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Ocean Bound

Luxury Yacht Features Life|ware®

The La Belle Yvette is an 85-foot luxury yacht owned by Frank and Yvette Smith of Austin, Texas.

Due to ongoing problems with the existing Crestron® system, the La Belle Yvette was recently refitted with Life|ware automation and entertainment.

Installation highlights:

- 85-foot yacht with three staterooms, salon, galley, separate crew's quarters, upper deck, and boat deck
- iPod touch® devices and RTI remotes provide complete mobile control of audio/entertainment
- Life|ware installation by Don Pretlow of Elite Yacht Services, Port Canaveral, FL (www.eliteyachtsolutions.com)



Master bedroom features an LCD TV, Xbox 360 Media Center Extender and RTI Remote.



Stateroom has a mounted 42" LCD TV connected to an Xbox 360 Media Center Extender controlled by an RTI remote.

FEATURED INSTALLATION



La Belle Yvette

“This is the first system I’ve seen that combines control and entertainment so seamlessly. It’s also much easier to use a handheld remote or an iPod touch with Life|ware... it’s an awesome combination!”

Don Pretlow, Elite Yacht Services

challenge

Dissatisfied with the performance of his on-board Crestron system, yacht owner Frank Smith came to Don Pretlow of Elite Yacht Services for an upgrade that would combine multi-room audio control and digital entertainment into one clean interface.

The Crestron system required frequent resets, was costly to repair, and increasingly difficult to service. Frank wanted something simpler, more reliable, and less expensive to maintain that would integrate well with the La Belle Yvette’s other systems.

solution

Don replaced the yacht’s Crestron system with Life|ware, significantly expanding the La Belle Yvette’s entertainment and control capabilities.

“Life|ware controls all of the audio and entertainment zones, but it’s really the tip of the iceberg for what Life|ware can do. It’s also reasonably priced and offers dealers the opportunity to upsell the solution.”

Now Life|ware, iPod touch devices and RTI remotes put full control of all Frank and Yvette’s audio, TV, and entertainment in the palms of their hands.



SYSTEM DESIGN:

- Life|controller® Automation Controller
- Life|media® Digital Media Server
- Five Xbox 360® Media Center Extenders
- iPod touch with Life|ware application
- RTI remotes for audio and TV control
- NetStreams™ DigiLinX and SpeakerLinX audio controllers and amplifiers



Equipment rack includes a Life|media Digital Media Server and Life|controller Automation Server for audio and entertainment.



Bar has a mounted 37" LCD TV that is connected to an Xbox 360 Media Center Extender and speakers for audio and entertainment—all controlled by an RTI remote or iPod touch.

features

Life|ware allows Frank and Yvette to use their RTI remotes and iPod touch devices to control the La Belle Yvette's 11 NetStreams™ audio zones, multiroom entertainment, and gaming via a Life|media® and five Xbox 360 extenders.

On a yacht that's constantly moving, the iPod touch and RTI handheld remotes make navigating the Life|ware interface a breeze, so the Smiths can focus on navigating the seas. They can control their systems from anywhere on the yacht.

And, with Life|ware's fully-customizable background and editable menu icon features, Don even added a personal touch to the yacht's audio entertainment interface with actual pictures of the La Belle Yvette.

benefits

- **Integrated control:** installing Life|ware automation on the La Belle Yvette provides complete control of all audio and entertainment subsystems.
- **Simple, easy-to-use interface:** Life|ware's user-friendly interface is easily accessed on TVs, iPod touch devices and RTI remotes throughout the La Belle Yvette.
- **Freedom of choice:** Life|ware works with a wide variety of systems and devices from different vendors so Frank and Yvette could choose exactly the systems they wanted.
- **Flexibility to upgrade:** Life|ware's scalable solution can expand into other zones and monitor and control other systems such as lighting, climate, navigation, and security.

result

Frank and Yvette Smith wanted a more reliable, more flexible audio/entertainment system; one that was inexpensive, easier to use and maintain, and allowed them more freedom than their previously installed Crestron system.

When asked if he is pleased with the results, Frank said, "The thing about Life|ware is that it's much more versatile than Crestron. Whenever I want to run Life|ware anywhere on the boat, I just pull my iPod touch out of my pocket and away we go. The system is so flexible, and you can do so many different things with it. It's adaptable, it's simple, and it really works."

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