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Home Sweet Home

■ Platinum Award: Best Detail in a Semi-Custom or Custom Home

Boat Builder's Refuge

The design of this sumptuous billiard room and retreat — our Room of the Year — was inspired by the homeowner's desire to maximize views of a river and marsh from the second floor of his home. Because the owner is the founder and creative force behind a successful boat manufacturing company, he wanted to incorporate motifs and materials characteristic of fine marine craftsmanship.

The room's defining feature is the ceiling, which rises from 9 feet to 12 feet at its highest point. It's detailed with ash, teak and mahogany and shaped like a boat hull. Dropped, articulated center panels of ash and mahogany run the length of the arc and hide indirect lighting and HVAC systems, keeping the ceiling unobstructed. The wood-burning fireplace, mantel and built-in cabinetry at one end of the room have mahogany details. All interior trim was carefully integrated to create an elegant yet casual atmosphere. The warm teak and holly floor is also reminiscent of a finely detailed watercraft.

The woodwork on the floor and ceiling was complicated to execute, says architect Stephen Herlong. "We consulted the interior designer about woodgrain patterns and other issues, and the builder, Philip Smith, found local craftsmen to do the installation," Herlong says. "It took a lot of extra time."

A secondary kitchen serves the room, which at 44 feet by



25 feet was a challenge to design for other purposes beside billiards. Lighting was used to subtly divide the space into different areas, allowing for a game of billiards, a conversation by the fire or an invitation to walk out to the deck for a close view of the Lowcountry surroundings.

Project Name: Potts Residence
Location: Daniel Island, S.C.
Designer/Architect: Stephen Herlong & Associates, Architects, Isle of Palms, S.C.
Builder: Philip Smith General Contractors, Mount Pleasant, S.C.
Interior Designer: Designs Three & Associates, John's Island, S.C.
Photography: Warren Lieb, Mount Pleasant, S.C.

WOOD SPECIES typically used in building boats — woods including ash, teak, mahogany and holly — were incorporated into the billiard room's floor and ceiling.





THE BOAT BUILDER'S RETREAT is anchored at one end by a richly detailed fireplace and at the other by a full-service kitchen.



Best One-Of-A-Kind Custom Home 4,001 to 6,500 square feet

Project Name: Grand Cottage
Location: Ocean City, Md.
Designer/Architect: Becker Morgan Group, Salisbury, Md.
Builder: Joseph T. Dashiell, Ocean City, Md.
Interior Designer: Joseph T. Dashiell, Ocean City, Md.
Developer: Joseph T. Dashiell, Ocean City, Md.
Photographer: Becker Morgan Group, Salisbury, Md.



Best One-Of-A-Kind Custom Home 4,001 to 6,500 square feet

Project Name: Naiff/Cohen Residence
Location: Scottsdale, Ariz.
Designer/Architect: Urban Design Associates, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Builder: RS Homes, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Interior Designer: Tamm Marlowe Design Studio, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Photographer: Dino Tonn Photography, Scottsdale, Ariz.



Best One-Of-A-Kind Custom Home 6,501 square feet and over

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HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence

Project Name: Roanoke and Lee Street Housing Project
Location: Blacksburg, Va.
Designer/Architect: Community Design Studio, Christiansburg, Va.
Builder: Community Housing Partners, Christiansburg, Va.
Developer: Community Housing Partners, Christiansburg, Va.
Land Planner: Gay and Neel, Christiansburg, Va.
Photographer: Community Housing Partners, Christiansburg, Va.

