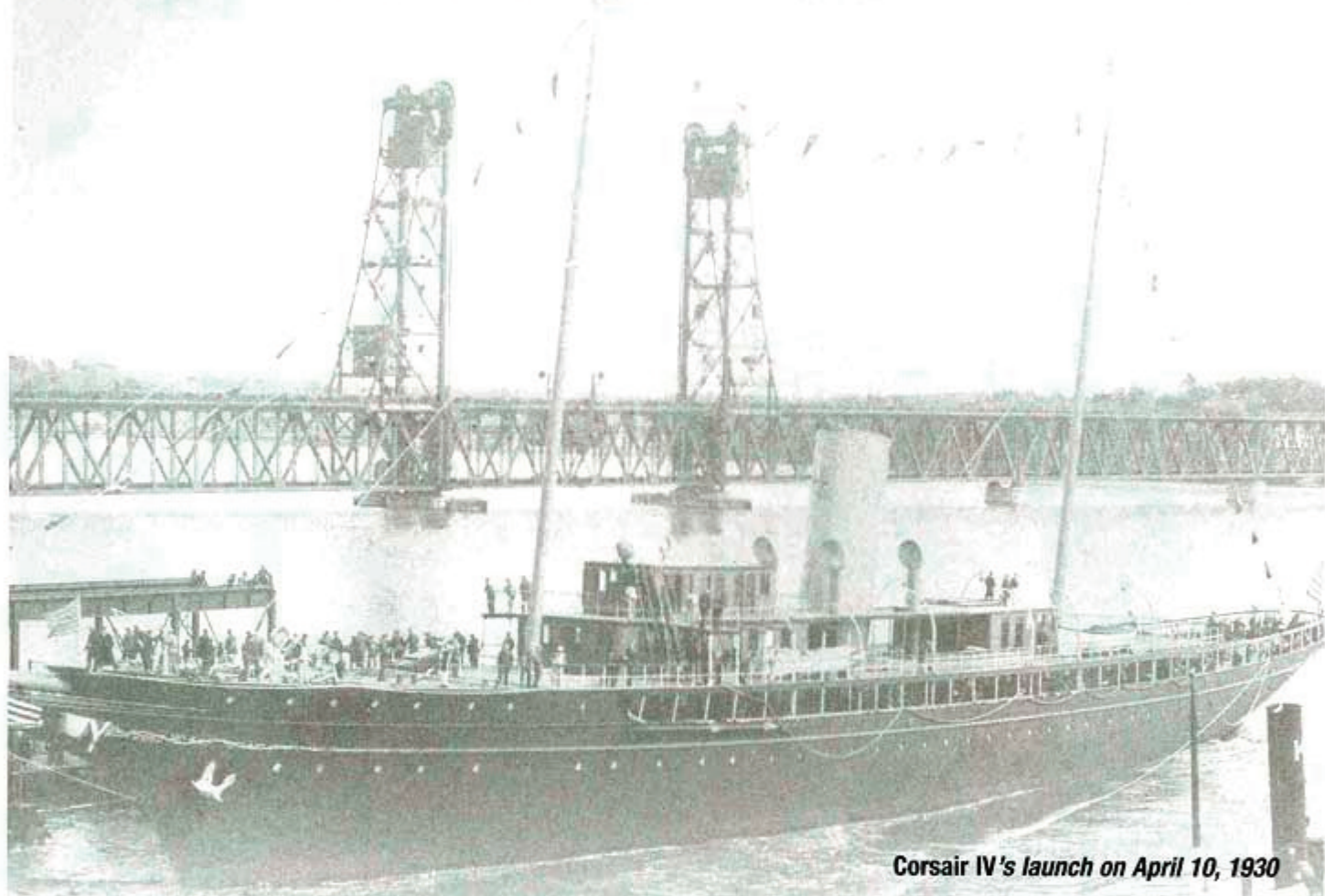


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Derecktor to Build Largest in US at 280 Feet



Corsair IV's launch on April 10, 1930

Another milestone in the history of North American yachtbuilding is about to be reached. Derecktor Shipyards has been contracted to build a 280ft motor yacht, the largest yacht to be built in the US in over 75 years. Known as the Derecktor 85, when measured by displacement the 2,800-ton project is likely to become the largest yacht ever built in the United States.

Commissioned by an experienced yachtsman who has owned two large European builds, the 85 will feature naval architecture by Azure Naval Architects of Holland, exterior styling by UK-based Tim Heywood, and interior design by Liz Dalton of Dalton Designs, Inc.

Drawings are being kept under wraps for the time being. When launched, the 85 will join the ranks of other significant US builds such as *Corsair IV*, *Vanda* and *Delphine*.

State-of-the-art systems, safety and comfort will form the basis of the six-deck vessel's styling, with half of her living space given over to owner and guest accommodations. A further 24 crew will be housed within her 47ft beam. Classed to Lloyd's and MCA LY2 code, the 85 will be built with a steel hull and aluminum superstructure with emphasis given to strength, weight-saving performance and seakeeping – key elements for her extended voyaging capabilities.

The contract comes on the heels of Derecktor's Project Gemini (which, at her launch this fall will be the world's largest sailing catamaran at 145 feet) and represents a milestone in itself for the company, who is known for their production of technically-demanding aluminum yacht and commercial vessels. With locations in New York, Florida and Connecticut, the company also offers full service repair and refit facilities for boats up to 300 feet.

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