



Boat Show News

Motoryacht Suerte, Triton sub, and more debut at FLIBS

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Many boat builders use the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show as their coming-out party. These yachts are making their U.S. debut at the show this week.

- M/Y Suerte, a 229-foot (69m) yacht built by Italian builder Tankoa Yachts, makes her U.S. debut in the Northrop & Johnson exhibit near Las Olas Marina.
- Vero Beach, Fla.-based Triton Submarines will debut its new Triton 1650/3 LP (Low Profile) submersible, which is designed and engineered for smaller superyacht tender garages and is engineered to take a pilot and two passengers to depths of 1,650 feet (500m).



The company will also introduce its new range of cruise submersibles, starting with the seven-passenger Triton 1000/7.



The Triton 1650/3 LP is on display in front of the Windward Club (Hall of Fame Land No. 1414).

Triton Submarines

- Hargrave Custom Yachts will feature three world premiers — its most ever: the 101-foot M/Y Sunny, the 101-foot M/Y Sassy and the 95-foot M/Y Freedom.
- Clearwater, Fla.-based MarineMax, the largest recreational boat retailer in the United States, is launching seven new models this week, including the 40-foot Azimut Verve with triple Mercury Verado outboards; a 112-foot Ocean Alexander; and the Galeon 660 Fly.

It is also debuting four SearRay models: the Sea Ray L550, Sea Ray Fly 460, Sea Ray Sundancer 460 and Sea Ray Sundancer 350 Coupe.

- Miami-based Delta Carbon Yachts, the U.S. division of Swedish yacht builder Delta Powerboats, will show the company's flagship 88-foot all-carbon sport yacht, its U.S. debut. It is Hull No. 3 and was delivered in July. It features joystick-controlled Volvo IPS propulsion and hits a top speed of 38 knots. It carries 10 guests and has crew quarters for three.

Delta Carbon Yachts offers Delta models from 26 to 88 feet, with an emphasis on the all-carbon fiber sport yacht builds at 54 and 88 feet.

- Taiwanese builder Horizon Yachts will offer the U.S. debut of its E75 model, as well as showcase a new E88 skylounge motoryacht.
- In its quest to bring more environmental awareness to recreational boating, Dania Beach, Fla.-based Nautical Ventures has gathered several brands to debut to the U.S. market this week. Rand Boats of Denmark builds a 15-foot (5m) picnic boat with a hull composite made from recycled plastic bottles and windmill blades, the deck from sustainable softwoods fused with a bio-based liquid to make it durable, and an emission-free, quiet, fast-acting electric motor that produces a top speed of 21 mph. It has up to 16 hours of battery life.

Rib Inflatables of England has created a foldable RIB, the F-Rib. Stocked with an electric engine, it is compact, easy to stow, portable and versatile, even with its rigid bottom. They are used in rescue organizations, by firefighters and EMTs, and military operations that need a boat with small dimensions that inflates in less than 5 minutes.

Torqeedo Electric Motors of Germany builds electric outboards, inboards, electric motors and hybrid drive systems ranging from 1 to 80 hp. Torqeedo drives do not discharge any exhaust or oil into the water. Torqeedo makes its own lithium batteries that store significantly more energy than other batteries, maintain a high current and do not lose their charging capacity.

These brands can be found at booths 1013, 1014, 1021, 1022, 1025, and 1026 at Bahia Mar.

Torqeedo is also hosting a Captains Challenge. Captains are asked to maneuver a 10-foot, twin engine electric tender in the AquaZone at the Convention Center. Best time wins \$1,000. Call Tom Watson at +1 815-307-2701 to schedule a time to drive Thursday-Saturday from 5-7 p.m. The championship round is Sunday from 3-4 p.m.

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