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AZIMUT MAGELLANO 25 METRI



# THE SHOWING MUST GO ON

*Leading shipyards launched new models over the summer in anticipation of autumn premieres. Following major changes to the boat show calendar, shipyards are displaying new models across surviving shows but also private events at shipyards, marinas, showcases and even on Facebook Live.*

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**MOTOR YACHTS: ITALY**

Benetti's Oasis 40M is among the most exciting world premieres of 2020 and was set to be among the largest yachts at this year's Cannes Yachting Festival, before the event was cancelled. In recent years, the Italian yard has built three 100m-plus 'gigayachts' including the new 107m charter yacht *Lana* (see *CHARTER*), but the fibreglass Oasis 40M. Is the first launch following a design collaboration with UK-based RWD that focuses on large outdoor social spaces and poolside living.

The 133ft motor yacht has an infinity pool on the swim platform, just a few steps from the water, and the whole beach area can transform into a 'terrace over the sea' due to the large spaces and folding bulkheads that expand the social area. Benetti collaborated with New York firm Bonetti/Kozerski Architecture on the interiors.

Azimut's major launch of the year is the Magellano 25 Metri, which is even the subject of a short film by Italian director Gabriele Muccino whose films include *The Pursuit of Happyness* and *Seven Pounds* starring Will Smith. The Magellano yacht and the Muccino-directed short film were both scheduled to be shown at a private premiere in early September.

The new flagship of the Magellano line, the 83-footer has an exterior by Ken Freivokh and an interior by Vincenzo De Cotiis, and great features include an aft cockpit where opposing sofas lined up lengthways can enjoy an infinity view. The yacht is also the first Azimut fitted with MMVS (Marine Mechanical Ventilation System) produced by Italian company BCool Engineering that is designed to produce regularly purified air in the enclosed spaces.

Ferretti Group's newest models are the Riva 88' Folgore, Ferretti Yachts 500 and 43wallytender, which were all showcased at the company's annual Private Preview at Monaco Yacht Club in early September. The Folgore is the flagship of Riva's sportfly range and another partnership between Officina Italiana Design and the Ferretti Group's Product Strategy Committee and Engineering Department.

The Ferretti Yachts 500 is the brand's smallest model and its third collaboration with Filippo Salvetti, who also designed the exteriors of the 670 and 720 that debuted at Cannes in 2018 and 2019 respectively. Ferretti Group worked with Ideaitalia on the interior, which is offered in Classic (warm tones) and Contemporary (Mediterranean colours).



The 43wallytender is expected to top 40 knots with its larger engine options and follows last year's premiere of the 48wallytender, the first model by the brand since it became part of Ferretti Group. The new 43-footer features a new 'central cockpit' and a flexible layout that can be adjusted for the boating seasons or for specific uses. The model is available in a wide range of exclusive colours and the first unit is in a striking 'Gator Green'.

Absolute's Navetta 64 is one of the year's most exciting new models and offers a wide range of options including using the transom storage area for a double cabin where the bed can become an aft-facing sofa by day. Among three lower-deck cabins with ensuites, the master is in the bow and features a king-size bed and full-beam bathroom, while the beamy flybridge is available open or enclosed.

Sanlorenzo has launched several new models since the lockdown, with the first 62Steel followed by the first 44Alloy. The builder is scheduled to stage the world premieres of both at its La Spezia shipyard during the first two Elite Weekends (September 19-20 and 26-27), created to provide 'an immersive experience in the nerve centre of Sanlorenzo's superyacht production'.

The new SX112 is scheduled to have its its world premiere at the 60th Genoa International Boat Show from October 1-6 before it joins the 44Alloy and 62Steel for the third and final Elite Weekend on October 10-11. As the new flagship of the popular SX crossover line launched in 2017 by the SX88 and followed by the SX76 a year later, the 34m SX112 has also been designed by Bernardo Zuccon of Studio Zuccon International Project, with interiors by Piero Lissoni. As well as the open main deck, look out for a new stern zone featuring a spacious internal beach area that overlooks fold-down side terraces.

Bluegame, owned by Sanlorenzo, is also showing its new BGX60 at Genoa, having premiered its BGX70 (*REVIEW, Issue 54*) at Cannes last year.

After debuting its MCY 70 Skylounge at Miami in February, Monte Carlo Yachts is scheduled to premiere the new MCY 76 Skylounge at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show from October 28-November 1. Designed by Nuvolari Lenard, the Skylounge series features an enclosed air-conditioned interior on the flybridge that includes the yacht's sole helm station, so increasing the useable space on the main deck.



*Prestige X70**Beneteau Antares 11 Fly**Beneteau Gran Turismo 36**Beneteau Flyer 9 Sundeck*

## MOTOR YACHTS: FRANCE

One of this year's most-anticipated new models, the Prestige X70 is arguably the most exciting new motor yacht from France in 2020. Created in partnership with Garroni Design, the Groupe Beneteau brand's new flagship is the start of a new X-Line distinct from the complementary F-Line flybridge and S-Line sportfly ranges.

Most notably, the X70 doesn't have side decks, so the saloon with central galley is full beam. The interior also starts further forward than usual due to the extended space given to a huge cockpit. The flybridge can be enclosed, while its vertical windshield and the main-deck's reverse windshield contribute to the explorer looks. Duvivier sofas and Foglizzo leather feature in an upgraded interior, while lower-deck options include three full-beam double cabins or two doubles and two twins.

Beneteau's new models include the Antares 11 Fly, Gran Turismo 36 and Flyer 9 Sundeck, which features an opening side deck to port.

The 11 Fly is the flybridge version of the flagship of the Antares line of outboards. Its upper deck includes a starboard helm station and a portside dinette connected to aft-facing sun loungers, while options include a bimini or a solar panel. The boat can accommodate seven

people in two cabins with five berths plus a convertible saloon.

The sporty Gran Turismo 36 with electric sunroof is the second-smallest model in a line that ranges from 32 to 50. Twin sterndrive diesel engine choices are 270hp or 300hp each, while outboard options are 300hp or 350hp, producing top speeds in the range of 30-35 knots. The lounge has seating for seven, there are sunpads and a wet bar aft, while the foredeck features a semi-recessed sunpad and can be protected by a sun awning. The lower deck has a galley and two cabins for four.

Jeanneau, another Groupe Beneteau brand, has also launched several new motorboats including the two largest Cap Camarat models, the Merry Fisher 795 Serie2 and the smaller Merry Fisher 605 Serie2.

The Cap Camarat 12.5 Walkaround is the line's new seven-tonne flagship with a Michael Peters V-shaped hull powered by either twin 300hp or 450hp engines. The 39ft day cruiser with a beam of almost 12ft has a triple-seat helm station in front of a wet bar, an aft L-shaped sofa aft facing a drop-down bulwark, and an excellent modular foredeck with three sunpads, seating and an adjustable table. Below deck is a galley, forward saloon forward, bathroom and midships cabin with double and single beds.

*Jeanneau Merry Fisher 795 Serie2**Jeanneau Cap Camarat 12.5 Walkaround*

## MOTOR YACHTS: UK

Sunseeker will host all four of its autumn world premieres at its new Sunseeker Showcase in the builder's home city of Poole. The new 90 – formerly known as the 87 Yacht – is the largest of the new models, which includes the Manhattan 55, Predator 55 EVO™ and 65 Sport Yacht.

The four-cabin 90 is arguably the most exciting premiere as it ushers in a new big-volume generation of yachts from Sunseeker with big upgrades in the aft area, providing more space and features to enable owners and guests to spend more time by and in the water.

The swim platform spans 6m by 4m, said to be four times the size of competitors', and features the exciting new X-TEND™ convertible seating, built-in barbecue, overhead rain shower and AV options. There's plenty of storage for a large jet-tender, jet-skis, Seabobs and other toys, which can all be launched via the hydraulic platform.

The three-cabin Manhattan 55 succeeds the successful Manhattan 52, the fastest-selling model in the brand's history with over 130 units delivered since late 2016. Key new features include a galley with integrated breakfast island (or lowered worktop) as well as a powered aft window, which when lowered and the cockpit door is open, connects the indoor and outdoor zones. An optional beach club includes built-in barbecue, overhead shower and fold-down transom seating.

The Predator 55 EVO™ features the same sporty interior styling introduced on the 60 EVO™ last year and can reach 34 knots with Volvo D11-725 engines with shaft propulsion. The saloon is dedicated to lounging, while the galley is on the lower deck and faces an L-shaped sofa and dining table. Accommodation is in a full-beam master midships and a forward cabin with scissor berths.

The new 65 Sport Yacht joins the 74 Sport Yacht launched in 2018 and offers three lower-deck cabins, a crew cabin and a top speed of 35 knots using Volvo Penta IPS.

Princess chose Facebook Live for the late July world premiere of its X95 (*see REVIEW*), one of the most talked-about new yachts of 2020 and the third model designed by the Plymouth shipyard with Italy's Pininfarina for exterior styling, along with long-time partner Olesinski for naval architecture.

The X95 is the pioneer of a new X-Line featuring explorer-style looks, an extended 'super flybridge' and an enclosed flybridge, creating a yacht with about 30 per cent more volume than the builder's previous models of this length.

Outside of Europe, the CLB88 (*see REVIEW*) is the new flagship of Hong Kong-headquartered CL Yachts and set for its world premiere in the US at Fort Lauderdale in late October. It's the third model by the new brand, following the CLA76 and CLB72, and will be followed next year by the CLX96.

*Sunseeker 90**Sunseeker Manhattan 55**Sunseeker Predator 55 EVO™**Sunseeker 65 Sport Yacht**Princess X95*





60 Sunreef Power



Fountaine Pajot Power 67

## POWER CATAMARANS

Aquila has recently built two of the year's most exciting new powercat models and both are debuting in the US. The China-based shipyard, created in cooperation with MarineMax, will showcase both its 54 and flagship 70, which put Aquila into a new segment of the market compared to its existing 32, 36 and 44 models.

The Aquila 54 is proving the big sensation, with 18 hulls sold as of mid-August. The 54-footer has a beam just over 25ft and layout options include galley up or down, and three, four or five cabins including an eye-catching forward master cabin that spans both hulls. A skipper's quarters can also be included.

Both models are strong performers, with the 54 predicted to hit 25 knots with twin 600hp Volvo Penta engines and have a range of 1,100nm, while the 70 is expected to have a similar range and reach 24.5 knots with 1,000hp Volvo Pentas. The 70 has a beam of almost 27ft and like the 54, offers a range of accommodation layouts including the full-beam forward master suite, while common features include an enclosable flybridge and central stairs from the flybridge to the foredeck.

Fountaine Pajot is scheduled to stage the world premiere of its Power 67 at the Olympic Yacht Show in Greece from October 1-4. A sister of the French builder's Alegria 67 sailing cat that debuted in 2018, the Power 67 has a 32ft-plus beam and is by far the brand's

largest motor yacht, joining the 37, 40 and 44.

The Power 67 is available with the galley down or in the saloon, while outdoor spaces include a 390sqft cockpit, 340sqft flybridge and sunken lounge in the foredeck which can be fitted with a jacuzzi. The owner's suite in the starboard hull is a 240sqft 'private apartment' with large dressing room and an Italian-style bathroom with two washbasins.

Sunreef is preparing the world premiere of the 60 Sunreef Power, which follows the 80 Sunreef Power that debuted at Cannes last year and whose owners include Rafa Nadal (*see OWNER*), while a 70 is in development.

The Polish yard specialises in large, customised catamarans and the new 60-footer has an impressive beam of over 35ft, while its layout options include a galley-up version with six cabins for 12 guests plus crew cabins in both forepeaks! The 60's superyacht strength is underlined by twin engine options that range from 300hp each to 850hp each, and a fuel capacity of 6,000 litres to 10,000 litres.

The Leopard 53 PC built in South Africa had its global debut at Miami in February followed by a first unit into Asia in March, while French builder Bali is scheduled to complete its first Catspace MY by October, although its official premiere is scheduled for next year's International Multihull Boat Show at La Grande Motte.



Aquila 54



Sunreef 70

## SAILING CATAMARANS

Sunreef completed its modern four-strong range of sailing catamarans with the summer launch of the first Sunreef 70, *Ocean Vibes*, which joined the 80 launched in 2018 and the 50 and 60 added last year. Measuring a touch over 70ft in overall length, the newcomer offers almost 3,100sqft of living space due to an enormous beam of 35ft 5in, contributing to large floor space on all three decks.

*Ocean Vibes* features five cabins, but the model is available in a variety of accommodation layouts. Standard features include a large aft cockpit that can connect with the hydraulic swim platform, a large flybridge and a bow terrace accessible from the saloon. The mainsail and genoa are 160sqm (1,722sqft) and 120sqm (1,292sqft) respectively, while twin 180hp or 225hp engines can take over in no or low wind, with fuel capacity options up to 4,000 litres.

The Lagoon 65 (*see REVIEW*) is another high-profile offering in the world of large and luxurious sailing catamarans. Successor to

the popular 620, the 65 is the smaller sister of the Seventy 7 that debuted at Cannes in 2016 and the sailing counterpart of the 67 powercat that premiered at Cannes last year.

Notable features include the cockpit's adjustable aft bench that can either face forward or toward the sea, while the cockpit also has a smokeless barbecue and a wet bar. The saloon connects to a sunken lounge in the foredeck, while the generous flybridge has room for sofas, sunpads and an eight-person dining table. Layout options include galley up or down, and up to six cabins in the hulls.

Fountaine Pajot has also launched its second-biggest sailing catamaran this year, showcasing the Samana 59, whose 320sqft flybridge is billed as the biggest in its class according to the French builder.

Samana effectively replaces the Ipanema 58, but the newcomer is more reflective of a new generation pioneered by the flagship Alegria 67, which debuted at Cannes two years ago. As well as an enormous flybridge, other highlights on the 59 include a 300sqft



Lagoon Sixty 5



Fountaine Pajot Samana 59





Fountaine Pajot Isla 40



Bali 4.6

cockpit, a foredeck with modular sunbathing stations and the option of up to six guest cabins and two crew cabins.

Fountaine Pajot has also recently unveiled the Isla 40, whose release was pushed forward after initially being slated for a 2021 debut. Just over 39ft in length, it's the brand's new entry sailing model, sitting below the Astrea 42 and Elba 45, yet can offer up to four double cabins with ensembles or sharing two bathrooms, one in each hull, with an optional skipper's cabin in the starboard forepeak.

Alternatively, the Maestro version features two doubles in the port hull and a full-length owner's suite occupying the full starboard hull. The sheltered cockpit has facing sofas and a long dining table aft of an open portside galley that provides a seamless connection to the saloon. A chart table and controls are accessible from the entrance, while forward is an aft-facing C-shaped sofa.

Bali continues to expand and upgrade its sailing range. Having held the world premiere of the Catspace Sail at Boot Dusseldorf in January, the young French brand staged the premiere of its 4.8 in July at its first 'Les Rendez-vous Bali' at Canet-en-Roussillon on the south coast, welcoming clients, prospects and dealers for an 'in-person' alternative to the online shows held post-Covid.

Bali was scheduled to stage the show debut of the 4.8 and the official world premiere of its even newer 4.6 at Genoa in October. Both models feature flybridges and Bali's signature solid foredecks with expansive seating and sunbathing areas. The 4.6 offers up to five cabins plus crew berths in the forepeaks, or a three-cabin version with full-length master to starboard. The 4.8's options include a six-cabin, six-bathroom version, which the brand describes as a first on a 48-footer.



Bali 4.8



Swan 98

## SAILING MONOHULLS

Nautor's Swan staged a live streaming press conference for its first Swan 98 (*see YACHTS*) in July before the first hull, *Be Cool*, was due to appear publicly for the first time at autumn regattas although its schedule has been affected by the cancellation of the Rolex Swan Cup, which was due to be held in Italy's Porto Cervo in September.

The 98 is the first model in a new Maxi Swan range by the legendary German Frers, 79, who has been designing for the Finnish yard since 1981. Genovese architect Misa Poggi has designed an interior that offers two layouts – owner aft with walk-in wardrobe or owner forward – along with a double and two twin guest cabins, plus two twin crew cabins, all with ensembles.

Beneteau's new sailing yachts include the stunning Oceanis Yachts 54 designed by Italians Roberto Biscontini and Lorenzo Argento, the former handling naval architecture and the latter leading interior and deck design.

On this little sister of the flagship 62, a straight stem increases interior volume in the bow while the maximum beam (5m) has been extended aft, where the garage door opens to become the swim

platform and also deploy an 8ft inflatable tender.

The cockpit has a flush layout with distinct areas for lounging and sailing, while Argento has created an interior featuring abundant natural light and ventilation, and available in light oak or walnut. A large C-shaped sofa and dining table to starboard faces an L-shaped sofa by the chart table, with galley aft. The master cabin is in the bow and two guest cabins are in the stern, either both with ensembles or sharing one bathroom to enable a larger galley.

Beneteau's other new model is the Oceanis 40.1, which sits at the heart of a range from 30.1 to 51.1. The 40-footer features a new flared hull design by Marc Lombard, with steps extending over a third of the bow, and a modular interior by Nauta Design. A C-shaped sofa, dining table, moveable bench seat and chart table are to port, opposite a welcoming C-shaped galley. Layouts include two, three or four cabins, with the master in the bow.

Meanwhile, Jeanneau is preparing to launch its Yachts 60 this year ahead of its world premiere at Boot Dusseldorf in January, while fellow French builder Dufour started 2020 with the world premiere of its 530 in Dusseldorf before preparing to stage its in-water debut this autumn. ☼



Beneteau Oceanis Yacht 54



Beneteau Oceanis 40.1