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Viking and Valhalla Celebrate Four World Premieres and Back-to-Back Best of Show Wins at FLIBS

The 46 Sport Yacht takes top honors as Viking and Valhalla showcase 20 boats at Fort Lauderdale.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (Nov. 2, 2026) – Viking Yachts and Valhalla Boatworks introduced four new models at the 2026 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show and captured their second consecutive Best of Show award. The Valhalla 46 Sport Yacht won the FOX Sports award for boats under 60 feet, following the 55 Sport Yacht's victory in 2025.

"We have never been stronger than we are today," said Viking President and CEO Pat Healey. "Look at the boats we're building. Nobody in this industry is doing what we're doing at this level. And it all comes down to our people. Our designers, engineers and production teams work together every day to build a better boat. That's what my father taught us, and that's what continues to drive this company."

Healey's father, Viking Co-Founder Bill Healey, established the company in 1964. Under Pat's leadership since 1996, Viking's design, engineering and boatbuilding teams have developed 85 new models.

The four world premieres led a 20-boat display at Bahia Mar Yachting Center. The introductions included the second-generation Viking 70 Convertible, Viking 64 Sport Coupe, Viking 50 Sport Coupe and Valhalla 46 Sport Yacht. Attendance was strong throughout the show, with steady traffic aboard the boats and interaction among customers, dealers and Viking and Valhalla staff.

Valhalla V-33 owner Christian Connors was impressed by the display.

"You walk into this display and you're blown away with the number of new models, the number of boats in the display and the quality of these boats," Connors said.

Jeanne Craig, editor-in-chief of Yachting magazine, also praised the presentation.

"The Viking display is always a highlight of my Fort Lauderdale show," said Craig. "It's big and buzzing, and it's full of people who share a real passion for the brand and seem to live and breathe the sport."

Craig singled out the new 64 Sport Coupe.

"My personal favorite is the new 64 Sport Coupe. It's the company's largest express yet, made for owners who want to fish hard offshore and entertain on the same deck."

The second-generation 70 Convertible features Viking's latest hull and running-surface development, a 194-square-foot cockpit and four staterooms with five heads. Early sea trials showed speeds above 42 knots. Hull No. 1 is also equipped with WhaleSpotter technology, which uses thermal imaging and artificial intelligence to detect whales ahead of the vessel.

The 64 Sport Coupe, developed in response to an owner's request, combines the proven 64 Convertible running surface with a new enclosed command deck. Offered with galley-up and galley-down layouts, the model reached 46.5 knots in sea trials. The 50 Sport Coupe, the third model in Viking's new 50 Series, features a climate-controlled command deck, fishing cockpit and two-stateroom accommodations. Hull No. 1 reached 39.5 knots in sea trials.

The display also featured new interior wood finishes, including fumed oak aboard the Viking 64 Convertible and custom Viking Greige veneer with a satin finish aboard the new 70 Convertible.

The Valhalla 46 Sport Yacht combines outboard performance with enclosed-pilothouse comfort and overnight accommodations. Powered by triple Mercury V12 600-hp outboards, the 46 has a reported top speed of 60 mph. Its features include powered side doors, a retractable aft window, sunroof, cockpit balcony doors and two staterooms.

Healey walked the Best of Show judges through the 46 on Thursday, discussing its construction, design and onboard features. He calls the boat the "Bahama Express," describing its ability to make fast trips to the islands in air-conditioned comfort or with the pilothouse opened to the outdoors.

The 46 Sport Yacht was designed and engineered with tooling developed at Viking's New Gretna, New Jersey, facility and built at Viking Mullica. Its Best of Show victory marks consecutive wins for the Valhalla Sport Yacht line and recognizes the work of Viking's design, engineering and production teams.

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