Palm Beach International Boat Show 2022: Get ready for four days of floating fun

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Attention boating enthusiasts and water-sports aficionados: The 40th annual Palm Beach International Boat Show, owned by The Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County and produced by Informa Markets, is back from Thursday through Sunday in downtown West Palm Beach.

The show occupies the same footprint as previous years, stretching over more than a dozen acres of dry land and waterfront along Flagler Drive, to accommodate what organizers are estimating to be more than \$1.2 billion worth of yachts and accessories. Boats on display will range from 8-foot inflatables to superyachts nearly 300 feet in length.

Currently the list on the show's site puts the number of confirmed vessels at 480, with 12 over 150 feet. The largest yacht for sale at the show, exhibited by Y.CO, is the 206-foot Benetti 11.11. The next largest is the 200-foot Top Five II, built in 2021 by Royal Hakvoort, which is available for charter through Worth Avenue Yachts.

Mainstay exhibits will be back, as usual. The Windward Club's VIP experience offers VIP attendees access to an open bar, gourmet food and sponsorship pop-up activities in an indoor/outdoor lounge setting. Nautical Ventures' hands-on experiences and demos feature a variety of water sports and marine products; and the Kids' Fishing Clinic provides instruction in basic fishing techniques.

New this year, the boat show will coincide with the Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary Art Fair, another event produced by Informa.

Boat show details

What: The 40th Palm Beach International Boat Show opens Thursday and runs through Sunday in downtown West Palm Beach on Flagler Drive between Banyan Boulevard and Lakeview Avenue.

Entrances are at Evernia Street, Datura Street and North Clematis Street on the west side of the show site; and on Flagler Drive, north and south of the show site. Also, boaters can dock for free south of the show site at the city's "come by boat" dock and walk to the show.

Hours: Noon-7 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets: \$29 for adults for one-day admission and \$54 for two-day admission; \$15 per day for children ages 6 to 15; free for children ages 5 and younger. VIP Experience tickets are \$350 a day and include access to show and Windward Club lounge. An adult Superyacht Show Palm Beach two-day ticket is \$1,000.

Tickets are available online only. Visit www.pbboatshow.com/en/buy-tickets.html

Parking: Valet parking is available at the show's north entrance at Banyan Boulevard and North Flagler Drive near Palm Harbor Marina. Palm Harbor is \$100 a day; prices were unavailable for the north entrance, show organizers said.

This year, the show organizers have lined up "preferred show parking garages and lots" provided by The Related Group: Hibiscus Garage at 525 Okeechobee Blvd.; Gardenia Garage at 505 Hibiscus St.; Sapodilla Garage at 499 S Sapodilla Ave.; Okeechobee Garage at 620 Hibiscus St.; Phillips Point at 201 Lakeview Ave.; and Esperante Corporate Center at 222 Lakeview Ave.

Public parking also is available throughout West Palm Beach, as well as at various small municipal lots. Special event rates may be charged on some days at some lots and garages. Additionally, guests can use the West Palm Beach trolley (www.wpb.org/our-city/transportation-services/west-palm-beach-trolley-system), which is free to access. The trolleys will continuously pick up and drop off guests at various trolley stops around downtown and the boat show every 10-15 minutes. For a map listing public garage parking, visit www.pbboatshow.com/en/attend/parking.html.

Road closures:

* Flagler Drive northbound between Lakeview Avenue and Banyan Boulevard is closed through 6 p.m. April 1 through 6 p.m. April 4;

- * Flagler Drive southbound between Lakeview Avenue and Banyan Boulevard is closed 6 a.m. Sunday through 6 p.m. Tuesday;
- * South Clematis between South Flagler Drive and South Narcissus Avenue is closed 6 a.m. Sunday through 6 p.m. Tuesday;
- * Datura Street between South Flagler Drive and South Narcissus Avenue is closed 6 a.m. Sunday through 6 p.m. Tuesday;
- * Evernia Street between South Flagler Drive and South Narcissus Avenue is closed 6 a.m. Sunday through 6 p.m. Tuesday;
- * Fern Street between South Flagler Drive and South Olive Avenue is closed 6 a.m. Sunday through 6 p.m. Tuesday;
- * North Clematis between North Flagler Drive and Lantana Avenue is closed 6 a.m. Sunday through 6 p.m. Tuesday;
- * Flagler Drive northbound between Fern Street and Lakeview Avenue is closed 6 p.m. April 1 through 6 p.m. April 4;
- * Southbound Flagler Drive re-opens to all traffic at 6 p.m. Tuesday, while northbound Flagler Drive re-opens to all traffic at 6 p.m. April 4.