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When it comes to imagining the interiors of yachts, designer Ally Maloney says the process is similar to conceptualizing a vacation home. “You aren’t trying to accommodate the needs of everyday life but instead create an escape—a space with a level of elegance but an even greater level of comfort,” she says. Attendees of the 2019 Newport International Boat Show think Maloney hit the mark with *Jessica*, a sixty-five-foot Vicem yacht that she helped design. *Jessica* won the People’s Choice award when it debuted at the show. It wasn’t the first yacht

Maloney had designed for her Massachusetts-based client, but it was the first time she was summoned to a shipyard in Istanbul, Turkey. That’s where *Jessica*, which sleeps seven plus a captain, was built and where Maloney finalized the interior selections. The Rhode Island-based designer got her start working with a naval architect, but no matter how many boats are under her belt, they all have one thing in common: “There’s never enough storage space,” she says with a laugh.

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