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Wood flooring helps create nautical atmosphere

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Project Details

Location: Ralston Creek, Daniel Island, S.C.

Wood Flooring: Maple and teak from Dean Hardwoods | Finish: Bona US

Flooring Installation: R.W. Cauble & Co. (North Charleston, S.C.)

Architect: Herlong & Associates (Isle of Palms, S.C.)

General Contractor: Phillip W. Smith GC Inc. (Mt. Pleasant, S.C.)



The homeowner of this project created a successful boat-building business through hard work and attention to detail. So, it's no surprise that the homeowner's sanctuary reflects such work.

The riverfront view of this den/billiards room is just one feature that lends to its nautical theme. The ash, teak and mahogany articulated ceiling resembles a boat hull, while the detailed woodwork and subtle lighting create a feeling of warmth found in a fine watercraft. The nautical theme is also reflected in the custom-milled hardwood floors, where the alternating teak and maple stripes give the look of authentic boat decking. Three coats of oil-based finish protect the wood while highlighting the natural oils of the teak.

The homeowner's passion for his craft influenced those who worked on the project. "The true motivation for us was that we had a real respect for what the homeowner had accomplished in life," says Rob Cauble, president of R.W. Cauble & Co, which handled the floor installation. "When he and his family spend time in that room, it should speak of their hard work and craftsmanship and what it has brought them in life," Cauble says.—C.L.