

BOAT SHOWS

## MUST-SEE YACHTS in Fort Lauderdale

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International Boat Show is set to take place November 3-7, 2016. The world's largest in-water boat show, FLIBS covers seven locations with nearly 1,500 boats displayed across more than 3 million square feet of exhibit space. The show draws approximately 1,000 exhibitors from more than 30 countries that display an amazing array of boats, marine products and accessories, from astonishing super-yachts, fishing boats, runabouts and boats for every budget, to fishing gear, marine art, jewelry and more, all valued at more than \$4 billion.

The Marine Industries Association of South Florida and Show Management, the owners and producers of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, respectively, announced the results of an economic impact study conducted by Thomas J. Murray & Associates in conjunction with the University of Florida. The study concluded that the 56th Annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS), the largest boat show in the world in terms of gross exhibitor space and vessels gathered for any event, contributed

a whopping \$857 million to the overall economy in the state of Florida.

This year's Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show will showcase a larger selection of superyachts that ever before. Among the more than 100 yachts larger than 100 feet that will be on display in the show are six massive vessels larger than 200 feet.

While yachts of this size surely assume an extraordinary amount of space along the Face Dock of the Bahia Mar and Hall of Fame Marina show locations, even more astonishing are the numbers they command for purchase or charter. They are among the largest yachts in the world and are sure to draw major crowds at the show.

- M/Y TV, Lürssen, 257' (Brokerage: Moran Yacht & Ship)
- M/Y Suerte, Tankoa Yachts, 227' (Brokerage: Northrop & Johnson)
- M/Y Apogee, Codecasa, 205' (Brokerage: Merle Wood & Associates)
- M/Y Lady Lola, Oceanco, 205' (Brokerage: Merle Wood & Associates)

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