

The 58th Annual FORT LAUDERDALE BOAT SHOW

By Kate Lardy

et ready for the world's largest in-water boat show, November 1-5. Now in its 58th year, the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show—FLIBS for short—takes over the "Venice of the Americas" with seven locations and more than 1,000 boats on display in the water and on land. Traditionally running Thursday through Monday, this year's show represents a date change. It now begins on a Wednesday and finishes on Sunday.

Six on-the-water locations span from the Sails Marina just outside the 17th Street Causeway to the Las Olas Marina a few miles north on the Intracoastal Waterway. The Broward County Convention Center on land augments this with smaller boats as well as events such as the Bluewild Ocean Adventure Expo and the Kids' Fishing Clinics, presented by Hook the Future.

The Bahia Mar Yachting Center is still the center of the action and will remain so for another 50 years, thanks to a new lease signed with the hotel and marina. Consequently, the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission voted to allow the Bahia Mar operators to submit plans for redeveloping the 39-acre site into an upscale community and the permanent home of the boat show.

Those looking for an upscale boat show experience can buy VIP tickets to the Windward Club again this year. The exclusive package costs \$225 per day and includes show access, water taxi transport and, most importantly, entry to the air-conditioned club room at the Hall of Fame Marina. Offering cool respite, it features gourmet food, an open bar and a concierge, who can also assist with booking yacht appointments.

Purchase show tickets, VIP packages, water taxi tickets and parking at *flibs.com*, where there is also a link to *boatshowhotels.com* for accommodations.

No matter what you are looking for—from bay boats and ski boats to sportfishers and megayachts—everything is on hand in Fort Lauderdale. Begin your search with these just-launched or updated models from 40 builders.

Marlow Marlow takes an uncompromising stance on speed, ride and interior comforts and continually customizes each successive hull. The latest 53E model (61' LOA, 17' 3" beam) coming to Fort Lauderdale offers stand-up machinery space and unusually generous accommodations with a side-by-side twin cabin, a centerline queen-berth cabin and the largest master possible. The 58E (67' 8" LOA, 18' 6" beam) at the show features exotic joinery and the new 12.9 Caterpillars that offer high 20-knot speeds with turbine-like smoothness. Finally, a new 80E (86' 8" LOA, 21' 6" beam) will be on display, showing off the popular Command Bridge option. Thanks to 1,800-hp Caterpillar C32s, the 80E tops out at 30 knots or can cruise for 3,000 miles at displacement speed.

HATTERAS

The 90 Motor Yacht (91' 9" LOA, 22' 6" beam) joins the Hatteras fleet making its world debut at the Fort Lauderdale show. The sleek exterior is matched by a light-filled interior courtesy of signature skylights. The builder's first-ever hydraulic balcony is an option for either port or starboard in the salon, opening it to the outdoors. The 90 also introduces the HattCON ship management system that integrates navigation, monitoring and automation systems into a touchscreen. Hatteras' first 45 Express with Bridge (44' 7" LOA, 16' 6" beam) debuts as well. With the same proven hull and interior layout as the 45 Express and Express Sportfish, this option adds to the fishability with a flybridge helm and optional half or full tower. hatterasyachts.com





Sunseeker

Sunseeker fans have lots to check out as four of the seven models at Fort Lauderdale are new to the U.S. market. The 95 Yacht (92' 1" LOA, 21' 6" beam) shows an innovative tri-level master suite with a mid-level dressing area between the main-deck stateroom and ensuite below. The 76 (77' 5" LOA, 19' 6" beam) joins the fleet with superyacht feel and features while remaining manageable for owner-operators. An evolution of the Predator 57, the Predator 57 MKII (59' 10" LOA, 15' 5" beam) boasts refreshed exterior styling and a mini beach club. Finally, the Manhattan 66 (68' 3" LOA, 17' 3" beam) focuses on a sociable main-deck layout drenched in natural light. Four staterooms below include a full-beam master with private entry; crew quarters are optional. sunseeker.com



The C34 Coupe (34' LOA, 11' 6" beam) is a bold addition to the Carver range in a compact, easy-to-handle size. Intelligent space planning throughout allows room for a queen berth in the master cabin and an additional sofa below that converts to a full-size berth. These accommodations enjoy six-foot, fiveinch headroom, while the main deck's overheads extend to six feet, eight inches. Outside the salon's sliding glass doors is a cockpit that can be covered by a retractable sun cover. Other options include adding a grill and entertainment center to the integral swim platform.

Behind all of this is strong and lightweight construction courtesy of state-of-the-art resin infusion and fiberglass stringers. carveryachts.com

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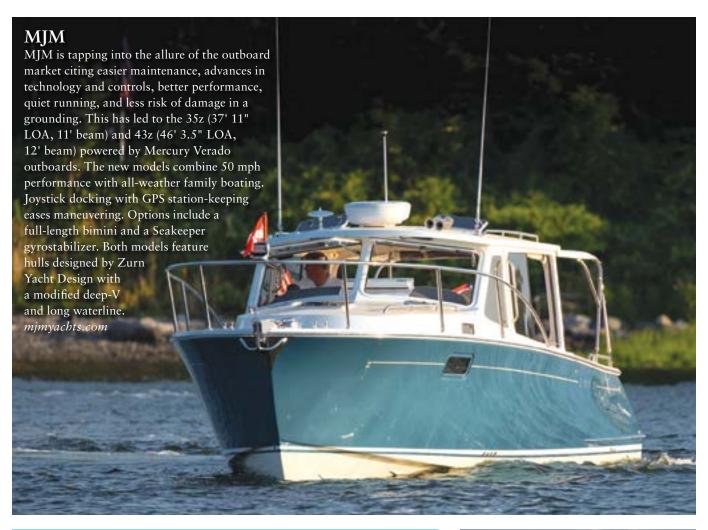
venient galley, double berth and spacious head with shower. regulatormarine.com



Adler

New on the yachting scene, this Swiss brand's debut 76-foot Suprema model (75' 10" LOA, 19' 10" beam) presents some surprising twists on the traditional flybridge yacht, starting with the full carbon construction. Diesel-electric propulsion provides emission-free, silent cruising up to 10 knots; in diesel mode twin Caterpillars propel her to 28 knots. Overall, this hybrid system offers a 50 percent fuel savings over traditional set-ups and exceptionally long range of 3,500 nautical miles at eight knots. Nuvolari Lenard lent its design expertise to the project with a sporty exterior and interior that can accommodate up to 10 guests plus two crew. Technological innovations abound, including privacy glass that turns windows opaque and high-capacity batteries that power the house systems sans generator. adleryacht.com

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FORMULA

The latest from Formula, the 430 All Sport Crossover (43' LOA, 12' beam), is a study in space utilization. Designed using what Formula calls the "SmartZone" concept, there are separate activity areas for almost anything one would want to do on the water. From the roomy swim platform with fold-down seat to the bow lounge featuring electrically actuated tables with filler cushions, each space is used to the max while showing great versatility. Features include cockpit air conditioning, motorized glass sunroof, 55-gallon livewell that doubles as dive tank storage, an outdoor galley, and no less than 32 drink holders. The cabin below has berths for four, another galley and a head. Quad Mercury 300 Verado outboards come standard. formulaboats.com





Fairline

There are some impressive names behind Fairline's new Targa 63 GTO (65' 4" LOA, 17' 2" beam): Alberto Mancini, who brings his Italian flair to the styling, and Vripack, which lends its vast experience in naval architecture. The highly anticipated design marks the first of a new generation of Fairlines, as the UK builder celebrates its 50th year. The Targa 53 Open express cruiser (55' 6" LOA, 14' 10" beam) also makes its U.S. debut at Fort Lauderdale, showing off its entertaining space above deck and comfortable accommodations below. Two shaft-driven engine options from Volvo push the 53 to more than 30 knots, and a Seakeeper gyrostabilizer can also be added. fairline.com

Grand Banks

Representing Grand Banks' return to its roots of building long-distance cruisers, the new GB 60 (66' 10" LOA, 19' 2" beam) has a range well over 2,000 nautical miles at 10 knots or can be pushed to more than 30 with the 900-hp Volvo Penta D13 engines. Coupling these with the bow and stern thrusters in a joystick-controlled system allows for a really cool feature: Express Positioning, which holds the 60 in place by GPS. A well-protected flybridge and aft deck, wide side decks and high bulwarks show the boat to be a true ocean-going vessel. A single level encompasses the salon, aft galley and lower helm. Below are three staterooms with the master in the most



Arcadia

At 58 feet (18' 4" beam), the Sherpa is the entry-level boat in Arcadia's Italian-built collection, which is guided by green principles from the eco-friendly antifouling to the solar-paneled superstructure. The Sherpa comes in two versions with the open-deck option proving the most popular so far. It features a huge 441-square-foot cockpit and, true to its name, has great carrying capacity with 247 cubic feet of space under the main deck for tenders and toys. Volvo Penta IPS 600 engines allow the Sherpa to reach 20 knots, and at anchor, the solar panels produce enough power to run all the systems except air conditioning. arcadiayachts.it



EDGEWATER

EdgeWater's newest model, the 262CX Deep-V Crossover (26' 5" LOA, 9' 3" beam), represents an evolution of its offshore boat. New features include a double-wide helm and ClearView windshield. The dash can hold a 16-inch Garmin screen, and all is protected by a sleek integrated hardtop. EdgeWater's new Ultra Lounger is the centerpiece of the cockpit offering multiple seating options and incorporating an insulated fishbox. There is also redesigned seating at the bow with plushier amenities. The cockpit includes coolers, a cutting board and stainless steel sink, and owners can choose to add a grill or refrigerator. Fish ready, the transom has a large baitwell. The deep-V hull is driven by twin Yamaha F200 four-stroke outboards. ewboats.com







AZIMUT

Azimut will bring 20 models, with 2 being debuts in America: the S7 (shown above) and Grande 27 Metri, both with the sporty aggressive style that Stefano Righini draws so well. The S7 (69' 11" LOA, 17' 5" beam) has an innovative interior designed by Francesco Guida in his first project for Azimut. He had plenty of space to work with since building the superstructure in lightweight carbon fiber allowed the volume to be pushed to the max without increasing overall weight. Triple 800-hp Volvo Penta IPS drives offer a 35-knot top speed and joystick-controlled maneuverability. The Grande 27 Metri's (87' 10" LOA, 21' 7" beam) elegant interior is by the renowned Achille Salvagni and coined as "the new Italian Renaissance," offers up to five cabins—with a main deck owner's suite—and offers the biggest living areas in the category thanks to carbon fiber construction. azimutyachts.com

Vicem

The V46 IPS (46' LOA, 14' 9" beam) built in fiberglass represents a departure for the experienced cold-molded Turkish builder. Behind the classic exterior, Vicem designers set out to create a comfortable and luminous interior. The lounge flows into the cockpit when the sliding door is open, and the lower deck benefits from the petite IPS drives for which the model gets its name. These allowed for a smaller engine room, hence, more space for the two- or three-cabin layout. The deep-V hard chine hull moves through the water at close to 30 knots with the 435-hp Volvo Penta IPS 600s wide open, but what impressed most at sea trials was the level of quiet; at 25 knots just 62 decibels were detected. *vicemyachts.net*





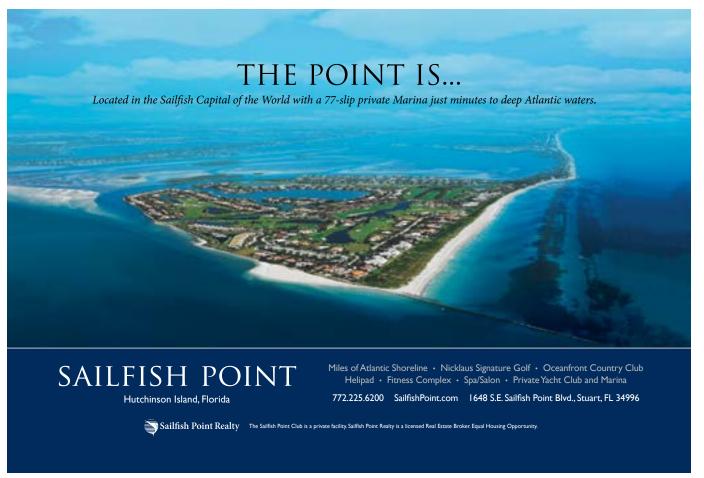
Cruisers

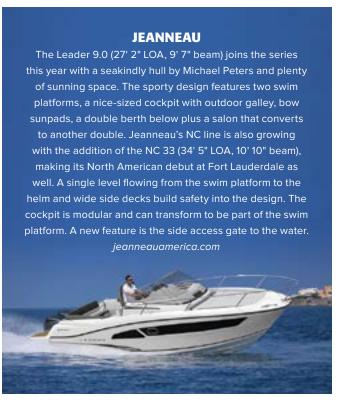
The seventh addition to Cruisers' Cantius line is packed with the features that make this series so livable and stylish. The new Cantius 42's (43' LOA, 13' 8" beam) salon is crowned with an opening sunroof. With the wide salon door open, the space flows into the ample L-shaped cockpit seating. At the bow, the foredeck sunpad features a chaise lounge that converts to a seating area with table, and aft offers a barbecue at the transom. The two-stateroom, two-head cabin includes a master with a private head. All of this is powered by Volvo Penta IPS 500 drives. *cruisersyachts.com*



The new M59's (59' LOA, 17' 11" beam) powerful dynamic profile belies its calm, luxurious interior. A wider beam gives maximum volume within. There's plenty of room for flexible accommodations, which include a full-beam master with study and ensuite bath, a double at the bow and a third cabin with two singles that convert into a double. Two more guests can be accommodated with a fold-out bed in the enclosed flybridge. All of Maritimo's characteristic traits are found on the M59: wide walkaround decks, an interior staircase to the enclosed flybridge and a sunroof. An hydraulic swim platform is an option. maritimoamerica.com









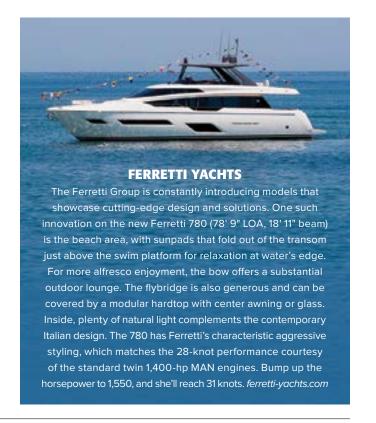


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Back Cove

The newest model from the Rockland, Maine-based builder, the Back Cove 32 (37' LOA, 11' 10" beam) certainly looks like part of the family with its traditional styling. The cockpit and pilothouse meet on a single level, transitioning seamlessly into the interior, where a galley-up arrangement allows the cook to be part of the action. Below, the cabin features an island berth and split head and shower. The systems are as straightforward as the classic design. A single diesel engine ensures fuel efficiency, and standard power—a 370-hp Volvo engine—brings the 32 to a 22-knot cruise and 26knot top speed. backcoveyachts.com



Astondoa

After debuting at the Miami boat show last February, Astondoa's 66 GLX (67' 3" LOA, 17' 5" beam) makes its first appearance at FLIBS. Designed for the boat owner moving up in size, the 66 has that coveted extra space but can still be managed easily by an owneroperator. For greater flexibility, there are crew quarters for two that can double as a guest cabin. Four other guest cabins are incorporated, and big-boat features include a large swim platform and a generous flybridge for entertaining. Standard power comes from Volva Penta IPS 1200s, which top out at 32 knots. Astondoa's Americas dealer. G Marine, also will show the revamped 80 GLX flybridge (81' 8" LOA, 19' 7" beam), which features larger side windows, a reconfigured flybridge and a new interior in warm colors. astondoa.com; gmyachts.com



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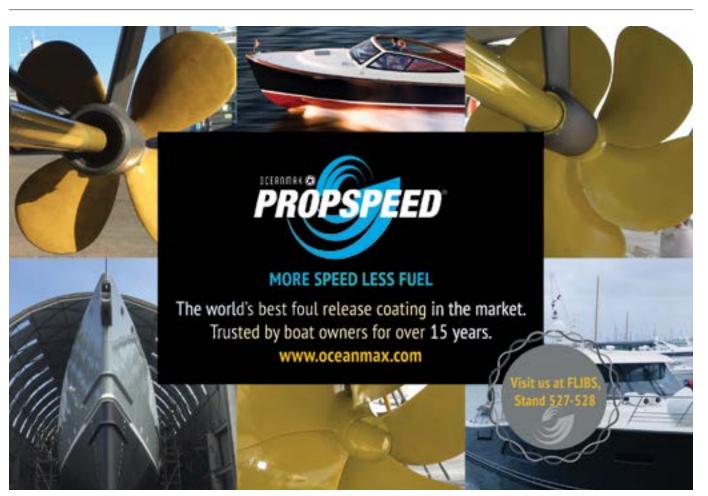


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Pearl

Pearl's new flagship 80 (78' 5" LOA, 19' 9" beam) makes its worldwide premiere at the Fort Lauderdale show with Hull No. 1 being delivered from the UK shipyard to its U.S. dealer, Atlantic Yacht & Ship, this fall. A spacious flybridge is a hallmark of the design, as are the large windows that flood the interior with light. The layout includes a personal watercraft garage, foredeck lounge, crew quarters, and four guest staterooms, including a full-beam master. Standard power comes from MAN V12-1800 engines, which bring the 80 close to 30 knots and a 25-knot cruise. pearlyachts.com; atlanticyachtandship.com







Canados

Designed by Marco Casali as a luxurious day-cruiser, the Gladiator 428 (42' 9" LOA, 13' 9" beam) may be the smallest option from the custom Italian yard, but it has big-boat DNA. Clean, minimalist lines prevail with a single level extending from the swim platform to the cabin door

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A carbon fiber hardtop
shades the extensive outdoor
area, while inside, the cabin can
be custom-designed. The standard
electronics package includes a "crystal
cockpit" integrated dashboard, which
is a touchscreen that handles all boat
systems. A highly flared bow ensures a
dry ride, even when speeds reach their
max—37 to 55 knots, depending on the
power option chosen.
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SEA RAY

Sea Ray embraces outboard propulsion with the introduction of the Sundancer 320 and SLX 400 in OB versions, powered by Mercury. The Sundancer 320 OB (35' 1" LOA, 10' 8" beam) features an open bow, a generous cockpit with wet bar and a cabin that sleeps four. The SLX 400 OB (41' 11" LOA, 12' 1" beam) has the innovative fold-down cockpit swim terrace that garnered so much attention on the SLX 400. Joystick piloting of the outboards eases docking and maneuvering. In addition, Sea Ray will show for the first time the Sundancer 510 Signature (50' 10" LOA, 14' 8" beam), a limited-edition model featuring upgraded design, décor and power, such as new wood finishes and a large hydraulic swim platform with stairs that unfold into the sea. searay.com

and multiple social zones. Triple Yamaha 300s or optional 350s provide power with joystick steering reaching a top speed of 50 knots and cruising

comfortably in the mid-30s. tiarasport.com



Pursuit

Pursuit's Sport series continues to gain momentum with the addition of the S 368, (37' 11" LOA, 12' beam), which joins the S 408 introduced in 2016 and the S 328 (34' 6" LOA, 10' 10" beam), which debuted in Miami last February and makes its first appearance at FLIBS. The new luxury center consoles share the Sport series traits: an oversized fiberglass integrated hardtop and windshield system, updated classic sheer line, through-stem anchoring system and integrated transom extensions. The S 368's cabin includes a fully enclosed head, convertible sofa bench, storage and galley amenities. The S 328 has a double convertible berth and head. Yahama F300s, twin on the 328 and triple on the 368, power both models to close to 50 mph. pursuitboats.com



go far and fast with 2,600-hp 16-cylinder MTUs that propel her into the mid-30s. Lightweight construction helps in this endeavor: carbon fiber stringers and bulkheads, titanium shafts and ultra-thin marble veneer flooring. Six staterooms are incorporated, including a full-beam master and two separate crew quarters, and the finish throughout is impeccable.

jarrettbay.com

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Ranger Tugs

This isn't your father's tugboat. As the latest of the next-generation Ranger Tugs, the 2018 R-27 (27' LOA, 8' 6" beam) follows the design cues of her big sister, the R-29S, with a curved front window and overhead glass atrium that brighten the interior. It offers a fast, dry ride, courtesy of a single Yahama F300 outboard making it the second Ranger Tug model to look outside the hull for power. A bow thruster comes standard to ease docking. Plenty of accommodation space also distinguishes the brand, and the R-27 features a private double cabin forward and an additional salon berth by converting the dining table opposite the galley. *rangertugs.com*







Prestige

It's hard to believe the new Prestige 520 (52' 9" LOA, 14' 9" beam) is only 52 feet. A full flybridge, pop-up lounge chairs on the foredeck, oversized swim platform, integrated passerelle, tender garage, and private entrance to a large owner's cabin are a few of the features that belie her size. Prestige's other debut is the sporty 460 S (46' 10" LOA, 13' 11" beam), which shows the builder's emphasis on flexible spaces: The main deck can be a protected living area, or by opening the large sunroof and vast aft sliding glass door, it can be part of the outdoors. Volvo IPS drives offer easy maneuverability and a 33-knot top speed. prestige-yachts.com

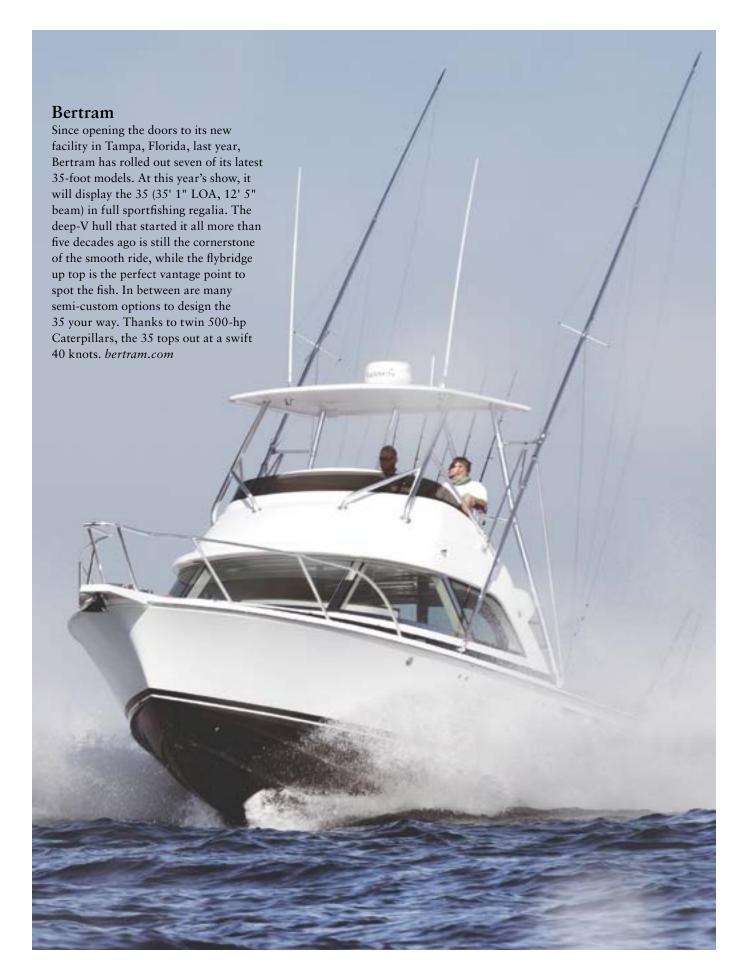
Nordhavn

The "CP" in Nordhavn's new N59CP (58' 9.5" LOA, 17' beam) stands for Coastal Pilot, yet the ocean-going enthusiasts at Nordhavn interpret a coastal cruise as a jaunt from Alaska to Mexico. The semi-displacement hull has a 1,000-nautical mile range but when needed, can be pushed to 20 knots. The main deck combines the lower helm, galley and salon into one social space. Below-decks, two or three staterooms are possible. Outdoors, the cockpit configuration with integral swim step is conducive to fishing and diving, and the flybridge seats up to 12 for alfresco dining. Standard power is courtesy of twin 715-hp Cummins QSM 11 engines. *nordhavn.com*





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The latest addition to Sanlorenzo's planing line, the SL78 (80' 10" LOA, 18' 10" beam) makes her first appearance at this year's Fort Lauderdale show. New features include a foredeck lounge with sun canopy, and lower bulwarks outside the salon maximize views and light. The flybridge is one of the largest in its category, made even more spacious by the tender being stowed in a garage launched superyacht style. The country kitchen of the model on display is an American option, but the minimalist style by Marty Lowe is pure Italian, featuring furniture and fixtures by Minotti, Flos, Zucchetti, and Roda. Eight guests are accommodated on the lower deck, with a full-beam amidships master reserved for the owner. sanlorenzoamericas.com



Riva

A convertible for the seas, the 76 Bahamas (76' 3" LOA, 18' 10" beam) is both an open and a coupe thanks to the patented C-Top system. It takes just 90 seconds for struts to lift the carbon fiber top out of its forward cowling, revealing the foredeck seating area that neatly tucks between the windshield and roll bar. The sleek profile in "shark gray" contrasts nicely with the light woods and veneers used inside, which give the interior a certain freshness. Dark leather and stainless steel trimming is the finishing touch for that enviable Riva style. Twin 1,550-hp MAN V12s have the 76 Bahamas cruising at 28 knots, topping out at 32. *riva-yacht.com*



Three of the eight models Princess will have on display are North American premieres. The V40 (42' 6" LOA, 12' 5" beam) joins the V Class with dynamic exterior styling and contemporary interior design over a deep-V hull. The newest S Class member is the S60 (62' 11" LOA, 16' beam), featuring a hull optimized to reach 38 knots, generous deck spaces and a tender garage. A sociable main deck arrangement places the galley aft, and below are three staterooms. Finally, the Princess 62 (63' 5" LOA, 16' 6" beam) takes her place in the fleet. The latest infusion technology boosts build efficiency and allows for features normally found on larger craft, like the spacious flybridge, foredeck entertainment area and hydraulic swim platform. princessyachts.com

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