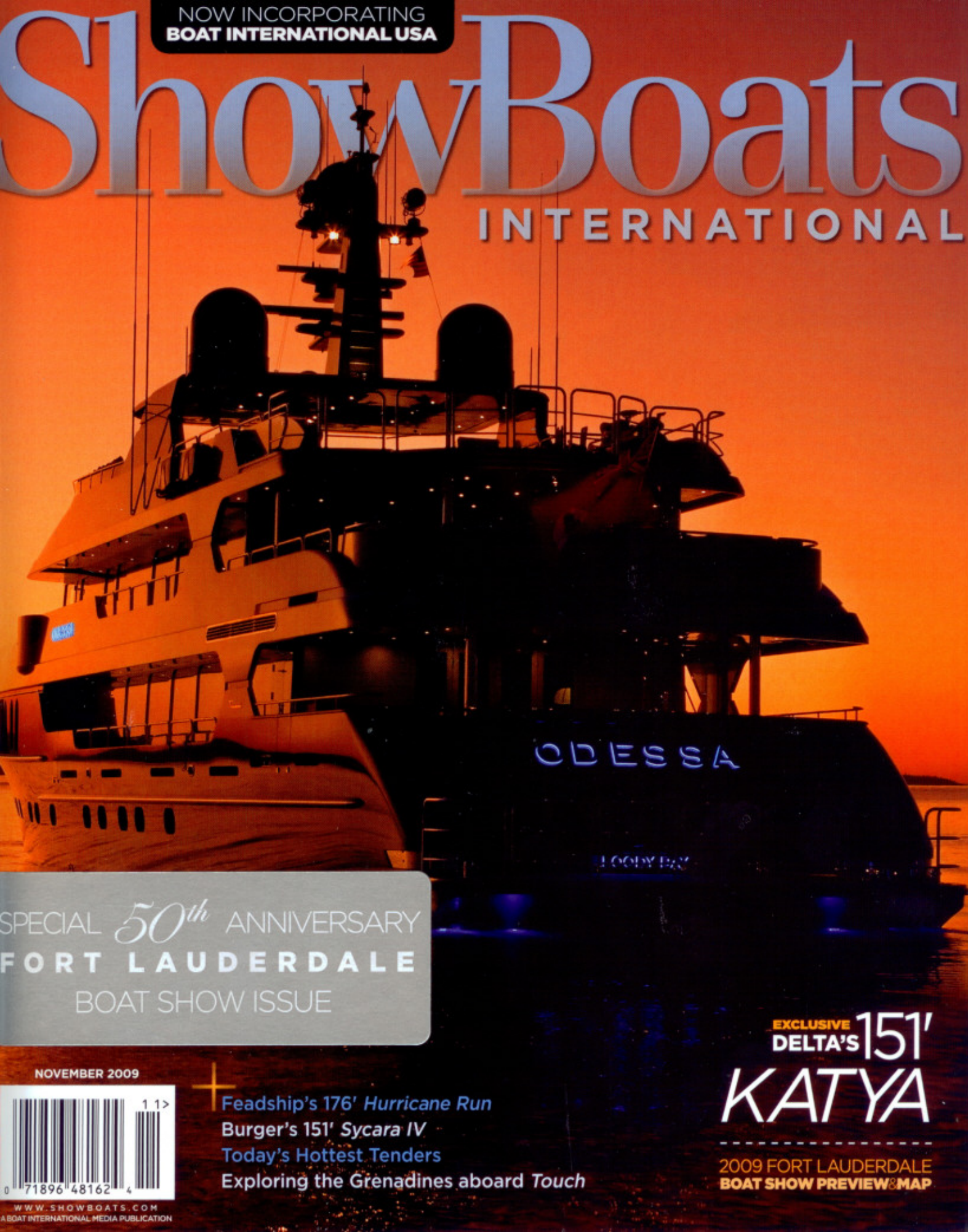


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FACTORS OF TWO

Sofia II is Moonen's second 97-footer and her owner's second from the builder

SOFOIA II ISN'T JUST Hull No. 2 in Moonen's 97-foot steel and aluminum displacement series. She is also the owner's second Moonen yacht. *Sofia II* is two feet wider and 14 feet longer than her 84-foot predecessor and enjoys the accompanying interior volume. Even with full walkaround decks, there is no shortage of space inside. René van der Velden Yacht Design provided an exterior that modernized classic lines with enough of a contemporary spin to attract the eye and excite the imagination.

One of the features the owner wanted was to have a "full view" from the entry at the aft-deck glass slider forward to the pilothouse window. Art-Line Interiors delivered horizontal floor-to-ceiling dark cherry paneling that curves its way through the salon, past the boat-hull-shaped dining table and portside blue-frosted-glass-topped

breakfast bar forward to the pilothouse. It gives the interior an asymmetric quality that is enhanced by the curved lighting plan and coffered overhead that visually harmonizes with the curves.

The pilothouse is configured with twin helm seats mounted on either side of the centerline helm. An observer's settee takes advantage of its proximity to the portside galley with a pass-through in the bulkhead.

Four staterooms on the lower deck continue the horizontal theme in cherry and maple. Shoji-like door and window treatments provide additional detail in the master suite.

On the flybridge, instead of a solid bimini, the owner opted for a shade that rolls out from the leading edge of the electronics arch. There is a Jacuzzi to port just abaft the grill and wet bar. The tender and a PWC are stored on the aft deck, which completely overhangs the main deck, protecting the teak table and settee. —BILL ANDO

Above: *Sofia II* in Florida waters. Below, left to right: her curvy main salon; the master bath; the full-beam amidships master suite, note the horizontal planks.

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SPECIFICATIONS

LOA: 98'5" (30 m)
LWL: 89'3" (27.2 m)
BEAM (MAX.): 23'11" (7.3 m)
DRAFT (MAX.): 7'3" (2.2 m)
DISPLACEMENT: 210.5 tn (full load)
POWER: 2x 600-hp Caterpillar
C18 DITA
TOP SPEED: 13 kn
CRUISE SPEED: 12 kn
RANGE: 4,000 nm @ 9 kn

