Ocean Alexander’s updated 90 MotorYacht is imbued with contemporary flourish, adding to her traditional values of safety and comfort.

In the world of production boat builders, Ocean Alexander has withstood the test of time when so many other builders in the under-80-foot yacht market either scrambled to produce more lucrative larger builds or quietly shut their doors. For more than three decades, Ocean Alexander enjoyed a comfortable market share with its 64, 74 and 78-foot models, built at the company’s facility in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. These long-range cruisers were built on semi-displacement hulls designed by the late Ed Monk Jr. and his renowned team that included fluid dynamics specialist Ed Hagemann and structural engineer Tim Nolan. They were prevalent along the Pacific Northwest coastline and enjoyed an enviable reputation as solid, seaworthy vessels built for serious boaters.

Then in 2012, Ocean Alexander debuted the first of its 100-foot-plus Megayacht series—a 120-footer designed by Evan K. Marshall and built at Christensen Shipyards in Vancouver, Washington (see ShowBoats International November 2012). With Marshall’s involvement came a slow and calculated evolution of the entire Ocean Alexander fleet, which now includes the 72, 78, 85 and 90-footers in the Motoryacht series and the Megayacht line, featuring the 120 and designs for a 112, 135 and 155. Bridging the gap between the classic offerings and the Megayacht series is the 90. “The 90 is our core boat,” says Richard Allender, Ocean Alexander’s director of U.S. operations. “Designed for an owner/operator or to accommodate a small crew, it fits in any marina and features a large salon and incredible accommodations. It meets the needs of our customers who are looking to downsize as well as those looking to upsize.”

Evolved from an 88-foot model, the Ocean Alexander 90 encapsulates the builder’s philosophy—a boat built to handle any sea condition and still be comfortable. “We don’t design to maximize hull shape for space or looks if it impacts performance,” says Allender. “Our boats are over-built in many respects, from their solid bottoms to the oversized shafts and twin oversized generators. As a boater, you never know what kind of weather you might get caught in, and our priority has been and will always be safety and comfort.”

Marshall, an American based in London, has an inherent understanding of both European and American tastes. He lent his contemporary flourish to the styling of Ocean Alexander’s Megayacht series and stayed on to give the Motoryacht series a subtle “refresh,” bringing a consistency to the modern Ocean Alexander identity.

“Evan is a boater’s boater,” says Allender. “I like that he appreciates what is needed. A yacht is a very emotional purchase; it’s a very big toy and oftentimes the purchase decision is made from the standpoint of aesthetics alone. Evan has brought in modern elements without making the boats look stark or quickly outdated. It is a subtle styling evolution that must maintain its appeal and value after many years.”

Hull No. 10 of the 90 debuts Marshall’s style updates. The first and most notable element Marshall addressed was the top deck, adding a hardtop and restyling the flybridge. “We wanted a crisper, more contemporary look for the flybridge furniture,” he says. Marshall also designed an ergonomic exterior console and display pod in contrasting metallic silver and dark gray for this area. The exterior styling change not only provides an updated profile but also gives the top deck an entertaining space that could easily be found on a 120-footer. An enclosed skylounge option is also available, and Marshall notes that the tapered window design seen on the 120 will be incorporated by Hull No. 12.

Destry Darr Pethtel of Destry Darr Designs in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, oversaw the interior space planning of the 90. “Our main focus in the evolution of the...”
The existing walnut wood package on the 90 is lovely," says Marshall, noting that the Kaohsiung yard’s joinery finish was so exceptional that he incorporated it into the interiors of the Megayacht series. Borrowed from the Megayacht series for the new 90 are removable interior ceiling panels finished with diamond faceted edging, which not only lends a structured, tailored look to the main salon and interior areas, but also provides easier maintenance access. Fitted with loose furnishings built at the yard, the salon features another element from the 120 custom hidden air-conditioning outlets in the ceiling, which allow for larger, unobstructed salon windows as well as shorter ducting, improved efficiency and cooling speed and reduced decibel levels.

Sound attenuation has always been an area of emphasis for Ocean Alexander. The company has developed proprietary techniques including multiple insulation barriers of reflective, absorptive and/or dampening materials, and sub elements as air pockets and flexible, isolation mounts are incorporated into each build. As intended, the 90 Motoryacht is a four-stateroom boat, encompassing a full beam master aft, two queen guest staterooms amidships and a VIP nestled forward. “Ocean Alexander’s significant headroom allowed us to create three levels below to accommodate the four staterooms,” says Pethel. The master stateroom features another element from the Megayacht series: enlarged vertical windows, custom engineered to incorporate aluminum beams and sandwiched glass.

Generous headroom and larger bathroom windows allow for more natural light and a sense of spaciousness throughout the lower-deck accommodations. On this level, the 90 also includes a dedicated laundry room and pantry area, featuring a pull-down ironing board, separate washer and dryer, refrigerator, ice maker and storage. Another notable element found on the Ocean Alexander 90 is the crew quarters, situated belowdecks aft and featuring a kitchenette and two crew cabins that can accommodate up to three crew members. The space is small but multifunctional and is an attractive option for owner/operators who wish to bring on temporary crew for special cruises or events.

While the new features and shared design elements have “refreshed” the 90 and enhance the family identity between the Motoryacht and Megayacht series, Marshall is quick to point out that the 90 Motoryacht is a “sea-going boat without compromise.”

“What sets Ocean Alexander apart is the DNA of our product,” says Allender. “Our boats are built on very efficient hulls meant to go to sea. This difference is seen in the standard equipment offerings—from Sub-Zero in the galley to the Furuno/NMEA 2000 integrated navigation package fitted with Apple Mac minis and 17-inch Hatterland Series X marine monitors. The 90 also features the Octoplex NMEA 2000 electrical control and monitoring system found throughout the Ocean Alexander line. Although Hull No. 10 features twin MTU 12V 2000s of 1,920 horsepower each, the standard 90 package includes twin 1,822-hp Caterpillar C32 ACERTs affording a top speed of 20.2 knots. At her 10-knot cruising speed, the 90 will enjoy a 3,300-nm range. Twin 1,925-hp Cat C32 ACERTs are available for upgrade, providing a 24-knot maximum speed.

Infused with decades of boat-building expertise, built upon a proven and reliable hull platform and incorporating design and styling that is not only comfortable and functional but aesthetically pleasing, the Ocean Alexander 90 Motoryacht is a representation of not only what Ocean Alexander has been, but also what it is becoming.

“If I’m a serious boater I want a tough boat — beautiful, but tough.”

— RICHARD ALLENDER, OCEAN ALEXANDER
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**TOP DECK:** A hardtop forward and awnings aft offer full sun protection. When the tender is launched, the deck is open for entertaining.

**FLYBRIDGE:** Evan Marshall restyled this space for a more contemporary look, including a metallic silver and gray helm station.

**MAXIMUM VIEWS:** Large windows grace the main salon while moving the staircase gave it extra storage to starboard.

**HELM OPTIONS:** Depending on the choice of an open or enclosed flybridge, the starboard of the dinette can be a desk or a helm.

**COVETED SPACE:** New for 2014 models, the master stateroom’s port-side walk-in closet was enlarged by 85 percent.

**TRI-LEVEL DECK:** A staggered deck of three levels allowed for the four-stateroom layout, large vertical windows and a laundry room.

**BLACK WATER CAPACITY:** 200 U.S. gallons

**OWNERS AND GUESTS/CREW:** 8/3

**CONSTRUCTION:** Fiberglass

**NAVAL ARCHITECTURE:** Ed Monk, Jr.

**SPACE PLANNING:** Desty Darr Designs

**INTERIOR DESIGN:** Evan K. Marshall