

IN THE GARAGE

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A Muse in Blue

ROLLS-ROYCE COACHBUILD BOAT TAIL

Rolls-Royce's newly established Coachbuild division takes bespoke requests from well-heeled clients and their latest creation is simply breathtaking. Called the Boat Tail, it features an exquisite look harkening to the styling of luxury roadsters from the late 1920s and '30s in addition to inspiration from J-class sailing yachts.

Underneath is the brand's latest aluminum chassis and V12 engine with essentially everything else reworked to feature numerous nautical design elements.

The wrap-around windshield mirrors those found on motor launches while the car's large front, tapered rear, and low-set taillamps suggest the proud look of one of those crafts rising out of the water under power.

The vehicle was painted blue with embedded metallic and crystal flakes with matching

painted wheels. Inside, there's blue leather upholstery which was given a soft metallic sheen. Brilliant blue thread was woven into lower cabin panels at just the right angle to emulate the spill of a water's wake. Also, down low is Anthracite-colored Caledolegno wood, installed on the center line to mimic wooden hull forms. Another unique feature is the dashboard clock, reimagined to hold a custom watch made by Swiss watchmaker, BOVET 1822.

At the rear is the build's crown jewel: a hosting suite for al fresco dining. Under butterfly opening doors, a double refrigerator holds Champagne and caviar while cocktail tables rotate out. Included in the storage area is a parasol and a pair of stools, created by Italian furniture maker Promemoria.

Rolls-Royce has been commissioned to build two other Boat Tails with each of the majestic land yachts costing an estimated \$25 million dollars. ☐



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