

New wave

Upward Curve travels to yacht shows in Cannes (France), Newport, Rhode Island (U.S.) and Australia's Gold Coast to seek out the latest splash in digital detox devices

Digital detox is the dominant destination for 2018, but heavy-hitters Monaco, Dubai and Fort Lauderdale don't kick into gear until the end of September. For niche operations to find a fix, Gold Coast, Cannes and Rhode Island present shows for the discerning marine enthusiast to get teeth into. Nothing beats the invaluable, hands-on and face-to-face opportunities you'll find at Gold Coast's Sanctuary Cove, Cannes and Newport; the first shows in Australia, Europe and the Americas, respectively.

NEWPORT 13-16 SEPTEMBER

Spanning 13 acres of Newport, Rhode Island's famed downtown waterfront is centre-stage every September for the illustrious International Boat Show.

This, the 48th annual, will feature hundreds of domestic and international exhibitors and offer a full range of powerboats and sailboats, plus an extensive array of marine products and services to supremely enhance the nautical lifestyle.

Special events, educational seminars and hands-on training

courses are available for the whole family throughout the show days, including the world-renowned Newport For New Products (NFNP) program, which showcases new boats and boating products making their official United States debut.

There is also an opportunity to learn about education at sea aboard America's newest Tall Ship,

Below: Every year, the Newport International Boat Show packs the downtown Newport waterfront with a spectacular programme

the 200 ft. *SSV Oliver Hazard Perry*. The ship will be dockside at Fort Adams during show days and hours and is open for free tours to anyone with a boat show wristband, or a half-day sail (additional cost). "Newport is the quintessential New England seacoast town," said show director Nancy Piffard.

"We have a rich sailing tradition and this is where the Americas Cup originated. The show itself attracts over 40,000 visitors and the experience is fantastic!"

newportboatshow.com



GOLD COAST 24-27 MAY

With Queensland's sunny Gold Coast still abuzz from the XXI Commonwealth Games, it's a good time to celebrate 30 years of the Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show (SCIBS) – the first show of the season.

Originally masterminded by the late Mike Gore, the 474-hectare Marine Village opened as Australia's first major residential resort in 1986, with a lavish multi-million dollar concert starring Frank Sinatra and Whitney Houston. And over the last three decades, it has proudly played host to more than 10,000 exhibitors and welcomed more than 1.3 million visitors through the gates, resulting in an economic impact of more than \$3bn. Renowned as the show where 'the marine business

does business', SCIBS proudly delivers a comprehensive marine trade display that showcases the very latest in industry innovation and ingenuity year upon year.

And this year is anticipated to be the biggest ever with global launches from Maritimo, Riviera,

Princess, Sunseeker, Horizon and Palm Beach.

"One exhibitor said to me that SCIBS is the 'Melbourne Cup' of International Boat Shows," said General Manager Johan Hasser.

"We anticipate that people will take advantage of the nautical industry's strong economic

climate and come to enjoy our unique marina and the perfect Gold Coast weather."

The Top Deck VIP lounge is well positioned on the marina, with options to land helicopters from Marina Mirage or the Casino, or take limousine transfers. sanctuarycoveboatshow.com.au ➤



Right: The Sanctuary Cove marina expects some of the world's most prestigious launches – especially this year; it's 30th anniversary

CANNES 11-16 SEPTEMBER

Sumptuous yachts and the world's most desirable location; the Cannes Yachting Festival is not one to miss. With approximately 600 boats decorating the two famous ports of Vieux and Pierre Canto for the 40th anniversary last year, the spectacle played up to its reputation as Europe's leading in-water yachting festival.

The bay of Cannes is just a stone's throw from the old town and next to the Palais des Festivals, with Port Pierre Canto devoted to large second-hand yachts and Vieux Port – one of the oldest harbours on the French Riviera – welcomes prestigious exhibits from the largest ship-yards worldwide.

With more than one hundred 22m to 65m world premiere yachts to peruse, purchase or rent, there is



something for everyone – small and large yachts, sail boats, motorboats, monohulls, multihulls, toys, day boats, tenders, new boats and used

Above: Arias Valetta with an array of stunning vessels in Vieux Port at the 40th Cannes Yachting festival in 2017

yachts are also available for sale or lease.

Running parallel to the show is the Luxury Gallery which is located inside the Palais des Festivals to enable visitors to discover exceptional products presented by high-end brands in watchmaking, jewellery, design, art and high-tech products.

The Concours d'Elégance is an exceptional parade, with vintage and modern day boats on show to pay tribute to the rich history of yachting in the heart of the French Riviera.

"September is a wonderful time to be in Cannes," said festival manager, Sylvie Ernout.

"The visitors are happier here than anywhere else in the world. And when the visitors are happy, the exhibitors will have the very best time.

"That is the magic of this show. Everybody has a smile on their face and the atmosphere is electric."

VIP treatment features a very personal welcome, and an upscale and sophisticated experience, with private tours on the water for exclusive views of the show.

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