

Azimut|Benetti Group at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show 2016.

A world premiere for the Verve 40, the first Azimut Yachts weekender, that will exhibit in Fort Lauderdale together with a fleet of 20 yachts.

After a 'European tour' playing a leading role at top boat shows in the Mediterranean, Azimut|Benetti Group is now attending the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show, the sector's leading event in the United States, with an even bigger fleet than in past years: eighteen Azimut Yachts models, including the Verve 40 for its world premiere and two Benetti best sellers.

Avigliana, October 2016. Azimut|Benetti confirms once again just how important the American market is by taking an even bigger fleet than last year to the 2016 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (Flibs) from November 3 to 7. The Group will be represented by twenty models at this US boat show, one of the most important in the country, and it is no coincidence that the event has been chosen as the showcase for the worldwide launch of the new **Verve 40** from Azimut Yachts, the first weekender built by the shipyard. Another standout yacht on show is the **Azimut 66 Fly**, while the Benetti shipyard will be represented by **Vivace 125'** (Ironman) and **Crystal 140'** (Mr D).

On its first official outing after an exclusive premiere at the Newport Boat Show, Azimut's new **Verve 40** is being given its international launch at the FLIBS, marking the entry of the shipyard into the popular sport walkaround segment on the US market. Verve 40 combines all the typical characteristics of traditional US walkarounds and day cruisers, but stands out from them for its elegance, its sophisticated style and its spaciousness, with a cabin area so big it clearly earns its definition as a *weekender*. Fitted with three Mercury Verado engines rated 350 hp, Verve 40 has a top speed of 44 knots and cruises at 37 knots.

The novelty of the 2016 season is **Azimut 66 Fly**, the new arrival in the Flybridge range, which offers a four-cabin layout plus a flybridge extending over more than 28 square meters, making it the biggest in its category. The extensive use of technology on board makes this the flagship of the entire range. First up is the electronic steering system, installed for the very first time on a boat of this type. Then there's the bespoke integrated on board monitoring system, completely customized. And finally the use of pure carbon fiber, a construction choice that has made it possible to increase volume and surface area without affecting weight and preserving excellent levels of dynamic stability.

Benetti, on the other hand, has decided to show off the '*Fast*' side of its character, with a model from the Class Fast Displacement range on show, Vivace 125', plus a Class Displacement range model, Crystal 140'.

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The Viareggio-based shipyard will be represented by the **Benetti Vivace 125' IRONMAN**, a 38 meter semi-widebody with three decks plus the sun deck. With a modern design and packed with high-tech content, the yacht has four guest suites in addition to the owner's apartment and the entire upper deck is dedicated to physical well-being with a huge gym. The interior, created by interior designer Alfred Karram Jr, are based on a very modern style, developing aesthetically innovative and high-tech spaces. The yacht's technical performance is excellent too: the D2P_Displacement to Planing® hull form with wave piercer is also equipped with an innovative series of Azipods - developed by the shipyard in collaboration with Rolls-Royce - that allows the boat to cruise both in low consumption displacement mode for leisurely voyages, as well as at faster speeds, up to a maximum of 24 knots, without compromising on comfort. Excellent manoeuvrability and virtually no vibration, this innovative low draft propulsion allows to cruise even in more shallow waters, such as the Bahamas.

On its 'second outing' on the US market after a preview at the 2016 Miami Boat Show, Benetti **Crystal 140' M/Y Mr D** is the 42 meter yacht with interiors and decoration design by Ezequiel Farca, and exteriors designed by Stefano Righini. Crystal by name and crystal by nature, light plays a fundamental role on this yacht, flooding interiors that can be fully personalised at the owner's complete discretion. With an ocean-going range of 4,000 miles, Crystal 140' is to all intents and purposes an explorer, fully appointed for long crossings and with a careful and rational distribution of space that exploits the entire hull volume.

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<p>VERVE 40 - World Premiere</p> <p><i>AZIMUT ATLANTIS Collection</i> Atlantis 34 Atlantis 43 Atlantis 50</p> <p><i>AZIMUT S Collection</i> 55S 77S</p> <p><i>AZIMUT FLYBRIDGE Collection</i> 42 Fly 50 Fly 54 Fly 60 Fly 66 Fly 72 Fly 80 Fly 84 Fly 95 Fly</p> <p><i>AZIMUT MAGELLANO Collection</i> Magellano 43 HARDTOP Magellano 53 Magellano 66 Magellano 76</p>	<p>BF101 M/Y Ironman</p> <p>BY005 M/Y Mr D</p>
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