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The Connors House by Estes/Twombly  
Architects wins Custom Home of the Year.



**Rugged on the outside, light and airy inside, the houseboat's finger-jointed cedar shingle siding recalls a fishing cabin. The abundant use of windows, reflective materials, and built-in storage keeps the small space from feeling claustrophobic. Wood for the floors was salvaged from the Columbia River.**



The judges pronounced this floating cottage “compact and beautifully crafted, built like a boat on the inside and like a fisherman’s cottage outside.” Its concrete platform was the testing ground for the client’s recently completed main houseboat, which also sits atop a concrete float rather than on traditional logs. “The owners want to retire here and were adamant about not having to deal with replacing rotted

logs,” says Studio Hamlet Architects principal Russell Hamlet.

That peace of mind was achieved inside, too, where clever design and well-chosen materials make the guest cabin feel larger than its 433 square feet. It’s open, yet subdivided: A sunlit sleeping loft provides a getaway, and its ship’s ladder subtly screens the living and dining areas while allowing the eye to look through it. Lest the owners forget they’re on the water, a corrugated metal ceiling echoes the ripples outside.—C.W.

**Entrant/Architect:** Studio Hamlet Architects, Bainbridge Island, Wash.; **Builder:** Even Construction, Tigard, Ore.; **Living space:** 433 square feet; **Site:** 0.01 acre; **Construction cost:** \$320 per square foot; **Photographer:** Art Grice. / Visit [www.customhomeonline.com](http://www.customhomeonline.com) for floor plans and products.

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# Merit Award

Accessory Building  
Floating Guest House, Portland, Ore.