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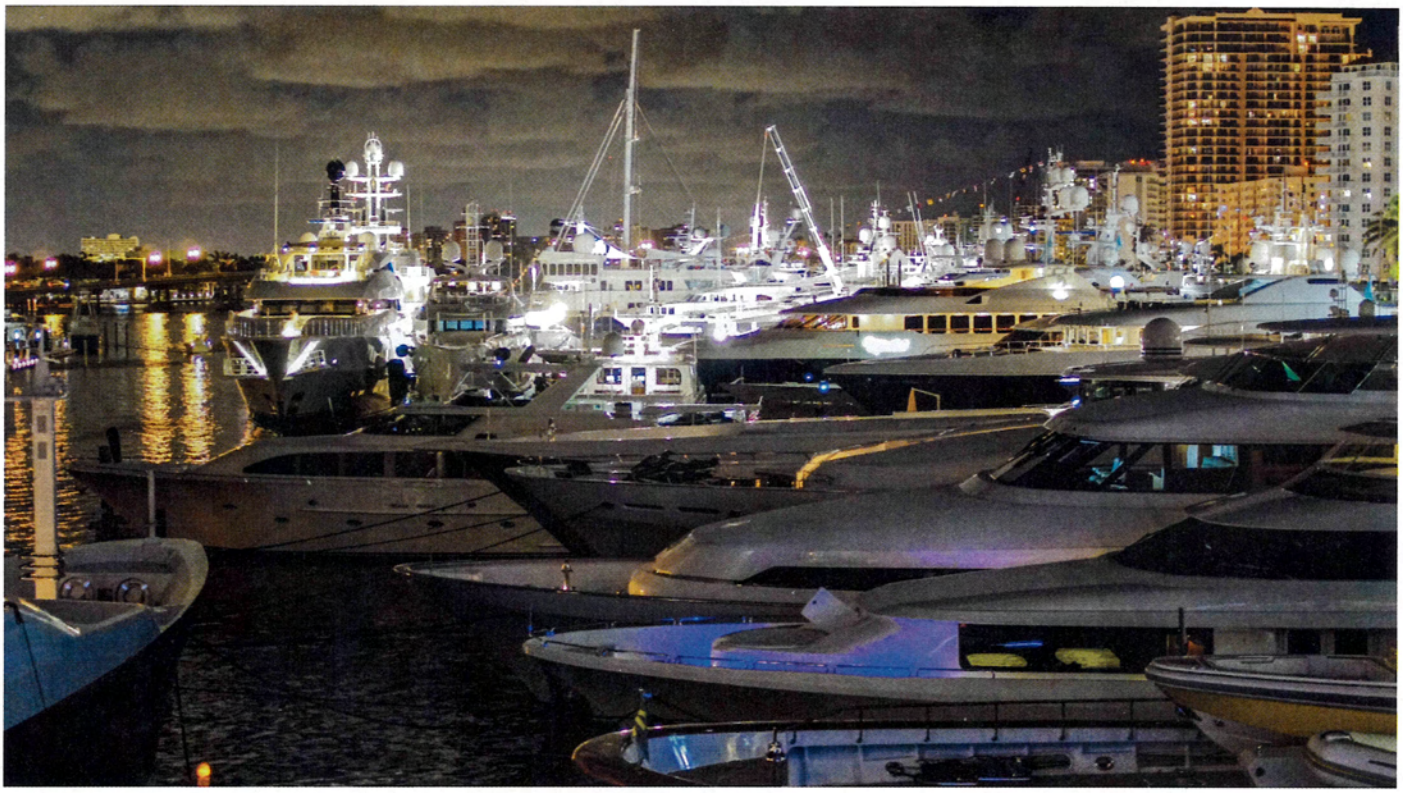

FLIBS PREVIEW

The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, the largest boat show in North America, will kick off its 59th year a few days after this issue hits newsstands. For those who are missing out or for those of you who are already en route, here is a preview of a few of the new models, new tech, and other news that is being unveiled at the 2018 Fort Lauderdale Boat Show.

THE BOATS

Three New Nordhavns

Nordhavn is known for innovating and improving on their existing products to bring the best cruising boats to market.

Nordhavn 80

This year is no different as three new models are scheduled to debut in Fort Lauderdale.

Nordhavn 59 *Coastal Pilot Motoryacht Edition*: The Motoryacht edition is a significant change to the Coastal Pilot introduced in mid-2016. The original 59 CP was Nordhavn's first venture away from full displacement boats into semi-displacement hull forms. The original CP featured a cockpit that was perfect for storing kayaks, SUPs, and dinghies. The new Motoryacht version eliminates the cockpit and expands the interior living space, allowing for a larger saloon, galley, and creates space for a stand up engine room all the way aft to the stern.

Nordhavn 475: This new yacht fits in the midsize range for Nordhavn, offering something in a 50-foot range while maintaining pricing similar to the Nordhavn 43. Based on the 43 hull, the N475 not only presents a much different look from her predecessor thanks to a completely new deck and flybridge, she also provides more room throughout the interior and exterior of the boat. And she continues to offer the economy and manageability of a mid-size boat. The 475 gains room over the 43 with a two foot expansion in the saloon, engine room, and lazarette.

Nordhavn 80: This new model is designed to bridge the gap between the N76 and the N86 and N96 designs. The 80 will provide all of the passagemaking capabilities that Nordhavn is

known for while offering interior style and luxurious living spaces. With four staterooms the new N80 is available in a variety of configurations, including a skylounge or an upper-level owners' suite with private balcony. She is designed to be owner-operated but can also accommodate crew for the owner who desires it. Nordhavn expects the N80 to fit nicely in between other models in the larger size range.

Grand Banks 60 Skylounge

Grand Banks 60SL

The Grand Banks 60 Skylounge has been working her way down the East Coast on the boat show circuit where she has turned heads in every port. The same is bound to be true in Fort Lauderdale where GB builds on the success of their original 60, with this expanded Skylounge version. We got a first look at the new model at Baltimore TrawlerFest and were quite impressed with the extra enclosed space, and unreal visibility from the helm. We're also big fans of the day head ... I mean, who wouldn't be? Make sure to make time to take in this high-tech motoryacht in Fort Lauderdale or one of the many other shows she will be attending over the winter.

Outer Reef

Outer Reef will have two new boats at the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show, their 610 and 700 motoryachts. While not new models, these tried-and-true yachts exemplify Outer Reef's build quality and design aesthetic. The 610 is a great owner/