

2008 London Boat Show



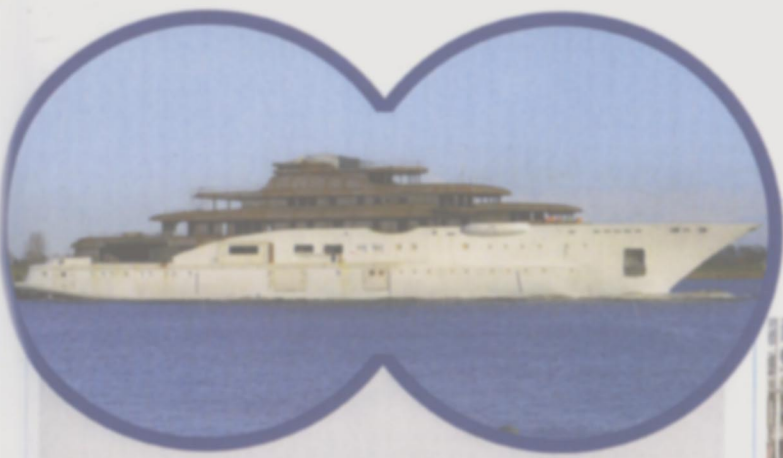
■ The Collins Stewart London Boat Show will take place from 11 to 20 January. Now in its 54th year the show is expecting to welcome 140,000 people to exhibits in the ExCel exhibition halls and moored outside in the Royal Victoria Dock. The Classic Boat section will be larger than in 2007 in anticipation of huge interest in the *Gutty Sark* restoration project. Tickets can be obtained via the hotline on Tel:+44 (0)870 060 0246 or online at www.londonboatshow.com. The website also has information on events, exhibitors and product launches.

Chic new 56 SportRiva

■ Riva claims to have designed a yacht 'with a completely new concept, something never seen before'. The 56 SportRiva integrates the concepts of a flybridge and sporty looking open boat, while still maintaining Riva's inimitable style'. Mauro Micheli and Officina Italiana Design are behind the yacht which is the first in a new line called SportRiva, all defined by their length, and is designed to meet the demands of those who like the lines of an open, but also want the air-conditioned comfort of an upper saloon when it is time to escape the tropical heat. The 56 SportRiva has an aggressive stance externally, whereas the interior combines the warmth of elm, bronze lacquering and leather inserts, and offers a choice of matching fabrics and leathers to create a soft, relaxing atmosphere. The master cabin is in the bow, while the two twin guest cabins are amidships. Two 900hp MAN diesels drive the SportRiva 56 to a top speed of 34 knots and a cruising speed of 30 knots, with a 270nm range. AM



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■ The 110m Opal was spotted making her way from Schichau-Seebeck Shipyard in Bremerhaven, Germany to the Lürssen yard for completion

lookout: If you have any great shots of newly launched yachts, please send them in to Keri Fuller at keri@boatinternational.co.uk

Shannon Tender debut

■ Walt Schulz, designer and builder of the blue-water Shannons since 1975, has announced his return to the superyacht auxiliary industry with his latest line of custom and semi-custom tenders and launches. Based on Shannon's 30-plus years of experience, the semi-custom and cleverly adaptable Shannon Tender 8.5m and 9.7m models serve two purposes within one boat: namely as a cocktail cruiser for the owner who wants a hands-on boating experience for day or overnight cruises, and as a 10 person launch with a spacious cabin and sheltered cockpit seating, using a removable hardtop. The tenders are

powered by twin diesel engines capable of propelling them at over 30 knots. Conventional drives make for easy maintenance, while shallow draughts and a modified deep-V hull shape are designed to give a smooth yet dry ride in rough seas.

The exterior features a stern gangplank for easy boarding, a bathing platform, wrap-around aft seating for 10 (with a removable hardtop for inclement weather), two helm seats and a stowable cockpit table. The bow has an 'Aphrodite' option to seat two guests and there is a sundeck on the trunk cabin. The cabin layout can be custom designed or selected from several different options.

Shannon Tenders are offered with several custom design features in line with Schulz's belief that each tender should be an extension of the superyacht it serves rather than a separate component. 'One-off' tenders from 6m to 15m are also available and can be designed in conjunction with the owner's choice of naval architect. PP

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