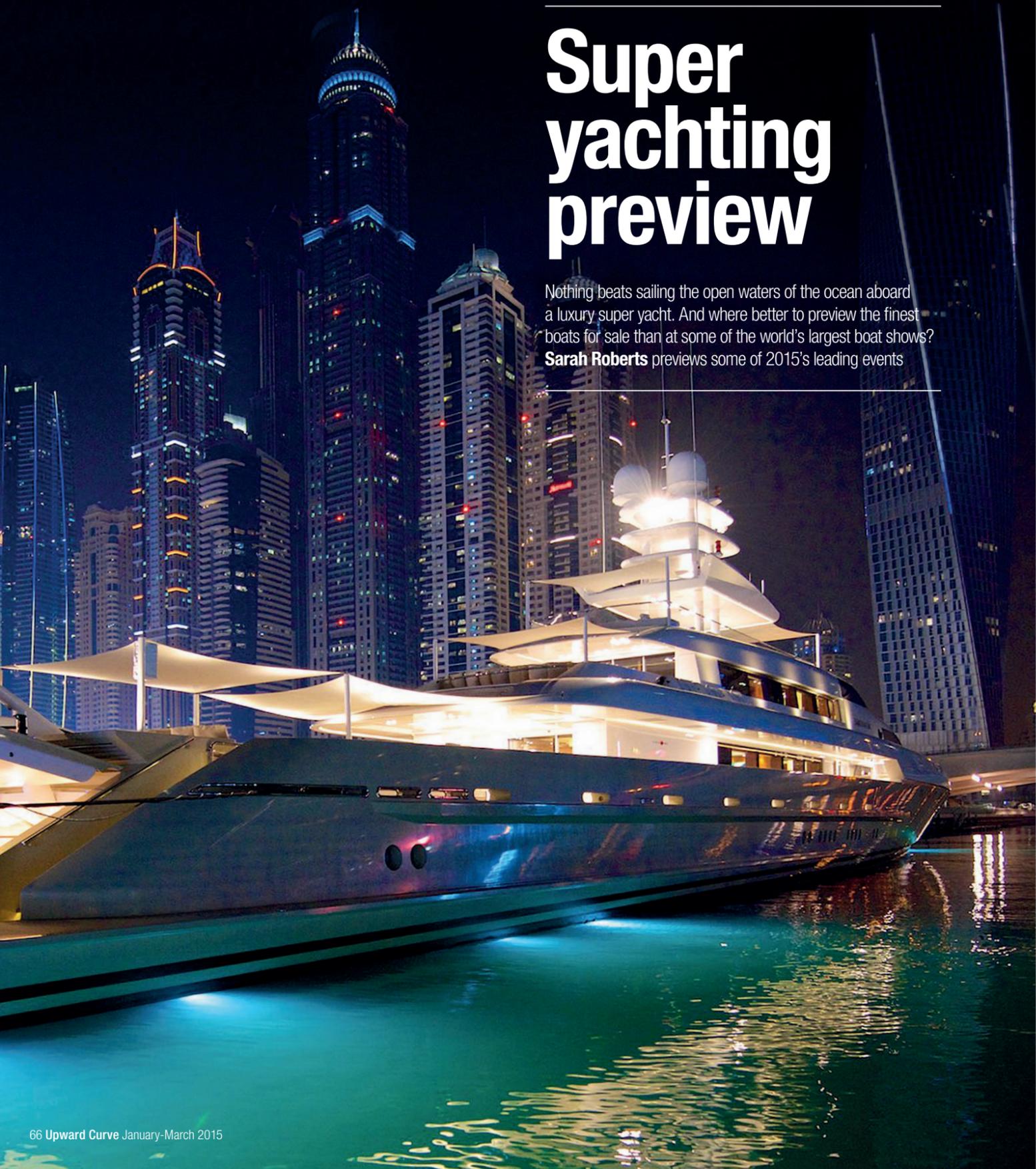


Super yachting preview

Nothing beats sailing the open waters of the ocean aboard a luxury super yacht. And where better to preview the finest boats for sale than at some of the world's largest boat shows? Sarah Roberts previews some of 2015's leading events



Boat shows are a great place to invest in naval products, to take advantage of industry experts and to immerse yourself in the captivating world of super yachts and motorboats. Whether you are a first-time buyer, a boating enthusiast or simply a fan of the luxury lifestyle that comes with the trade, at one of our selected international boat shows you can get one step closer to cruising on calm open seas surveying the crystal clear waters as you stand at the mast of a beautifully crafted yacht.

Miami International Boat Show

An event so big that it spans three locations, the Miami International Boat Show (www.miamiboatshow.com) is Florida's largest annual boating event. Featuring more than 3,000 of the latest boats for sale and 2,000 exhibitors from across the globe it is a showcase of everything you could possibly want nautically; from luxury sailing yachts to the latest powerboats and PWCs. And new for this year is the Accessories Pavilion, which will display thousands of the latest marine gadgets and engines. Tickets to the boat show include travel on the water taxi service, to ferry you between the three show locations; The Miami Beach Convention Centre, The New Yacht & Power Boat Show at Sea Isle Marina and the Strictly Sail Miami



at Miamarina at Bayside and takes place from 12-16 February.

Dubai International Boat Show

Elite super yachts, powerful motorboats, exotic super cars and luxurious cruisers are the order of the day in Mina Seyahi, at the Middle East's biggest boating event (www.boatshowdubai.com). Commencing from 3-7 March, the Dubai International Marine Club is expected to play host to over 26,000 visitors from across the globe. For its 23rd edition the world's leading super yacht builders will unite once more, this time at their own dedicated platform as part of the show's impressive marina display.

Also new for 2015 are exciting new zones devoted to sailing, watersports

and fishing where guests can interact with suppliers from across the world, viewing and trialling the latest water sports equipment at the show's testing pool. The event is also a great opportunity to view not only the finest leisure boats for sale, but to discover the latest luxury marine accessories currently on the market.

Antibes Yacht Show

Set in a stunning location in the heart of the Cote d'Azur, the Antibes Yacht Show (www.antibesyachtshow.com) takes place from 22-25 April. The naturally protected port of Antibes, often referred to as the yachting capital of Europe, has a wealth of maritime history, making it the perfect place to enjoy the best of European yachting while soaking up the Mediterranean sun. The gathering has become a key event in the French Riviera, with more than 12,000 visitors in attendance last year. The event prides itself on its great diversity of vessels on offer, while keeping a traditional focus on brokerage and charter units. And as the earliest event of its kind in the Mediterranean you are virtually guaranteed first look at the finest yachts at the show's auction.

Singapore Yacht Show

Concluding our boat show diary is the Singapore Yacht Show (www.singaporeyachtshow.com), Asia's

prestigious boating event. Held annually at the ONE[°]15 Marina Club from 23-26 April at Sentosa Cove, the exclusive event promises to provide visitors with a taste of the luxury lifestyle that comes with the yachting industry, bringing together world-class yachts, luxury super cars, aviation service providers, as well as a wide range of prestigious naval products and brands.

The show also provides the chance to meet yachting professionals, who will be there to give advice in both public and private forums. From on-board cookery demonstrations with world-class chefs and presentations that guide you through the best travel itineraries in South East Asia to private parties on-board luxury super yachts hosted by yacht builders and brokers – there is a wealth of activities to keep visitors entertained. And after the show guests can sit back and enjoy themselves at a number of select dinners and VIP parties at the luxurious W Singapore hotel, Sentosa Cove. ■

