997, Poseidonos has seen many previous names, including Cildir, Karadeniz, Tdi Karadeniz and Dream. Her current conversion is being undertaken in Greece, with interiors completed in their entirety by Ciarmoli Queda Studios (CQS) based in Milan, Italy. The theme for the interior is retro modern, as requested by the

client. CQS brings a lighter and more contemporary interpretation of the owner's initial ideas by creating a boiserie, free from unnecessary features. Sleek rectangular framings are outlined by brushed metal inserts. Tay is the wood selected to blend boiseries and floorings. In the corridors the boiserie becomes fabric paneling with leather framings.

She will boast 23 luxurious guest cabins and 19 crew cabins in total. Her rooms are spread out over 6 decks, creating the perfect spaces for the finest entertainment and socialising. Special features include three dining rooms, one teppanyaki dining area, a theatre, a gym, spa, swimming pool, diving centre and business centre. The finest Loro Piana fabrics and carpets provide maximum comfort and a luxuriously welcoming feeling throughout the interiors of the vessel. The owner's suite is located on the fifth deck, and

features a dining room, saloon, substantial office, an impressive 100m² cabin and an adjoining sitting room. The areas dedicated to the owner span 240m² in total. This immense space ensures the utmost privacy for the owner, with room to socialise more intimately with guests. Certainly intent on being a spectacularly luxurious boat, Poseidonos will be delivered later this year.

Another super conversion that aimed for spectacularity and succeeded is Enigma XK (ex. Norna IV). Built in 1988 by Richards Shipbuilders, this vessel undertook an extensive refit in 2013 by Atlantic Refit Centre, one in which awarded her the 2014 World Superyacht Award in the 'Best Yacht Conversion' category. Her luxurious interior was designed by Vitruvius, with exterior styling by Philippe Briand. Despite a variety of challenges including tightness on headroom within the vessel, little room for air conditioning, the difficulty of the camber often found on working vessels and the immovability of the central stairs, it took hard work to ensure that every detail was carefully planned out in order to achieve the luxury yacht that they are left with today.

Enigma XKs accommodates up to 12 guests over 6 staterooms, inclu-



The 71 metre converted Enigma XK

ding a master suite, 4 double cabins and a twin cabin, as well as a total of 21 crew. Timeless styling, beautiful furnishings and sumptuous seating feature throughout her living areas to create an elegant atmosphere throughout the vessel, and it's hard to believe that she once served as a British government-owned Fisheries Protection vessel. The interior designer exploited the supe-

ryacht's new spaces to create a magnificently glazed private saloon and dining area adjacent to the generous owner's suite, as well as a further saloon and dining room.

With a cruising speed of 16 knots, a maximum speed of 18 knots and a range of 12,000 nm from her 22,000 litre fuel tanks, she is the perfect combination of performance and luxury.



The master stateroom on board Poseidonos