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Tens of thousands make the annual pilgrimage  
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**world's biggest boat show.**

**THE FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW** is the largest in-water boat show in the world and is the go-to place to see every type of boat made. Exhibits range from yachtbuilders, designers and brokerage yachts to all manner of yachting equipment. A boat for every taste and budget is on display: runabouts, sportfishers, high-performance boats, center consoles, cruisers, flats boats, skiffs, sailing yachts, motoryachts, bowriders, catamarans, ski boats, jet boats, trawlers, inflatables, kayaks and extraordinary world-class superyachts. If you can't make it to the show this year, we'll be there for you. Here are some of the new boats and brokerage gems expected to be on hand.

### **230-foot (70-meter) Heesen**

At 229 feet 8 inches (70 meters), *Galactica Super Nova* is the largest Heesen built to date. She has a fast-displacement hull, fixed-pitch propellers and a Rolls-Royce center booster jet, making her capable of going 30 knots. In addition to speed, she offers space and style. The yacht's chic profile is by Monaco-based designer Espen Øino. With nearly 3,843 square feet (357 square meters) of deck space, she presents numerous options for guest entertainment including a 19-foot-9-inch (6-meter) swim-jet infinity pool with waterfall, an outdoor cinema, a beach club, an indoor/outdoor upper deck lounge, a sundeck with barbecue and more. [heesenyachts.com](http://heesenyachts.com)

### **227-foot (69.3-meter) Tankoa**

*Suerte*, at 227 feet 4 inches (69.3 meters), is a Francesco Paszkowski design with interior by Margherita Casprini. The main deck includes the salon and guest accommodations, while the master suite is on the upper deck along with a panoramic salon that has a fireplace and baby grand piano. The beach club has a salon, bar, massage room, sauna and hammam, and direct access to the sea via fold-down terraces. [tankoa.com](http://tankoa.com)

### **200-foot (61-meter) Hakvoort**

Hakvoort's new flagship, 200-foot (61-meter) *Just J's*, with naval architecture by Diana Yacht Design, has a distinctive overall design by Sinot Exclusive Yacht Design. While she contains considerable volume and interior space over five decks, she presents an especially long profile because of her partially closed foredeck. The interior looks and feels like a contemporary beach house. Every level has a unifying inside/outside flow with large windows for views of the sea. The main deck has



HEESEN 230



COLUMBUS 131





TANKOA 227

four guest staterooms plus a VIP, and the owner's suite with domed ceiling occupies the upper deck. A central staircase and elevator connect all the decks. [hakvoort.com](http://hakvoort.com)

### 181-foot (55.3-meter) Damen Support Vessel

*Fast & Furious*, built by Damen in the Netherlands, is the first of the builder's upgraded YS 5009 design. At 465 gross tons, this vessel can carry an array of toys and tenders as well as a submersible and dive equipment on deck. With client-specific custom configurations, the YS 5009 is ideal for dive adventures, or perhaps as a mothership for sailing yacht regattas. It can also be fitted with a certified helideck or a helicopter hangar. Range at 16 knots is 5,000 nautical miles. [yacht-support.nl](http://yacht-support.nl)

### 164-foot (50-meter) Christensen

Vancouver, Washington-based Christensen has two recently launched, 164-foot (50-meter) sisterships scheduled to be on display at the show: *Silver Lining* and *Chasseur*. These two are harbingers of the builder's High Volume (HV) series. They offer more space than the yard's custom series yachts, both on deck and in the interior. Differences between the two new launches can be seen in their interior palettes: *Silver Lining* has dark walnut and *Chasseur* has light sycamore. Both are ABS and MCA compliant.

[christensenyachts.com](http://christensenyachts.com) (Featured on page 92 of this issue.)

### 131-foot (40-meter) 40S Hybrid Columbus

With her hybrid propulsion, *Eleonora III* is another innovative



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One of my favorite things about FLIBS is seeing friends and colleagues from the yachting world I usually only see at this show. Rather than rely on social media for what's up, it is more fun to catch up in person. Oh yes, and I crave those hot arepas—yummy, South American-inspired grilled cheese sandwiches that are made with a kind of cornmeal patty instead of bread and are filled with satisfyingly gooey bland, white cheese. You can find them sizzling away on solo griddles throughout the show.