

2009 Cannes and Monaco Shows Setting the tone

The **Cannes International Boat & Yacht Show** kicks off a busy season, with the **Monaco Yacht Show** following just a few days later. Although financial papers have recently spotted green shoots of economic recovery, the yachting sector may be slower to recover and much rides on this fall's boat shows. The mood, attendance and boats on the Côte d'Azur in September are sure to set the tone for months to come. As far as the yachts are concerned, early indications are that interesting new models and custom boats will be there. In Cannes, although there will be fewer new models on display this year than in 2008, 170 of about 500 expected boats (53 of them large brokerage vessels, shown at Pierre Canto) will make their debut at the Vieux Port from September 9 to 14. Among them are Moonen's 99' Alu *Phoebe*, a fast yacht with the looks of an explorer; the 86' *Domino* by Riva, with a 38-knot top speed; also in the open sport category are the sleek AB 116' with an expected top speed of 40 knots, the 84' *Sunseeker Predator*, equipped with twin 2,440 hp MTUs and the *Itama Sixty*. Italian newcomer *Arcadia* is showing its very novel *Arcadia 85'*, with angular looks and an all-glass-enclosed deckhouse. *Sanlorenzo* is exhibiting its SD 122', flagship of its modern retro composite semi-displacement yacht series. Appealingly classic are the flybridge models from *Cantieri di Pisa*, the *Akhir 90'* and the *Cerri 102' Flyingsport*. *Ocean Alexander* is making its European debut with a contemporary-styled 83' *Motoryacht*. The **Monaco Yacht Show**, September 23-26, has reportedly booked all 100 berths at Port Hercules where a couple of builders will introduce their first yachts. *Icon Yachts*, who introduced its concept of fully customized yachts based on pre-engineered platforms in 2005 in Monaco, is expected to show the RWD-designed *Icon 62*. *Sunrise Yachts* will unveil the 148' *Africa*, designed by the late Paolo Scanu with interiors by French designer Franck Darnet. Both of these long-range, full-displacement vessels are built for transoceanic crossings. The 19th Monaco Yacht Show will also see the European debut of *Westport's* flagship series with the 164' *Lady Kathryn IV*. Currently chartering in the Mediterranean, the 161' *Anjilis*, launched at *Trinity Yachts* early this year, is expected to make her boat show debut in Monaco. Among Monaco Yacht Show staples, *Lürssen* will be there with *Arkley*, a 197' yacht styled by *Espen Oeino*, and *CRN* is expected to show one of its most recent yachts, the blue-hulled *Blue Eyes*.

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Moonen 99' Alu Phoebe