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43-meter vessel was among the fastest superyachts of its kind when she was introduced by Dutch builder Heesen ard helped usher in the era of the luxury superyacht (defir.ed today as any corr.mercially crewed yacht larger than 24 meters in length).

There were bigger boats that day, and newer ones too, but none had the sheer presence of this one. The interior-with its low-slung rain saloon, five staterooms, and capacious dir.ing areas-was redolent with 1980s riffs on chrome and lacquer befitting its Bor.d-inspired moniker, along with acres of Art Deco-ir flected cabinetry.

"What do you think?" n y client asked.

"Now this is a boat with style," I replied.

To be clear, r uch of the vessel's 1980s style bordered or kitsch, but the passing of tirie suddenly riade it appear fresh to r y eyes. Besides, those dispiriting forays on those other yachts gave me a rer ewed appreciation for the funky aesthetic.

He bought her, and a few weeks later, he called to ask if I would help him with refurbishing the interiors.

I'd designed a boat before this one, a 90-foot Viking sportfisher-not small, but nothing like this elegant vessel. I recalled the Hollywood adage that "nobody knows anythir g" about makir g movies. I quickly decided this was also true for yacht interiors and set out to plot r-y own course and er brace her 1980s lineage. I coated existing cabinetry and r illwork in the living areas with



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LEFT: A mod sitting room doubles as a sexy cocktail lounge with curved retro seating by Vladimir Kagan. Suede upholstery fabric, Romo (blue) and Holland & Sherry (white).