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Icon Yachts build their boats totally modular. All components are constructed by suppliers, only to be assembled into a top class yacht at the yard. This brings down production time, labour time and cost. Still, utilising the efficiency of a fully automatised process, a yacht can be built meeting the highest standards.

Superyacht Society Award nominees

Every year, the International Superyacht Society, a non-profit organisation servicing both owners, crews and yards, announces the winning yachts in a number of design categories for both sailing and power yachts. The retro-styled motor yacht 'Griffioen' from Bloemsma van Breemen yard is nominated for the Superyacht Society Award in the category for motor yachts 23 - 32 meters. 'Far Niente' from Moonen is nominated in the same category. Dutch nominees in the category of motor yachts 32 - 43 meters are 'Millennium', 'G-Force' and 'Buka' from Heesen, 'Arcadia' from Royal Huisman, 'Angel of Joy' of Cyrus Yachts, based in Turkey but managed by Vitters from Holland. In the next category, motor yachts 43 meters and longer, Heesen is again well represented with nominated yachts, both 'Let it Be' and 'Sirocco' are on the shortlist.



Amels yachts nominated are 'GU' and 'Lady Anne', Feadship has 'April Fool' and 'Callisto' nominated. Oceanco's 'Amevi' is nominated and Hakvoorts' 'Jemasa'.

In the category Sailing superyachts 23 -32 meters, two yachts from Dutch yards are nominated: 'Gliss' from Royal Huisman and 'Hartbeat' from Claassen Jachtbouw. 'Mystere' of Vitters Shipyard and 'Yll' from Holland Jachtbouw are Dutch nominees in the category Sailing Yachts over 32 meters. Comparing the numbers of yachts built on yards in the Netherlands to the number of yachts built elsewhere, Dutch yards are over-represented in the list of nominees for the yachting world's most prestigious awards. Although these yacht are not at Fort Lauderdale, the owners and yard representatives are anxious to know if their yacht will be an award winner.

High-end Holland suppliers

Grouped with these leading yards are the suppliers of all kinds of equipment that team up in the Dutch party. Cramm Yachting Systems show their expertise on hydraulic passerelles, deck cranes and all other on-board hydraulics. Heinen en Hopman showcase their expertise in building air conditioning and heating systems into yachts. Imtech and Free Technics are joining forces. The renown international company excelling in electrical installations, has bought the small innovative software company that developed software that incorporates all navigation and control devices into one easy operating bridge system. Screen design and layout make operation and visibility stand out, improving and easing operation and navigation from the bridge. NR Koeling, Radio Zeeland, Rondal, Sevenstar Yacht Transport, Vetus den Ouden, Vripack and VT Naiad Marine are all well known companies, making information available about their newly developed products and services for the international crowd that will undoubtedly be seeking for these industry leaders.

This years FLIBS is the 48th edition. In the long history of annual shows, Fort Lauderdale has developed to be the most international, most all-round event for the yachting industry. Nearing its 50th anniversary, the show still sees growth in terms of number of participants, ground area coverage, number of boats and number of participants. This growth is a reassuring sign for the entire yachting industry.

Information: www.flibs.net