

Robin Monotti Architects - Yacht House in Foros, Ukraine

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The Yacht House, in Foros, Ukraine, was designed by [Robin Monotti Architects](#). Photo: © Ioana Marinescu

London-based [Robin Monotti Architects](#) designed the Yacht House on the shores of the Black Sea in Foros, Ukraine. With an interesting compound program, the all-white modern building combines a large water-level boathouse space with upper-floor apartments. Details of the 875-square-meter (9,420-square-foot) building recall nautical motifs.



View of the sea from one of the residential units. Photo: © Ioana Marinescu

"The client initially required winter storage space for his 13 meter (43-foot) yacht. The client later decided to add three rental apartments and captain's accommodation to make the most of the site. A significant challenge was how to design the building so that the apartments were not overpowered by the massive door required for the yacht. Other challenges were presented by a steeply sloping site in a seismically active area, and its proximity to the sea which in bad weather could drench the house in corrosive salt water." – Robin Monotti Architects



Rear view. Photo: © Ioana Marinescu

The design is anchored by the yacht room, connected to the water by a railed slipway. Balancing the visual weight of the double-height ground level, a series of three distinct volumes are stacked above, with extensive views from indoor spaces and generous balconies outfitted with glass railings.

A tall stair tower connects the buildings floors, and according to the architect, its slit-like windows recall the nearby fortifications of Balaklava.



Side view. Photo: © Ioana Marinescu

Project Credits

- **Architect:** Robin Monotti Architects: Robin Monotti Graziadei, Fannar Haraldsson
- **Client:** Private
- **Structural engineer:** Gennadiy Gyrushta
- **Main contractor:** Igor Shutkin

Project Details

- **Begun:** August 2011
- **Completed:** September 2012
- **Total Area:** 875 square meters (9,420 square feet)
- **Yacht room dimensions:** 7 metres (23 feet) wide, 15 metres (49 feet) deep and 6 metres (20 feet) high
- **Sector:** Residential Holiday Flats
- **Total cost:** 1M GB Pounds



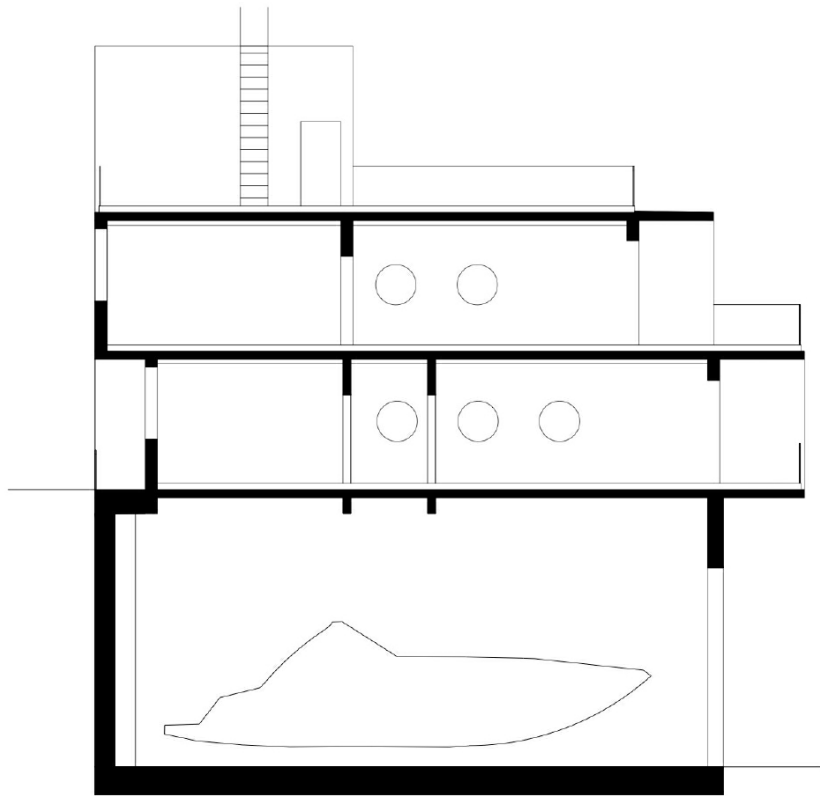
View from the uphill slope. Photo: © Ioana Marinescu



Interior staircase. Photo: © Ioana Marinescu



Third-floor plan drawing. Photo: © Robin Monotti Architects



Section drawing. Photo: © Robin Monotti Architects