

Interior decorating trends for boats

Boat furnishings are becoming more trendy and we are moving further away from the traditional navy blue carpet, upholstery and curtains. But this change is happening slowly, boat people do cherish their traditions. However, there are a few apparent trends emerging.

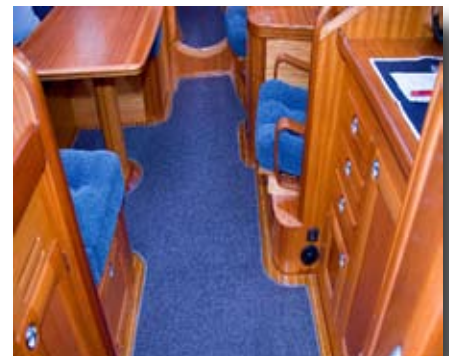
More often do we find lighter colour furnishings onboard, sometimes completely white upholstery and carpets. New materials available in many different colours are on offer.

One example of this is Corian which is now widely used as it is a good material for countertops. It can be fitted without joints and is water and heat resistant. The lighter colours however do require a certain degree of care or they may discolour

Carpets or no carpets? On this point boat people are divided: The ones without carpets think it's a shame to cover up the nice floor and the others think a carpet provides a safer non-slip surface and a more homely feel.

Now there is a new trend which could be a compromise between the two, it is called the "open carpet". Instead of the carpet being fitted to cover the entire floor, it is made slightly smaller in order to leave a bit of the nice floor showing all around the edges. It is also fixed to the floor with poppers which makes it more non-slip

Another feature we are seeing more of is arm chairs. Isn't it wonderful to take the load off and rest your weary back in a proper snug arm chair after a long day at sea. There is no more comfortable place to sit on a boat than an arm chair. They give the saloon a very cosy feel and the reading light is in the perfect position. The only possible disadvantage that could be mentioned is that you end up with one less berth than the settee option would provide.



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