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G Little Construction Featured on Houzz.com

posted by G Little on July 22, 2014

It is not everyday Bob Little and James Bond are mentioned in the same article. In fact, it had never happened until G. Little Construction was featured in a popular article on Houzz.com.

When we added photos of our Lake Union Home 2 to our Houzz profile, it caught the attention of Houzz writer Becky

Harris. We (virtually) sat down with Becky to discuss some of the features which make this floating home so unique. We discussed the poplar bark panels from Barkhouse, the living roof by Xero Flor, the Black Cloud Onyx in the master bathroom, and the beautiful Sapele wood throughout.

We are proud to have this article show off the quality work our team does. We are just as excited to have the opportunity to give credit to the high caliber craftsmen we worked with to bring this home to life. The article mentions our work with KDF Architecture, Conrad Romano Architects, Doug Rasar Interiors, local blacksmith Jim Garrett, Dynamic Windows, glassblower Benjamin Moore, Barkhouse and Xero Flor. There were many more who were not mentioned in the article. It was a pleasure for us to work with such a large team, all passionate about quality and making the best home possible.

You can read the article here and learn some insights about the home you may not have heard anywhere else. Becky Harris asked good questions and created a story with words and photographs to show the detail and craftsmanship of this home.



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December 30

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Building a Floating Home on Land

posted by G Little on December 30, 2013

Over the past couple of years, G. Little Construction has occupied space in the Port of Port Townsend Shipyard. When we began construction no one knew what we were up to.

Among the big beautiful ships such as the Leader IV, Rich Passage I, Big Kitty, and Muskrat, something seemed different about what we were doing.

It was not a schooner or a shallop. It was not a yacht or a yawl. The unusual shape and all the concrete made it clear it was not something you usually see in the shipyard.

By now, you probably know we were building a floating home. No longer are we asked, "What are you building?".

Instead, we are often asked why build a floating home on land.

There are three major benefits of building a floating home on land; the home is stationary, it is convenient for our crew, and it is less expensive for the homeowner.



There are advantages to build a floating home on land

Stationary: Building a floating home at the dock on the water puts construction at the mercy of the elements. Wind, tides, and waves can all have an impact on the stability of the structure. Slight movements at the wrong moments can have a negative impact on construction, in particular it can impact fine detail work. Building a floating home on land ensures the home remains level at all times. In this aspect, there is no difference to building a floating home to building a traditional home on your property.

Convenience for our Crew: After the float is complete, building a floating home is like building any other home. We can drive our vehicles, tools, and equipment to the structure. It takes less time and effort to get material and equipment on and off the site. Our crew also has access around the entire structure. Being able to bring lumber or building material into the house from any side takes less time and effort.

Less Expensive for Homeowner: Building a floating home on land allows us access we would not otherwise have. We can use cranes and large equipment to accommodate steel, beams, large doors and windows. On land, it is as simple as maneuvering the cranes and equipment right next to the structure. Most of the large equipment is readily available in the shipyard. Stability of the structure and convenience for our crew also make the construction less expensive.

Your next questions may be how we get the home into the water. Read here to find out.

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G Little Launches Floating Home

posted by G Little on November 27, 2013

Anticipation has built for several months as we constructed a unique floating home in the Port of Port Townsend. On the day the floating home launched a small crowd gathered to watch the Lift prepare to take the home to the water.

You may have seen a yacht or one of the larger ships in the Shipyard being dropped in the water by the Lift, but it is a rare chance to see it lift a house.

Once the Lift in place and straps were secure, the house was slowly lifted off the concrete blocks house rested on.



After the house was lifted, it moved at a slow creep away from a slip in the shipyard to the launch site.



It was a delicate process to get the home in right place over the water. There was a small margin for error, with only two inches of space between the sides of the house and the edge of the launch slip.



The house was deliberately lowered into the water, guided by G Little staff and a crew from the Port of Port Townsend. In the water, the home floated as the steel support beams were lowered deeper into the water.



The home was guided out of the launch slip with ropes and pulled to a temporary spot on the dock.



With the home out of the way the steel support beams were lifted back out of the water.



For the next few days, while the home was tied on the dock, our crew continued to work on interior finishes and prepare the house for the upcoming trip to Lake Union in Seattle.

