Riding the Waves

Check out the newest tenders and toys to debut in 2023.

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Argos Nautic JET9.5





A small but mighty option for smaller boats is the new semi-custom Argos Nautic JET9.5, its first jet tender. It may be targeted at smaller boats, but it packs a punch. The tender is powered by a 100-hp Yamaha TR-1 inboard jet engine, which allows it to hit speeds of up to 36mph. It's stable at speed but handles chop without spray and slamming, and takes the turns well. With room for four, it's lightweight and can be deployed from davits or from a swim platform by crane, and it is small enough to fit into tight garages. Customization is possible, so owners can match the mothership's colors, texture, or patterns – or maybe even a favorite sports car's. *argosnautic.com*

LOA: 2.9M/9' 6"
Beam: 1.7M/5' 8"
Power: 100-hp inboard
Speed: 36mph
Passengers: 4

Aqua Flight's CudaJet



The future is here! The new CudaJet, an underwater jetpack from Aqua Flight, enables you to fly like a bird underwater. Just strap on the flexible harness, which can be adjusted for size, and prepare for its "predator-like maneuverability." Glide along underwater at speeds of up to three meters per second and control thrust with a trigger squeeze. Simply change direction by moving your body and when it's time for a break, the buoyant harness makes it easy to float or move on the surface. "We are super thrilled to be the first and only company to bring this product to life here in Florida," says Ashton Lauritzen, CEO of Aqua Flight. "This will definitely be the start of a new era for the watersports and yachting industry." *£16,900; aqua-flight.com*





LOA: 8M/26' 3"
Beam: 2.2M/7' 4"
Draft: 0.85M/2' 9"
Speed: 50 knots
Power: 300-hp Evoy electric outboard
Passengers: 8



Axopar Electric 25

Axopar's versatile eight-meter is not a new model, but it is being adapted for electric propulsion for the first time. Using one of Evoy's new 300-hp electric outboards, the boat will have a top speed of 50 knots and a cruising speed of 25 knots. With two 63kWh Kreisel batteries fitted, that equates to a cruising range of 25 nautical miles. Fast DC charging means the batteries will be ready to go again after an hour. Like its petrol-powered siblings, the new boat also features a stable, fast hull and overnighting capabilities, with heads, basin, fridge, and shower, plus T-top roof and sunbeds. *axopar.com*



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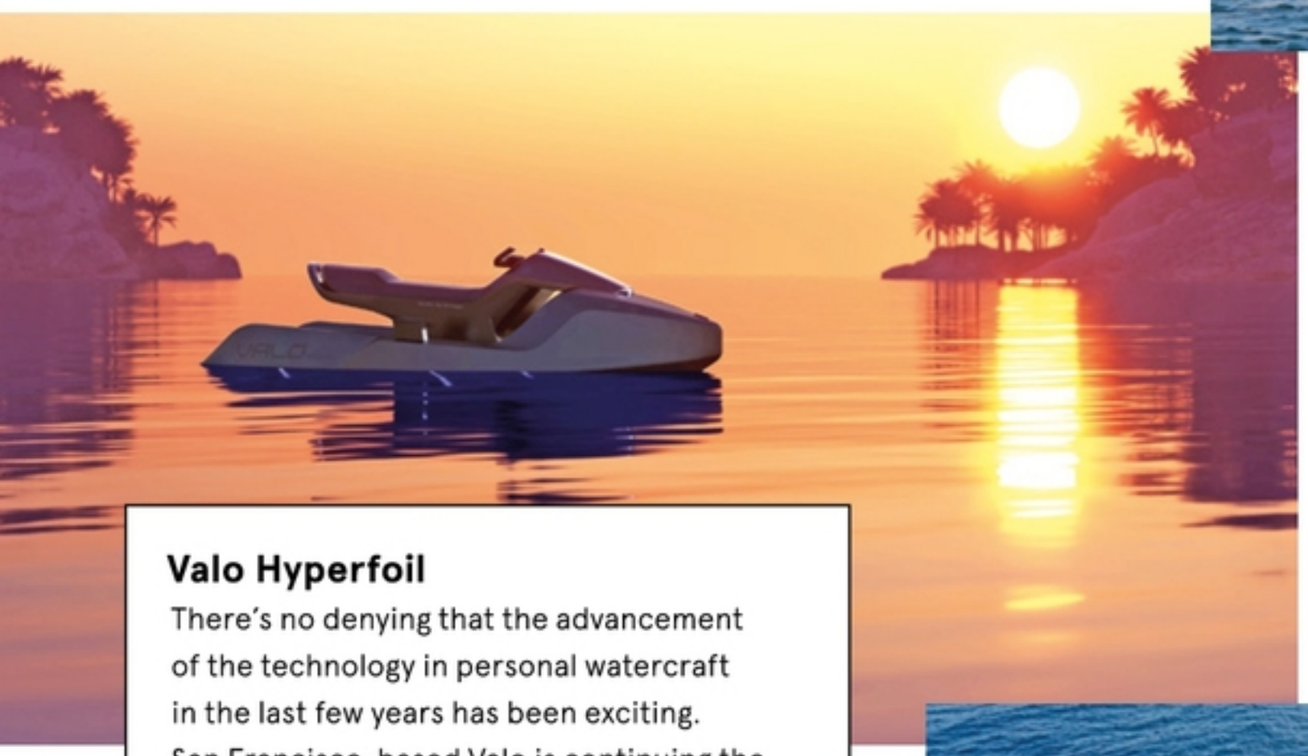


Compass Tenders Limo

When the 160-meter Lürssen *Blue* was delivered last year, she came with a pair of custom 12.5-meter limousines built by Compass Tenders of Hamble, UK. Compass designed the interiors to match Terence Disdale's styling for the mothership, which he describes as feminine and elegant with a warm, textured finish. Leather is a key material. Both tenders have a driving position in the bow, so there is room for private exterior seating on the open aft deck. Deck levels have been carefully designed so that the boarding height via the aft door exactly matches the height of *Blue*'s bathing platform. Both boats feature sound and vibration damping developed with the University of Southampton. *compasstenders.com*

LOA: 12.5M/41'
Beam: 3.3M/10' 10"
Draft: 0.6M/2'
Lifting weight: 7,000kg/15,432lb
Engines: 2 x 440-hp Volvo D6
Speed: 45 knots
Passengers: 16 + 2 crew





Valo Hyperfoil

There's no denying that the advancement of the technology in personal watercraft in the last few years has been exciting. San Francisco-based Valo is continuing the surge forward with its design that is basically the union of a hydrofoil and a Jet Ski. The Hyperfoil can whisk along two passengers 60 centimeters above the waves on retractable carbon fiber foils at speeds of up to 93km/h for more than 90 minutes before you'll have to stop for recharging. Range is a respectable 107 kilometers. *From £47,000, ridevalo.com*







Ephyra 48 Open

Newly set up in 2022, Ephyra wasted no time in buying a controlling stake in the Hynova shipyard in La Ciotat, which is pioneering hydrogen-powered dayboats. The collaboration has yielded a 14.5-meter motor yacht with a metallic, futuristic look, available in three varieties: Open, Rover, and Limousine.

The lightest model, the Open, can carry up to 16 people. A glassy bimini shades the driver and part of the cockpit, and there's a stylish open transom. A small interior cabin in the bow provides a bed and head or storage space.

But the real point of these boats is their zero-emissions hydrogen drive, which has already been proven by Hynova. Special tanks containing 80 liters of hydrogen compressed to 350 bar give the boat a 90-nautical-mile range at 18 knots. The fuel cell produces pure water, which is collected on board to use as feedstock for generating fresh hydrogen. So far so good, but recharging is the bottleneck that Ephyra is setting out to solve by supplying dedicated stations where boats can refuel overnight. The stations themselves run on solar and wind power, producing hydrogen on demand, hence the eight-hour refueling cycle. Construction is in aluminum and a secret (possibly eco) material yet to be revealed. *ephyra-world.com*

LOA: 14.5M/47' 7"
Beam: 4.5M/14' 9"
Draft: 0.7M/2' 4"
Lifting weight: 9,200kg/20,283lb
Power: 398kW max
Speed: 25 knots
Passengers: 16



LOA: 8.44M/27' 8"
Beam: 2.2M/7' 3"
Speed: 30 knots

Hacker-Craft 27 Special Sport

It's hardly surprising that Hacker-Craft boats are renowned for their traditional wooden finish, being built far from the sea among the forests of Upstate New York. But its latest mahogany speedboat is the first to feature electric propulsion. The model itself may not be new – it's an achingly beautiful 27 Special Sport with immaculate detailing.

But partnering with Ingenity to provide the drivetrain and controls gives Hacker-Craft a proven system, rather than having to develop its own. With 126kWh of battery, Ingenity says recharging takes 90 minutes using a high-power DC charger. The system also comes with built-in remote monitoring. *hackerboat.com*



Pave BK

Designed and tested to optimize weight, style, and performance, the Pave BK from Pave Motors has the look of an e-bike with the power of a small engine motorcycle. It holds two riders comfortably, and the battery allows up to 50 miles of range and fast charges within an hour from a standard outlet. The bike can accelerate to its top speed of 30mph in 3.7 seconds. Pave is also introducing a platform to allow friends and family to share their bikes. Through the Pave+ app, the software has keyless access, theft protection, and rider data to facilitate a transformation in the ride-sharing space and lay the groundwork for a sustainable community of riders. *Available in black or white, starting from $6,900. pavemotors.com*







SP760
LOA: 7.6M/24' 11"
Beam: 2.88M/9' 5"
Displacement (boat only): 980kg/2,161lb
Engine: outboard, 300hp max
Max load: 1,753kg/3,865lb
Passengers: 16

Highfield Offshore RIBs

Rugged RIB builder Highfield is launching a series of offshore RIBs from six to 7.6 meters in length. Slotting in towards the top end of its Sports range, the boats are robust and overbuilt in military-grade high-tensile aluminum, with hulls modeled on the commercial-grade Patrol range. But they are squarely aimed at the superyacht sector, with high-end features such as diamond-stitched upholstery and EVA foam faux teak decking. Ergonomic helm consoles are designed to take a large chartplotter, and other features include a drawer fridge and dedicated anchor locker. There's also the option of a bimini. The SP600, SP660, SP700, and SP760 models make up the new range. *highfieldnorthamerica.com*





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Intrepid 375 Nomad

Jump aboard the latest center console from Intrepid, perfect for a fishing day out on the water. The aft cockpit, which is fully customizable, features Intrepid's signature swing hullside dive door plus ample storage for all fishing gear. The 375 center console also includes a hidden head compartment with both front and side entry, plus a sink and pullout shower. (The 375 SE, pictured, has side-entry only.) The forward lounge entices with flexible seating – the high-low table can be lowered to sit flush with the cockpit, raised to create a sun pad to complement the existing recliners, or elevated to its highest position to become a full-height table. The self-actuating sole at the helm can also be raised up four inches for maximum visibility with just a button push. *intrepidpowerboats.com*

LOA: 11.4M/37' 6"
Beam: 3.2M/10' 6"
Draft: 0.9M/3'
Power: outboard
Speed: 74mph w/triple Mercury 450s
Passengers: 10

FunAir FunFlex

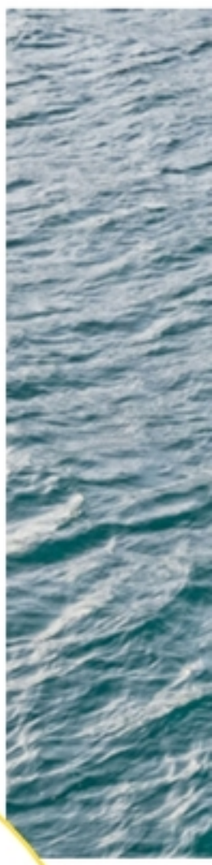
Both crew and yacht need to be prepared for all types of charter guests and plans. FunAir is making it a little easier to adapt with its latest product, FunFlex, a combination of inflatables designed to slot together in various ways and create an array of on-water experiences.

An example of FunAir's commitment to innovation, FunFlex is the most flexible setup available in yachting and can be bespoke and designed from scratch to meet the needs of guests and crew.

"Every superyacht is unique, which means that every yacht has its own collection of water toys and equipment on board. FunFlex allows their inflatables to be finely tuned to accommodate whatever fun is planned for the day," says John Courtney, FunAir's managing director. "Crew tell us they love how quick FunFlex is to set up and change up. They can inflate just a pool, the pool and Jet Ski Dock, or the full FunFlex solution depending on the guest requests."

Lightweight and durable, each FunFlex module is built to withstand sun and saltwater and can be set up in minutes and stowed away quickly. *funair.com*





RIBCRAFT 4.8T

RIBCRAFT recently updated its smallest model, the RIBCRAFT 4.8T. It's powered by a single outboard engine of up to 70 horsepower and can reach speeds of more than 30 miles per hour. While just under five meters in length, it has RIBCRAFT's signature comfort and superyacht style. The RIB, which has an offset center console, has internal space large enough to outshine similar-sized models and offers a larger open deck that can easily handle six people plus equipment. The smaller model is made in the U.S. and can be customized – teak deck, powder-coated metalwork, onboard and underwater lighting, and custom tube and upholstery details are all available to suit owner's needs. *ribcraftusa.com*

LOA: 4.8M/15' 7"
Beam: 2.1M/6' 11"
Draft (w/out engine): 0.3M/1'
Weight (w/out engine): 383kg/845lb
Engine: 70-hp max
Top speed: 30+ mph
Passengers: 6





LIFT4 eFoil

Following five years of extensive product usage and feedback from more than 15,000 riders, Lift Foils has updated and reworked most of their components to perfect the ride in the LIFT4. It's the quietest eFoil created and features a battery life that allows riders to be out longer at a fraction of the charging time of any other eFoil on the market.

The Lift Foils' Quiet Ride Technology enhances the ride experience with their smoothest and quietest controller to date, cutting vibrations or sounds in half. The new Camber Pro Series wings for the LIFT4 create a more balanced feel and come in three sizes, and two additional back wings have been introduced (36 and 46 Glides). This new eFoil also features a full carbon-fiber mast, available in 71 and 81 centimeters, paired with a precision machined aluminum propeller that is ultra-rigid for maximum bite and torque. Prices for LIFT4 start at $11,995 (€13.995) with the Light Battery and $12,995 (€14.995) with Full-Range Battery. *liftfoils.com*



LOA: 7.2M/23' 7"
Beam: 2.6M/8' 6"
Lifting weight: 2,525kg/5,567lb
Engine: 250-hp jet drive
Speed: 35 knots
Passengers: 14

RIBEYE 7.2 Jet Tender

Built to serve Admiral's extraordinary 75-meter flagship *Kenshō*, Ribeye's custom 7.2-meter jet tender was always going to be a bit special. The boat has an open design, with bright red seating in the bow, middle section, and aft. Behind the headrests of the aft seat is a raised area of decking which leads down to a small bathing platform with a built-in ladder. It's young, sporty, and fun to drive. *ribeye.co.uk*



Williams Jet Tenders DieselJet 565 And 625

Relaunched rather than brand new, the DieselJet 565 and 625 have been given some fresh design detailing. The console has been reconfigured with a nine-inch Axiom chartplotter and the transom altered to provide a bigger bathing platform and the option of an illuminated boat name. The upholstery has been updated and there is now a dedicated anchor locker in the bow. "We are noticing the average size of our orders has increased with greater sales of our larger models," says head of marketing Tom Dowdell. *williamsjettenders.com*

DieselJet 625
LOA: 6.32M/20' 9"
Beam: 2.41M/7' 11"
Displacement: 1,330kg/2,932lb
Engine: Yanmar 4LV, 195-hp/230-hp
Speed: up to 40 knots
Passengers: 11



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