



RIVA YACHTS

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How would you describe your job?

Officina Italiana Design is responsible for the exterior lines and interior designs of all contemporary Riva yachts. I coordinate a team of nine designers, but we all play a role in the creative process. Some days I study new concepts and new shapes while the designers work on all the details of the boats.

How did you get into yacht design?

After attending an art-focused high school in Bergamo and then the Accademia di Brera in Milan, I entered a competition launched by Riva to find a new designer. I was neither a boat fan nor a designer, but I decided to have a go anyway. I won the competition, and in 1984 I was taken on as assistant designer in the technical office at the Riva yard.

How do you work?

Riva designs center around clean lines, balancing elegance and innovation. We don't look for revolutionary forms but for an evolution of lines. Marketing may dictate tastes, but purity of form remains a vital ingredient. I'm particularly proud of the new Rivamare, which has incredible balance in terms of lines and form.

Where do you find inspiration?

Car design is an area that yacht design looks to a lot, but art is ever present in my life and influences everything that I do. I like the balance of classical art and use it as my main source of guidance, but I also like contemporary art for how it lets you reflect and inspires me to push aesthetic boundaries. Some of my favorite classical artists include Paolo Uccello and Piero della Francesca, and my favorite contemporary artists include Gilbert & George and Bruce Nauman.

What does the future hold for Riva?

The 100-foot Corsaro was launched in October 2016, and a 110-foot yacht that is a new flybridge concept featuring innovative new living-oriented design solutions will soon follow. A 56-foot open project, an elegant boat clothed in timeless lines, was presented to the press at the Düsseldorf Boat Show in January. We are also currently working on the Riva Superyachts Division with a fully customizable fleet comprising two lines that differ in terms of style and design. Those yachts will range from 164 feet to 295 feet in length. ♦