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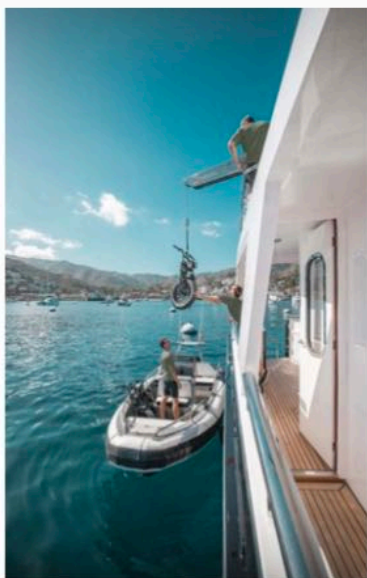
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ALL-STAR REFITS

Looking for inspiration as you embark on an extended yard period?
Check out the creativity on display with these recent refits

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YACHT: *Slow Poke*
REFIT YARD: Safe Harbor
Lauderdale Marine Center

THE DETAILS: The 84-foot Kuipers pocket explorer, designed by Dutch studio Vripack and delivered in 2000, had an \$8 million, two-and-a-half-year refit completed in 2024.

The biggest change was a hull extension of more than eight feet that facilitated a swim platform with hydraulic steps, an elevated stern and room for an outdoor heated shower.

The modifications, which include a CFD-optimized bulbous bow, have resulted in an extra two knots of speed and 10 percent less fuel burn. The new bow has also been equipped with underwater lighting and a glass window with cameras, allowing guests to view marine life from screens in the guest cabins and bridge.

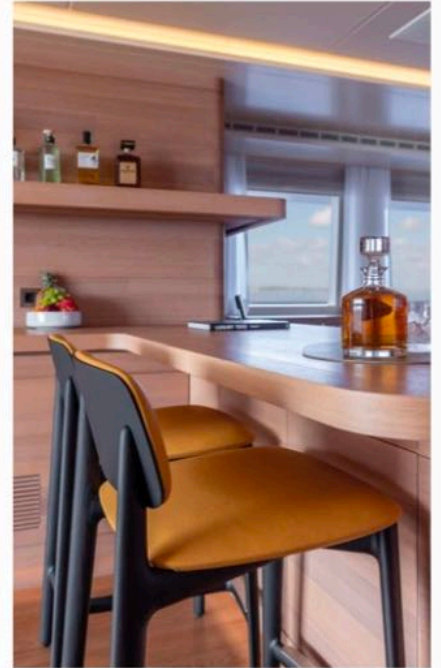
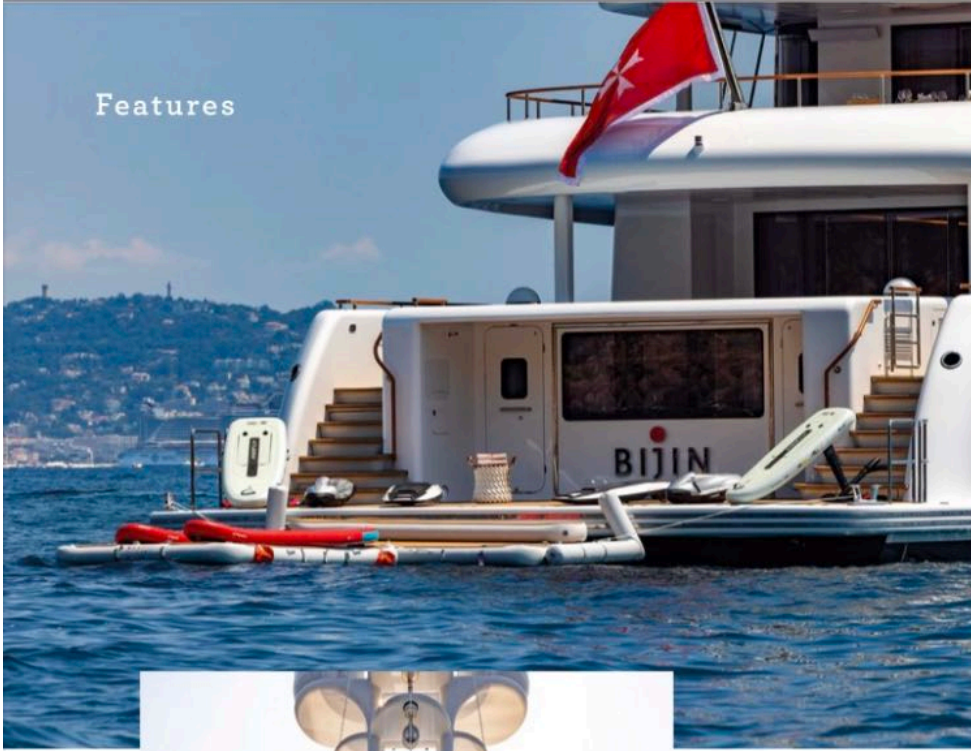
Other updates include the refurbishment of all exterior decks, lighting and woodwork.

Delivered in 2000, *Slow Poke* is one of three Vripack 84 models delivered in the early 2000s. Other design highlights include a split-level flybridge with seating, a bar and intimate dining, as well as a large aft deck.

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Features



YACHT: *Bijin*

REFIT YARD: Monaco Marine

THE DETAILS: Following a nine-month refit, the 164-foot, all-aluminum Heesen formerly known as *Sibelle* got a new Japandi-style look courtesy of Milanese design studio Hot Lab.

Her exterior design has been lightly refreshed, with *Bijin* now styled in shades of white, jet black and sunfast red (as seen on her bootstripe and name plate). As *Bijin* had been well maintained since her 2015 delivery, she did not require major alterations. Living spaces were tweaked — namely through curtains, carpets, loose furniture and other furnishings — to create a calming and Japandi-inspired atmosphere.

Standout areas on board *Bijin* include her expansive sundeck, which offers “enough space to comfortably host dozens of friends and guests,” as well as the upper deck bar which serves as a central gathering point. The owner’s suite is also worthy of note for its unique layout, which has his-and-hers bathrooms that act as a “buffer zone” before entering the main cabin.

Originally the first hull in Heesen’s 164-foot fast-cruising series, her Fast Displacement Hull Form won her a Neptune at the 2016 World Superyacht Awards.



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