HERE THEY COME

With fall boat show season about to begin, new launches are set to premiere in Europe—and many will head to U.S. shores next.

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It almost seems unfair that the Monaco Yacht Show and Cannes Yachting Festival are held ahead of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show each autumn. The Europeans get a first look at some of the newest models while we Americans have to practice our patience. And yet, if the photos in these pages are any indication, this year’s launches from many of the world’s top builders are going to be worth the wait however, like the long-anticipated debut of a nine-course testing. Shipyards are premiering all sizes and styles of yachts, ranging from a Swan 55 fast cruiser to Enzo’s shape-shifting 42-foot WA to Tankoa’s first yacht Super Yacht, the 143-foot Ferrari. Technical innovations are expected too. The 62 Fly from Navareau’s new yacht designed with all-LED lighting. Sanlorenzo is debuting its SX88, built with low-environmental-impact materials and methods, as well as its first 52-foot Seven. Sun. At 170 feet length overall, she’s the largest-ever Sanlorenzo. The Benetti Fast 125 Fly features a new Rolls-Royce Arpeji propulsion system specifically for the Fast 125 hull—a system Benetti calls “the most technologically advanced on the market.” Other builders are rolling out previous models to expand on what buyers are they like. The Ferretti Yachts 920 is a new hull design with an interior décor updated from the 850, while the Otam S07 Mystere shows how that model operates with twin 2,000-hp MTUs versus the previous MTU’s quad powerplants. Otam’s Mystere topped 48 knots during sea trials. European yachtsmen will get the first taste of these beauties, but Americans will have the last bite come November at FLIBS. For now, let’s savor the anticipation.

The Otam S07 Mystere, with a top speed of 48 knots, is scheduled to debut at the Cannes Yachting Festival.