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#### **BEHIND THE COVER**

Viking Media Specialist Kyle Juall captured this image of the new Viking 82, hull No. 1, which features a Pamlico Blue gelcoat.

#### PEOPLE, PRODUCT AND PLACE



A friend from
high school
stopped by our
display at the
Fort Lauderdale
International Boat
Show. Chris Connors

owns another vessel from a well-known builder and wanted to know what makes Viking such a special company. I told him it boils down to our people, our products and our places. The three P's.

#### PEOPLE

Viking has the finest boatbuilders in the world, working under supervisors and foremen who have been with us for decades. The Viking family currently consists of just under 2,000 boatbuilders, which includes a combined 1,750 employees at our New Jersey locations in New Gretna and Mullica and about 225 employees at our Florida facilities and remote locations for subsidiaries like Palm Beach Towers and Atlantic Marine Electronics.

Longtime boatbuilders like Hank
Konopka epitomize the Viking focus
and work ethic. "We just keep charging
forward until we get it done – and done
100 percent correctly," says Hank, who
began his career at Viking in 1996 and
is currently the Foreman of Finish
Carpentry. "[Viking Co-founder] Bill
Healey taught perfection, and that's what
we all strive for. We depend on each
other and work as a team. I'm proud
to carry on the tradition of building a
better boat every day."

#### **PRODUCT**

The Viking Marine Group offers one of the most diverse product ranges in the industry – everything from a 28-foot Valhalla Bay boat to a 90-foot Viking sportfisher to a 95-foot Princess Motor Yacht. Our build quality is second to none.

More than 5,500 boats have been delivered in the company's 60-year history. Always innovating, we're constantly expanding our portfolio. Case in point: The Valhalla 55 Sport Yacht – an entirely new type of boat for us. Designed for the ultimate performance and luxury experience, she's a fast, sexy and stylish outboard-powered cruising boat.

#### **PLACE**

Our owners are hungry for fresh new product, and we'll continue ringing the dinner bell. Such innovation and quality can only be achieved through state-of-the-art facilities. We have about 1 million square feet of manufacturing space in New Jersey between New Gretna and Mullica, with multiple production lines at each location. At any one time, we could be building upwards of 35 boats in New Gretna, and another 30 in Mullica. Our Research and Development Department is firing on all cylinders, working on the next great Viking and Valhalla.

"I've always admired the Valhallas from afar," said Chris, who loves to fish offshore for tuna. "There's a V-41 on Martha's Vineyard, where I keep my boat. After seeing them up close and personal, I'm completely blown away – so impressed, it's safe to say that I'll soon be looking at a Valhalla for my next boat."

Sincerely,

Chris Landry

Editor-in-Chief

WELCOME TO

Valhalla,

Winter Edition,
the magazine
for owners of
Viking yachts
and Valhalla

center consoles.

## Valhalla

Val•hal•la or Walhalla [vallaal-u] in Norse mythology, a dwelling place of fallen heroes. This paradise was one of the most beautiful halls of Asgard. Odin lived in its luxurious palaces and halls and hosted banquets attended by the Valkyries.

Valhalla is mailed to all Viking and Valhalla owners in our data base, so if you are not reading your own copy, please send us your name, mail and email addresses and include the year, length and hull number of your Viking to marketing@vikingyachts.com.

## LEAN AND MEAN

The Viking 74 - a legend in the making.







The Viking Marine Group has wrapped up another fantastic year. Whether displaying our yachts at overseas boat shows, hosting the best dealer network to dinner, setting up a clam bake for our colleagues, getting in a seasonal mood or building the best boats in the world, we give it everything we've got. And the best part? We love what we do.



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We're completing what has been an incredible 60th anniversary year. The celebration began at the 10th annual Viking Key West Challenge where we had more than 50 Vikings and Valhallas and a record 550 guests. A memorable Dealer Meeting in June followed as our team proudly introduced the Viking 82 to domestic and international dealers, who also had a chance as a group to see our Valhalla 28 Bay boat and V-29 Hybrid for the first time.

As soon as the dealer meeting finished up, the 82 was off to begin fishing the tournaments. What a great season we had, winning the Bermuda Triple Crown and then doing so well in the Pirate's Cove Billfish Tournament. We also had a strong showing at the MidAtlantic. Many Vikings enjoyed success in the tournaments in 2024, as you'll see in our Tournament News section. No matter the model, Vikings win.

We urge you to watch our new film, "The Viking Legacy," which tells our story by showing our history, our dedicated boatbuilders and our industry-leading yachts. Started by my father, Bill, and Uncle Bob on April 1, 1964, Viking has become the industry leader by building a better boat every day. Scan the QR on page 59 or watch by going to YouTube, our website or social media.

We did it again in Fort Lauderdale, with the debut of four models at the boat show. Our world premiere of the 74 came only five

months after we debuted our 82 – no one in this industry has the people, experience and facilities to pull that off. We had sold more than 20 Viking 82s and 10 Viking 74s as of mid-November, so add a few more to those totals by the time you read this. We're excited about the Valhalla 55 Sport Yacht, which will feature the quality, luxury and performance that you've come to expect from us.

We look forward to the new administration's efforts toward deregulation, stabilizing fuel prices, lowering taxes and protecting access to the oceans. At press time, we had already seen positive signs – the federal government's effort to pass a 10-knot restriction along the East Coast for boats larger than 35 feet (LOA) may have been shelved. This is great news, and we'll remain ready to battle this government overreach again.

We'll also push to have the current 10-knot limit for boats 65 feet (LOA) and larger amended so that technology-driven solutions can replace these speed limits, which have been in place since 2008. See our article on page 98. Viking will also carefully monitor offshore wind development to protect our oceans and boating and fishing rights.

Continual product improvement includes investing in the future. That's why we're proud to be initiating a pilot program with Mack Boring to test alternative fuels in their Viking 48 Convertible, *Mack Attack*,

with Scania 1150-hp diesels. Viking has maintained for many years that alternative fuels, such as low-carbon gasoline and diesel, are the most logical solution for the marine industry to reduce its carbon footprint.

Looking ahead even further, we're committed to utilizing Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve our design and production procedures. We have the best designers, engineers and production people in the industry, and the use of AI will result in even more efficient and effective yacht design and building.

Some of our expansion projects will be completed in 2025, including our new 30,000-square-foot showroom and service center in Riviera Beach, Florida, that will allow our subsidiary Valhalla Boat Sales to strengthen its position in the industry. When one of our companies under the Viking Marine Group does well, so does the entire Viking family.

The Healeys would like to thank each one of you who has supported us in our 60-plus years. You are the best. I look forward to seeing you in 2025!

Sincerely,

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Patrick Healey
President & CEO

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## EMBRACE THE ADVENTURE OF YACHTING WITH THE PRINCESS PASSPORT

Unlock your gateway to exploring new destinations and discovering new passions with the *Princess Passport*. Brought to you by the creative teams at Princess Yachts America and *Yachting* magazine, this digital resource delivers expert tips on yacht ownership, safety, and entertainment. Dive into the latest stories and join the conversation at yachtingmagazine.com/princess-passport.

#### Discover the Princess Yachts Y95

The yacht builder's flagship Y Class yacht has 23-knot speed, a wave-piercing hull form and an on-deck owners' stateroom.





#### Simrad Unveils Game-Changing NSX Ultrawide Displays

The new ultrawide Multifunction Displays are designed for better helm aesthetics and an enhanced user experience.

#### Ice Cream, Anytime

Indulge in a tasty homemade treat wherever you may roam out on the open seas.





#### **The Sweet Spot**

With the new F58 model, Princess Yachts brings that "just right" element to its popular F Class series of flybridge motor yachts.

#### New Mediterranean Charter Options

Explore eco-friendly power cats, luxurious motor yachts and sleek sailing yachts cruising the West and East Mediterranean.





#### All in for the Cup

The ability to turn requires enough power in the hydraulic system and course boundaries can impact split-second decisions.







#### FROM THE HELM

With the arrival of this winter issue of Valhalla and the turn of another year on the calendar comes the opportunity to reflect on all that has happened even in just the short span from the beginning of the summer cruising season to the arrival of the fall boat shows and the holidays. Princess Yachts America has hosted another series of successful events including our Summer Owners Holiday, Annual Dealer Conference in England and a full set of fall shows highlighted by a very busy 65th anniversary edition of the world-famous Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.

Our Summer Owners Holiday in July took us to Block Island, Rhode Island, where over 40 Princess yachts and 45 Princess owners, along with nearly 300 family members, guests, dealers and vendors enjoyed four days of fun, friendship and an endless array of activities that kept all entertained and enjoying the lifestyle that comes with owning a Princess yacht. Our destinations in 2025 will see a return in late April to the beauty of The Abacos for our Spring Owners Holiday, followed by a visit in late July to all the history and beauty that is Boston and the Charlestown Marina for our Summer Owners Holiday.

In late August we had the chance once again to gather for our Annual Dealer Conference with over 80 members of our network of outstanding dealer sales representatives at the Princess Yachts facilities in Plymouth, England. It was an opportunity to look back on the past year, to see what lies ahead for Princess Yachts and celebrate milestones achieved. I would like to take this opportunity to again congratulate our sales representatives and dealers for another outstanding year of helping us grow the Princess Yachts America family.

The arrival of October brought anticipation and excitement for the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, and this year's edition was no exception. With the premiere showing of the new Princess S65 alongside a strong lineup of Princess yachts including the Y95, Y85, Y72, F65 and F45, the Princess display was a popular spot each day of the show. We were pleased as always to welcome so many members of our Princess family throughout the course of the show.

As we head into 2025, we look forward to marking two extraordinary milestones as we help celebrate the 60th anniversary of Princess Yachts, as well as the 30th anniversary of Princess Yachts America as the exclusive distributor of Princess

Yachts in North America, Central America and the Caribbean. We look forward to the coming winter show season beginning with the Miami International Boat Show in February, followed by the ever-popular Palm Beach International Boat Show later in March. In addition, this coming year will see the arrival of the first Princess S80 in North America, as well as the launch of the highly anticipated new Princess F58 on the global stage of Boat Dusseldorf in January. As we turn the page to the next chapter of the pioneering partnership that has made Princess Yachts the preeminent luxury cruising yacht in North America and beyond, we look forward to sharing further news of several exciting new models in development for launch in years to come.

On behalf of all of us at Princess Yachts America, I wish you and your families all the best in 2025 and look forward to seeing you at one of our many events throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Tom Carroll Jr. President







# REINVENTING EXCELLENCE, VIKING INTRODUCES THE 74 CONVERTIBLE





This is the second generation of the Viking 74. In comparison, the Gen I model – built from 2004 through 2008 – had a top speed of 37 knots with twin 2000HP MTUs. That jumped to 40 knots when the 2400HP engines became available. Today's 74 has the advantage of more horsepower (2600HP MTUs) and hull design improvements. In addition, it's available with the Advanced Viking Propulsion System (AVPS), which utilizes struts and rudders with modified or "twisted" shapes that minimize hydrodynamic resistance, improving performance.

Building materials and methods are carefully chosen to maximize strength and weight savings. The hull, all tankage (fuel, water and waste) and structural bulkheads are resin infused, which optimizes the fiberglass-to-resin ratio to bring the build to its greatest strength. Other construction processes, such as Light Resin Transfer Molding, and the use of a variety of core materials (with specific densities for their location) and carbon fiber contribute to overall build quality and industry-leading fit and finish. Significant weight-saving gains

have also been made with the use of specific interior woods. A modified vinylester/epoxy resin is used throughout the hull for blister protection and structural performance.

#### COCKPIT/FLYBRIDGE

Measuring 216 square feet, the cockpit of the 74 is nearly 10 inches longer than the 72's. The business end includes two full-length insulated in-deck fish boxes with split lids to port and starboard. A single hatch on centerline provides excellent access to the available Seakeeper 26 or 40. The walkthrough transom door with lift gate is on the port side, and the raised transom fishbox/live well is offered in two capacities – 101 gallons (standard) or 122 gallons (optional).

There's an abundance of storage in the mezzanine. On the port side, you have a tackle cabinet, an ice chipper storage box and a refrigerated step box. Access to the engineroom is via the centerline mezzanine steps, and there are two freezer boxes to starboard. The mezzanine seating boasts premium outdoor upholstery and has dry storage underneath. Guests can relax in the

shade provided by the flybridge overhang. Mezzanine air conditioning is also available.

The 74's flybridge is designed with a 7-inch-high platform at the helm, which provides excellent cockpit visibility for the captain. The walkaround center console's recessed black acrylic dash holds flush-mounted Multifunction Displays. The helm is clean, streamlined and operator-friendly with dual radio boxes with split lids housing instrumentation and controls, a helm pod, single lever electronic controls and a stainless-steel steering wheel. Air conditioning can be added to the helm, as well, which accommodates three Release Marine helm chairs with teak ladder backs.

The console's forward section is home to an integrated full-length lounge with a standard freezer below. There are also standard dual freezers forward – a feature carried down from the 82 – to allow separate storage of different baits and/or food. The forward flybridge is equipped with a convenient sink and refrigerated drink box. Seating modules to port and starboard each hold back-to-back lounges with storage underneath.









#### SALON

Enter the salon from the mezzanine through a port-side electric sliding door. The interior's horizontal-grain natural walnut is available in satin or gloss finishes. The in-house woodwork features meticulous joinery that includes dovetail drawers.

A large sofa to starboard includes rod storage below and is accompanied by a walnut hi-lo table. Directly across from the lounge is an entertainment center, with an HDTV that rises from within the cabinetry. Forward on the port side, the raised dinette includes a walnut table, wraparound seating and rod storage in a drawer below.

The standard U-shaped layout allows for a larger wraparound lounge, while the optional open galley features an island counter and is open to the lounge on the starboard side. With either arrangement, the galley has two under-counter refrigerators and one freezer (all Sub-Zero) with ample countertop space and a second dining area with a raised bar and three stools. Galley

highlights include custom flooring, a Miele four-burner electric cooktop (with optional conventional oven), a stainless-steel sink, a microwave/convection oven, a trash compactor, upper and lower cabinetry and drawer storage. A pantry forward of the galley provides additional storage.

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

The 74's standard accommodation plan consists of four staterooms, each with an ensuite head with separate shower. The

spacious master stateroom features a king walkaround bed with storage underneath, two oak-lined hanging closets and space for up to a 65-inch HD TV on the forward bulkhead. The forepeak layout also features a standard rod and tackle room, located on the port side.

"The 74 will be very popular with owners who want to travel and fish for extended periods as well as those who compete in the



tournaments," says Viking Vice President of Sales Mark Waldron. "Offering a large, dedicated space for rods and tackle made perfect sense." The room includes a cabinet with a benchtop and can be customized to the owner's liking.

The crew quarters can be accessed via a separate staircase at the foot of the companionway stairs or through a forward engineroom door.

A walkaround queen bed (with storage underneath) in the forward stateroom is standard, while a crossover arrangement (with a full-size bunk and upper bunk) is optional. The starboard and crew staterooms are appointed with upper and lower berths and hanging lockers. If maximum sleeping capacity is what you're looking for, a fifth stateroom (with upper and lower bunks) is available in lieu of the

rod and tackle room. The five-stateroom layout with the forward crossover arrangement provides berths for 11 people.

#### ENGINEROOM/ MECHANICALS

The engineroom – finished in Snow White Awlgrip for easier maintenance – is a marvel of marine engineering. It's equipped with chilled water air conditioning, ventilation and fire suppression systems, a pair of 29 kW generators with voltage and electronic frequency controls and is engineered for the installation of omnidirectional sonar. Optional equipment such as water makers and water purifiers and ice machines are expertly installed in the engineroom as well.

The standard SeaStrong seal-less pumps in our Centralized Seawater System reduce complexity and increase reliability and component longevity throughout the boat. The 74 is also offered with

the CLEARLINE System, which uses chlorinated water to prevent marine growth in seawater plumbing lines.

Viking's subsidiaries Atlantic Marine Electronics and Palm Beach Towers can outfit the 74 Convertible with communication, navigation and entertainment accessories and a custom tuna tower respectively, which allows turnkey delivery from the factory.

She made her world premiere at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show this fall. Hull No. 1 is an open bridge model powered by the optional twin 2635MHP MTU 16V 2000 M96Ls. Other engine options from MTU, MAN and Caterpillar are also available, including the 2433MHP CAT C32Bs. The 74 will also be offered as an Enclosed Bridge model – with or without a tuna tower – or a Sky Bridge model.

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## 741C SPECIFICATION HIGHLIGHTS

ength Overall	74' 8"	22.76 m
Length w/ Bow Pulpit	79' 6"	24.23 m
<b>Length</b> Waterline	64' 9"	19.74 m
Beam Overall	19' 9"	6.02 m
Beam Waterline	16' 10"	5.13 m
<b>Deadrise</b> at Transom	12.3 deg	
Draft	5' 11"	1.80 m
Freeboard Forward	8' 8"	2.64 m
Freeboard Aft	3' 0"	0.91 m
<b>Height</b> Waterline to Top of Flybridge Hardtop	19' 7"	5.97 m
Height Waterline to Top of Flybridge Hardtop Masthead Light	21' 11"	6.68 m
Height Waterline to Top of Flybridge Console	16' 0"	4.88 m
<b>Displacement</b> Standard Fuel Load	135,994 lb.	61,686 kg
Fuel Capacity Standard	2,030 gal.	7,692 l
Fuel Capacity Optional	2,630 gal.	9,956 I
Water Capacity	360 gal.	1,363 l
Holding Tank Capacity	210 gal.	795 I
Cockpit Area	216 sq. ft.	20.1 sq. m
		F8233



Open Bridge



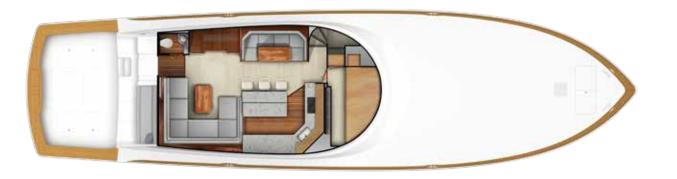
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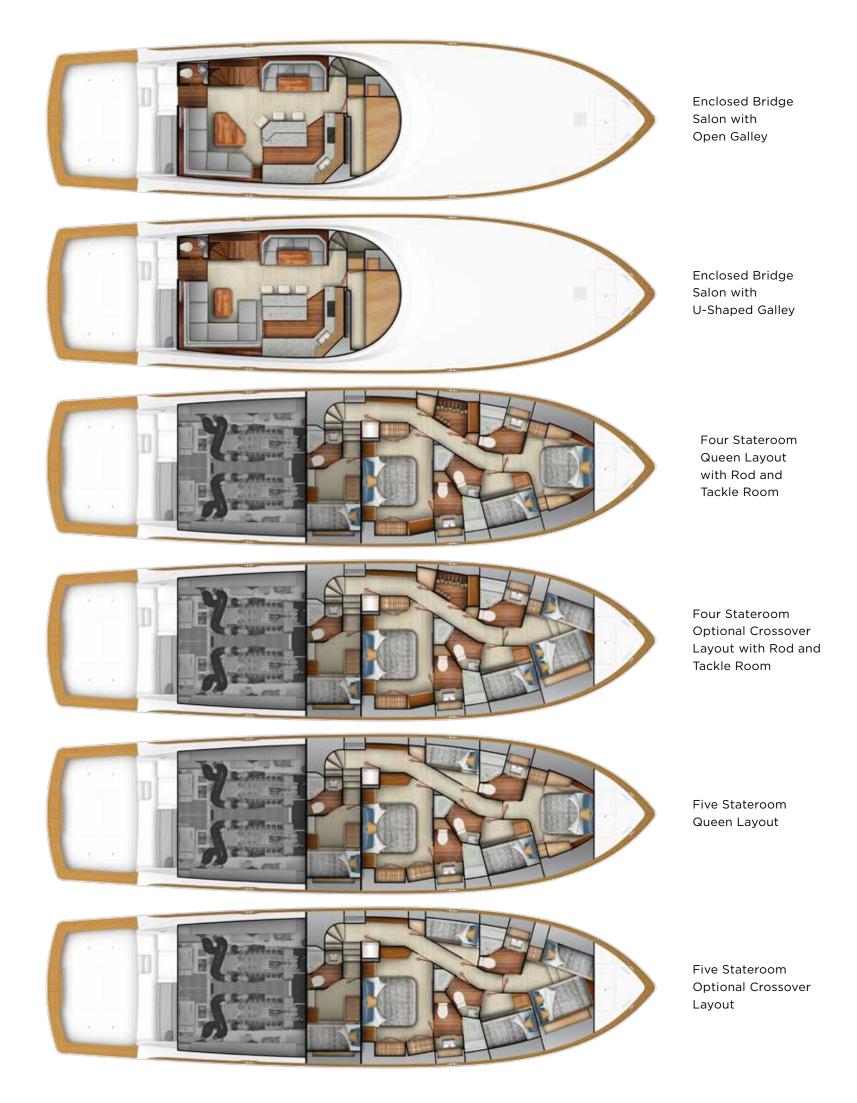
Sky Bridge



Open Bridge Salon with Open Galley



Open Bridge Salon with U-Shaped Galley







The new Valhalla V-55 Sport Yacht (SY) is perfect for all kinds of on-water entertaining and fun, from island hopping and diving excursions to cocktail cruises and exhilarating afternoon get-aways.

Set to debut in late spring, the V-55 SY is an evolution within Valhalla Boatworks – a high-performance luxury cruising yacht with next-level comfort, style and accommodations.

"The exciting, contemporary design will appeal to Viking and Valhalla owners – and cruising enthusiasts who want to experience Viking quality, luxury and customer care," says Viking President and CEO Pat Healey. "It's an incredible boat in so many different ways."

The yacht utilizes the same Michael Peters Yacht Design Stepped-V Ventilated Tunnel (SVVT) running surface as our 55-foot center console, delivering a fast, stable and efficient ride. Four Mercury 600-hp V12 outboards provide the power, featuring innovative steerable gearcases and standard joystick operation for superb maneuverability. The Valhalla 55 Sport Yacht holds 1,100 gallons of fuel for extensive range and is engineered for a Seakeeper 9 for increased comfort.

The deck is designed to maximize your enjoyment of the outdoors and make access to the water easy. Boarding platforms outboard of the engines lead to a pair of glass doors that provide cockpit access. The yacht is offered with several different aft deck layouts.

Hull No. 1 will be appointed with a wraparound lounge and table in the cockpit, paired with an L-shaped summer kitchen along the aft pilothouse bulkhead (which also includes a port-side door).

A summer kitchen with a full-width counter that extends along a solid aft bulkhead is also available with the U-shaped cockpit dinette. The third option boasts an aft dinette with table and facing bench seats, coupled with a bar and three stools, in lieu of the L-shaped summer kitchen.

With each configuration, the aft bulkhead has an integrated powered window than opens the pilothouse to the aft deck. Adding to the entertainment is an optional HDTV that drops down from the hardtop underside for aft-deck viewing.







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#### **WIDEOPEN**

The cockpit comes standard with powered balconies on each side with integrated boarding ladders. "The entire aft sections of the hull sides serve as the balconies and can be lowered to completely open up the cockpit," says Viking Design Manager David Wilson. At 25 square feet each, the balconies provide ample water access and deck space – perfect platforms for launching into a dive or cannonball.

Interior volume in the cabin is maximized thanks to an asymmetrical side-deck design. Accessed via three steps, a raised starboard side deck frees up space in the cabin while still providing access forward to tend to dock lines. The port-side walkway, which is flush with the deck, leads to the bow where a three-person sunpad and a wraparound lounge with table await you. A low-profile bow rail adds both safety and style.

A swept-back pilothouse and distinctive hull-side windows combine with signature Valhalla design traits (such as double chines and strakes and a lower guard rail) to create an unforgettable profile. The hardtop extends aft to cover the summer kitchen or bar, while support arches gracefully project outboard to the coamings. Hidden in the hardtop, a telescoping powered shade provides sun protection and comfort in the cockpit.





#### INSIDEOUT

The pilothouse is designed to bring the outdoors inside. In addition to the bulkhead window, it features a powered sunroof and port and starboard powered doors that slide aft. They provide full-beam access from the three-chair forward control station while also welcoming in refreshing breezes. Like our Viking and Valhalla helms, the V-55 SY's control station is streamlined, clean and ergonomically friendly. Three Multifunction Displays anchor the raised electronics pod in an impressive all-glass helm design. Visibility through the one-piece windshield is excellent, and all controls are intuitively positioned.

With the solid aft bulkhead option, the pilothouse's interior is appointed with a full-width raised lounge and table. Alternatively, you have a raised bench seat offset to starboard when the L-shaped summer kitchen with bulkhead door is

chosen; and the outdoor bar design boasts a continuation of its counter into the pilothouse.

Port-side companionway stairs bring you to the feature-packed galley to starboard and comfortable dinette to port, which includes an L-shaped seating convertible to a berth. Standard accommodations include two private staterooms with queen beds. The forward master is appointed with an ensuite head and separate shower. A guest head, also with separate shower, is just forward of the amidship guest stateroom. For extra sleeping accommodations, an optional amidship layout with two berths — a double to starboard and a single to port — is available.

#### MECHANICALLY SPEAKING

Some of the construction and mechanical/ electrical highlights include a resin-infused stringer system for reduced weight and stiffness, composite seacocks for decreased weight and increased longevity, a standard 15 kW generator, a Hooker sea chest for seawater-cooled components, pilothouse and cabin air conditioning and a standard Zipwake Dynamic Trim Control System with interceptor blades.

Valhalla Boatworks is a subsidiary of the Viking Yacht Company and part of the Viking Marine Group. Announced in early 2019, the Valhalla lineup now includes eight premium outboard-powered yachts from 28 to 55 feet built with the same quality, attention to detail and highlevel engineering as Viking Yachts. The announcement of the V-55 SY comes on the heels of the introduction of two inshore Valhalla center consoles – the V-28 Bay and V-29 Hybrid.



#### Length, Hull

55' 7" (16.9 meters)

Beam, Overall

15' 6" (4.7 meters)

#### Draft

Engines Up, Full Load

37" (.9 meters)

Engines Down,

**Full Load** 

48" (1.2 meters)

#### Weight

Half Load

47,500 pounds (21,546 kilograms) **Full Load** 

1.750

51,750 pounds (23,473 kilograms)

- (1) Weight with QUAD 600 engines
- (2) Half Load, 50% liquids Full Load, 100% liquids no passengers or gear hardtop, no tower

#### Deadrise

22.5º

#### **Fuel Capacity**

1,100 gallons

(4,164 liters)

#### **Freshwater Capacity**

150 gallons

(568 liters)

#### **Holding Tank Capacity**

50 gallons

(189 liters)

#### Max Engine HP

2,400 hp

#### **Diesel Fuel**

60 gallons

(227 liters)





Plan View -Bar with Rear Door



Plan View -Full Aft Galley



Plan View -Three-Quarter Galley with Rear Door



Plan View -Bench Seat



Lower Accommodations -Standard Layout



Lower Accommodations -Optional Layout

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#### X-FACTOR: INTRODUCING THE NEW PRINCESS X90



With innovative features, a host of flexible layout options and a number of firsts for the Princess design team, the all-new Princess X90 is an exceptional addition to the award-winning Princess X Class.

Announced at the 2024 Cannes Yachting Festival, the new Princess X90 is the latest addition to the innovative Princess X Class range and will fill the model gap between the X80 and flagship X95. Bringing a new dimension to the pioneering range of super flybridge yachts, the X90 combines ground-breaking design with exceptional space and a level of luxury and attention to detail that is unmistakably Princess, marking an evolution of the already forward-thinking design ethos of the X Class.

One of the most prominent areas of this new model of innovation is in the yacht's aft deck where a low-level, open design not only maximizes entertainment space but also creates a near seamless connection to the water. A glass transom balustrade and folding bulwark balconies that extend the cockpit to port and starboard provide uninterrupted views whether standing or seated in one of the three seating areas that surround the aft deck. A starboard wet bar unit and optional TV make this an ideal place for both relaxing with family or hosting social occasions with friends.

Stepping forward from the aft deck, the beautifully curved patio doors provide a near seamless transition from the yacht's exterior to the luxuriously appointed main deck living space. With the doors open, the round dining table with

seating for 10 effectively joins the aft deck area for an alfresco experience. Even with the doors closed, the curved glass doors accentuate a panoramic connection with the outdoors in this uniquely situated aft dining space. Forward of the dining area, natural light pours into the main deck salon thanks to expansive side windows. The galley, located on the main deck, can be specified to be open to the main salon with a sociable breakfast bar or fully enclosed. With either configuration, a side deck door to the port deck and access down to the forward crew accommodation ensure maximum owner and guest privacy.

Entrance to the main deck owner's suite is made easy thanks to the entire main deck, from the aft deck area to the master suite, being a single level as similar to the X95. The owner's suite offers full 180-degree views thanks to its prominent foredeck positioning and enormous windowscapes.

An optional gullwing door provides a unique private access to the 'Owner's Foredeck Terrace' which, with all deck gear recessed below the teak deck, provides a perfect private retreat to enjoy a morning coffee.

On the yacht's flybridge, the signature X Class enclosed skylounge features generous sofas to port and starboard and the option to fit an 85-inch TV, creating an incredible place to enjoy family movie night or catch the game. An optional day head can be located adjacent to the forward wheelhouse and is conveniently accessible from all areas of the expansive flybridge deck level.

The flybridge dining area enjoys shade from the overhang of the skylounge canopy, providing a cool perch from which to enjoy amazing views. Aft of the dining area, Princess has developed several distinct layout options including a spa bath, an optional bar or the flexibility to leave the space clear for loose furniture. Alternatively, an optional flybridge crane allows the space to accommodate a tender. For additional entertaining space, the flybridge foredeck features forward and aft facing seating areas and a coffee table that can be converted to sun lounges with a simple flip of the back rest.

Below deck, guest accommodations feature three ensuite staterooms as standard with the option to specify two ensuite staterooms in lieu of the full beam stateroom, creating a 5-stateroom yacht. Crew quarters are situated forward of the lower deck and feature up to three crew cabins, a crew bathroom and a dedicated crew mess area with seating and galley.

The new X90 builds upon the innovative design of the Princess X Class series through contemporary design, as well as intelligent use of features and space to provide unforgettable experiences for owners and guests alike. Exceptional craftsmanship, and impeccable attention to detail throughout ensure the yacht is also unmistakably a Princess. With a launch date scheduled for 2026, the Princess X90 promises to be a very popular addition to the Princess X Class range.











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## VIKING 82 THE MARKET LEADER INTRODUCES AN UNCOMPROMISING CONVERTIBLE

Ramily-owned and -operated, Viking Yacht Co. has been building boats for over 60 years in the sleepy town of New Gretna, New Jersey. When Bill and Bob Healey opened the doors in 1964, Bill set the pace with a mission statement to "build a better boat every day." The new Viking 82 certainly delivers on that promise, replacing the popular Viking 80, which launched in 2015 and enjoyed a run of 54 hulls that raised fish and delivered speed, comfort and luxury. After receiving feedback from owners and crews, and making firsthand observations aboard several demo boats, Viking got to work on the 82.





Sharing DNA with the 90-foot flagship released less than two years ago, the first Viking 82 launched in early summer of 2024. Its lineage is recognizable at a glance, thanks to its unbroken, swept sheer; faux teak toe rail; window design; distinctive hullside vents; flybridge lines; and tuna tower by Palm Beach Towers.

#### COCKPIT

Thousands of tournament hours shaped the 229-square-foot teak cockpit with features crews crave. A Release Marine Trillion Series fighting chair takes center stage, and the transom fish box doubles as a livewell. Available on-deck livewells drain through threaded scuppers in the cockpit corners. Lockers, which sit below the teak cover boards with rounded coamings, are home to the Glendinning Cablemasters, as well as 12- and 24-volt outlets for electric reels. The port in-deck fish box and mezzanine storage box are fed with crushed ice from two Eskimo chippers.

The lazarette hatch accesses the Seakeeper SK40 gyro, steering and trim tabs. Air conditioning chills the aft-facing lounge on the mezzanine, and the extended flybridge overhang provides shade. Recessed refrigerated boxes in the mezzanine and salon steps keep drinks handy. A Garmin GPSMAP with a 19-inch screen is mounted to the starboard haunch, while the faux teak transom and bulkhead add flair to the Pamlico Blue gelcoat hull.

#### **FLYBRIDGE**

Viking designed the 82 with a massive flybridge, extending the wings the full width of the deckhouse roof. The centerline walk-around command station has three Release Marine Trillion helm chairs and sits on an 8-inch-tall teak platform for increased visibility. The extended aft roof overhang leaves ample room to move behind the helm and companion seats, and the aluminum railing provides added safety.

A custom teak helm pod from Release Marine has single-lever controls and a stainless-steel wheel. Flanking the pod are recessed radio boxes with split lids, engine instrumentation and accessory controls. Four flush-mounted 17-inch screens nest in a raised pod, and additional electronics are located in a drop-down box in the hardtop. A second box above the helm seat conceals teaser reels and an additional Garmin multifunction display.

To ease maintenance, a battery system dedicated to the flybridge electronics lies under the bridge console with a separate charger. Lounge seating with removable backrests sits to port and starboard, as well as forward of the helm. The forward lounge also features backrest air conditioning and a freezer. Armrests and drink holders are everywhere. Cavernous stowage can be found below each lounge, with even more available space below the eyebrow. Forward, you'll find a dual-top freezer for bait and food, a refrigerated box, and a freshwater outlet and sink. A three-sided enclosure provides all-weather comfort.



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#### **SALON AND GALLEY**

The salon boasts horizontal-grain walnut joinery with ebony inlays, walnut strips and ample natural light from wide windows. The gloss finish showcases the details of the wood, and a satin finish is available at no additional cost. Air circulates throughout the interior via two 6-ton chilled-water air conditioning units with individual temperature controls in the salon and staterooms. Immediately to port, the day head has a vanity, a window and blinds. Moving forward, cabinets house the ship's power service, the home theater entertainment center with a 65-inch TV, and bottle storage. On the starboard side, you'll find a U-shaped lounge with stowage underneath and a hi-lo walnut cocktail table.

The galley, which maximizes the space, includes stone countertops, a pair of undercounter Sub-Zero drawer refrigerators and

a freezer. A double stainless-steel sink, a dishwasher, a four-burner electric cooktop, an oven, a trash compactor and a convection microwave oven, along with plenty of cabinetry for supplies, round out the amenities. Three bar stools and a five-place walnut dinette table to port handle hungry anglers and guests. The dinette is mounted on a platform with a pull-out drawer to store rods, and a second television is mounted to the dinette bulkhead. More stowage can be accessed in the walk-in pantry forward of the dinette, while a larger pantry to starboard can be transformed into an extra cabin.

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

The five-stateroom layout features a full-beam master suite that offers privacy, thanks to a curved staircase separating it from the companionway. Walnut interior is highlighted by ample natural light. Indirect rope lighting along the bed base and behind

the valances complements the dimmable LED lighting in the headliner. Flanking end tables, credenzas and hanging lockers easily handle a month of wardrobe changes. A portside reading area, a starboard vanity and a 40-inch TV allow for comfort and relaxation. The en suite head has a quartzite double sink countertop, a glass shower door and a Headhunter MSD system.

Each stateroom is similarly outfitted with a TV, reading lights, stowage and private head access with generously sized shower stalls. The forward and starboard staterooms feature queen-size beds, while those on the port side add flexibility with upper and lower berths.

Noteworthy highlights in the companionway include a laundry center with a linen locker and stackable washer and dryer units. A locker on our test boat safely stored 20 rods and reels and other gear.

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### PERFORMANCE

Viking is well regarded for its engine rooms, and the 82 carries on that tradition, with the twin MTUs and twin Kohler 32 kW gensets set against a backdrop of Snow White Awlgrip. Viking sweats the details with its system installations, such as the Furuno omni sonar, ventilation and fire suppression, Spot Zero watermaker/purifier, centralized seawater with two pumps for redundancy, ElectroSea Clearline and hydraulic bow thruster. Viking utilized computational fluid dynamics to measure longitudinal center of gravity, water pressure, trim and running angles, and added custom rudders and struts designed to enhance water flow to the propellers.

Initial sea trials delivered a two-way average of 31 knots at 1,800 rpm, burning 153 gph; at 2,100 rpm the speed increased to 36.7 knots consuming 206 gph. In our sea trial, the 82 ripped to a top speed of 41.7 knots with 14 people aboard, 2,500 gallons of fuel, tournament fishing equipment and spare parts as the crew prepared to head to Bermuda. In tournament fishing condition, she has topped 42 knots.

While the first Viking 82 features an open bridge, Viking also offers an enclosed bridge model that can be fitted with a Palm Beach Towers tuna tower. For the owner that wants the climate-controlled helm station with the added room of a second salon abaft the helm, but also likes being outdoors while running the boat, Viking has the 82 Sky Bridge, which places an open flybridge atop the enclosed bridge. With Viking's consistent focus on building a better boat every day, the future looks bright for owners of this impressive new model.



# SPECIFICATION HIGHLIGHTS



Length Overall	82' 11"	25.27 m
Length w/ Bow Pulpit	87' 8"	26.72 m
Length Waterline	71' 9"	21.87 m
Beam Overall	21' 5"	6.53 m
Beam Waterline	17' 10"	5.44 m
Deadrise at Transom	12.1 deg	
Draft	5' 9"	1.75 m
Freeboard Forward	9' 6"	2.90 m
Freeboard Aft	3' 2"	0.97 m
<b>Height</b> Waterline to Top of Flybridge Hardtop	20' 8"	6.30 m
<b>Height</b> Waterline to Top of Flybridge Hardtop Masthead Light	23' 2"	7.06 m
<b>Height</b> Waterline to Top of Flybridge Console	17' 3"	5.26 m
<b>Displacement</b> Standard Fuel Load	154,647 lb. 70,147 kg	
Fuel Capacity Standard	2,671 gal. 10,111 l	
Fuel Capacity Optional	3,330 gal. 12,605 l	
Water Capacity	425 gal. 1,609 l	
Holding Tank Capacity	252 gal. 954 l	
Cockpit Area	229 sq. ft. 21.3 sq. m	



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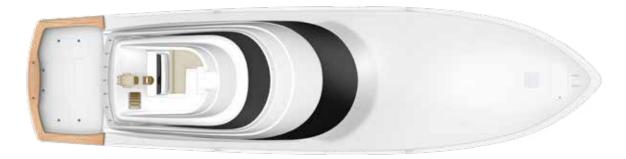
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Open Bridge



Enclosed Bridge



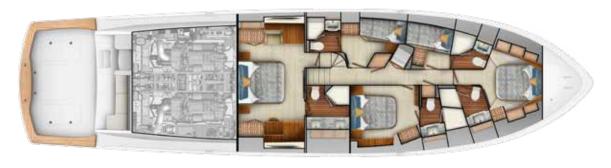
Sky Bridge



Open Bridge Salon



Enclosed Bridge Salon



Lower Accommodations (Optional Forward Crossover Layout Also Available)

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The 2024 summer season for the Viking demonstrator program was an epic one, highlighted by the Viking 82 winning the prestigious Bermuda Triple Crown.

"The Viking 82 had a phenomenal few months on the tournament circuit, with 47 blue marlin since the end of June," says Drew McDowell, a long-time member of the team and the first captain of the demo program launched in the early 1980s by Pat Healey. "What was also impressive is the 82 placed in several categories at the Pirate's Cove Billfish Tournament, finishing 3rd Overall in a tournament held in the custom boatbuilders' backyard of North Carolina."

Whether it's the clean wake, the smooth and quiet operation at trolling speeds, the immense 230-square-foot cockpit or the experience of the team itself, this Viking has proven its worth as a blue marlin-raising machine. The 82's speed – 36-knot cruise – and maneuverability deserve attention as well, with its precise electronic power steering and excellent cockpit visibility. In addition, you have a boat that's designed and engineered with the latest fishfinding technology such as omnidirectional sonar. On top of all that you have the experience of fishboat builders who have been at its since 1964.

Led by captain Sean Dooley, the *Viking 82* team released 15 blue marlin and one white marlin and weighed a 622-pound blue marlin to accumulate 8,222 total points over all three legs of the Bermuda Triple Crown. They fended off some stiff competition, leaving 52 boats in their wake. With their bragging rights, trophies and championship rings secured, the *Viking 82* team left Bermuda with combined winnings of \$616,129 from their success throughout the three-tournament series, which included 2nd Place finishes in the Bermuda Big Game Classic and Seahorse Anglers Club Billfish Tournament.

"The 82 is a great boat – there's no doubt about that," says Sean Dooley. "But really any Viking model is an excellent fishboat; we've seen success in different models with different engine packages." Case in point: Before the demo team began fishing the 82 (hull No. 1 of this new model), they fished a Viking 68 out of Charleston, South Carolina, setting the unofficial South Carolina one-day state record for blue marlin releases. They went seven for nine on blues and two for four on sails. This was the second consecutive year that the team broke the record – in 2023 they accomplished the feat aboard a Viking 64. Do we smell three-peat? "With our team, our experience and the way we work together, anything is possible," says Sean. "We've got many more Vikings to fish and tournaments to win."











# HIGHLIGHTS

- Unofficial South Carolina state record for blue marlin releases in a single day 2023 and 2024.
- Bermuda Triple Crown Champions
- 2nd Place Bermuda Big Game Classic
- 2nd Place Seahorse Anglers Club Billfish Tournament
- 3rd Place Pirates Cove Billfish Tournament

# **SEASON RECAP**

- 67 Blue Marlin Releases
- 50 White Marlin Releases
- 31 Sailfish Releases

# THE TEAM

- Sean Dooley
  Captain
- Thomas Garmany
  Mate and Angler
- West Rivers

  Mate and Angler
- Pat Healey

  Angler
- Sean Healey

  Angler
- Justin Healey

  Angler
- Mark Waldron

  Angler
- Drew McDowell

  Angler
- Eric McDowell

  Angler
- Don Gemmell

  Angler
- Ryan Higgins

  Angler
- Ben Horning

  Angler



# PASSION DRIVES SUCCESS WHY VIKING LEADS THE SPORTFISHING INDUSTRY

Pat Healey, President and CEO of the Viking Yacht Company, talks about what drives Viking's success, the advantages of Viking's semi-custom sportfish yachts and the dynamics that make winning sportfishing teams.

Pat Healey's passion for sportfishing directly influences Viking's approach to yacht design. One of the world's most experienced marlin anglers, he's a regular in major fishing tournaments as part of the Viking demo team (which he established in the early 1980s), using real-world experiences to fuel innovation and build a better boat every day. "I'm known as 'Left Flat Pat' in fishing circles because I always fish the left flat. I'm in deep thought, looking at our boats on the horizon, thinking about how we can improve," he says. Viking's Demo Program further emphasizes this connection, as their engineering, sales

and production teams are encouraged to participate in fishing tournaments to gather feedback and firsthand insights.

One pivotal moment in Viking's history came in 1996 when the boatbuilder introduced a series of innovative design elements, including a new interior, extended overhangs, refrigerated fish boxes and wraparound electronics. These features were initially tested on a 53-foot Viking and later perfected on the Viking 55, leading to an "aha" moment that revolutionized Viking's design approach. "We had 21 boats sold before we even put the new 55 in the water," Pat says, underscoring the impact of these game-changing innovations. "That was the catalyst that drives us today with new models, new styles, new running surfaces and new propulsion designs."







"We build the same models over and over again for seven to eight years. When you build something repeatedly, you get really good at it."

- Pat Healey Viking's President and CEO

# ALLIN

According to Pat, the foundation of a winning sportfishing team starts with a cohesive, dedicated group of individuals who are fully committed to the sport. "You start with the team – you have to be all in," Pat says. Building a successful team is not just about having the right equipment, it's about the people who make up the crew and their shared dedication to excellence. "You have to put in the practice days of fishing," says Pat. "Everyone must be focused and work together."

Pat emphasizes that every member of the team, starting with the captain, must believe in themselves and each other. "It starts with the guy on the wheel — that's where your success comes from," he says. It's about having confidence in the entire team's ability to perform under pressure and the commitment to work at it every day.

This level of teamwork goes beyond individual skill; it's about synergy and knowing each other's roles instinctively. "It just takes time, and getting used to each other," Pat explains. "When a fish comes into the spread, there's no yelling. We don't even talk, we just go right to where we should be." The ability to operate in harmony is a testament to the team's deep understanding of one another and their roles.

For Viking, fostering this environment extends beyond designing great boats – it's about supporting the development of great teams. Viking encourages this through their focus on performance-driven design features, making it easier for teams to concentrate on strategies and execution. In the end, it's not just the boat but the collective effort of a well-practiced, committed team that drives success in sportfishing.

## THEEDGE

When it comes to sportfishing yachts, the debate between Viking's semi-custom yachts and custom yachts is a hot topic among enthusiasts and professionals alike. Pat offers unique insights into what sets Viking apart and why their approach might just give them an edge.

One of the key advantages of Viking's semi-custom approach is consistency. "We build the same models over and over again for seven to eight years," says Pat. "When you build something repeatedly, you get really good at it." Viking's production timeline allows them to refine their process continuously, creating a product that benefits from the cumulative knowledge of decades of boat building. This contrasts sharply with custom builders, who might construct one boat a year, limiting their team's ability to gain the same depth of experience.

"So that's one of the things I always tell people – you get a better product. Our engineering and production teams have been building boats for over 40 years, and they bring that experience to every project. A custom builder might build one boat a year, and even if their team has been together for 30 years, they've only built 30 boats. For us, that's just six months of work. We build 30 boats in half a year, which gives us an incredible depth of experience and expertise."

# **PERSONALIZATION**

While Viking is known for its semi-custom builds, the company offers extensive personalization options that rival custom yachts. "We don't refer to it as customization; we call it personalization," Pat clarifies. Customers can alter their Viking as long as changes are planned well in advance, allowing for engineering adjustments without compromising the build schedule. Pat says, "We've done a lot of unique things, like integrating a custom skylight into the black window mask. We do what the customer asks to make it theirs."

Viking's approach offers a balance: customers enjoy the reliability and performance of a Viking while still having the freedom to make it their own. "And our process is one-third of the time it takes to build a custom boat," says Pat.



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# CONSTRUCTION DIFFERENCES

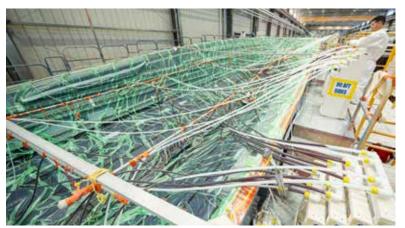
The construction process is another key differentiator between Viking and custom sportfish yachts. Vikings are built using fiberglass and resin infusion, creating strong, durable parts with an optimal resin-to-laminate ratio. This process ensures maximum weight savings and structural integrity with reduced maintenance compared to cold-molded wood construction often used by custom builders.

Fiberglass parts maintain their integrity indefinitely, ensuring longevity and reliability. "Our FRP [Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic] boats aren't just strong, they're rock solid and can take a beating." Moreover, the production process allows Viking to build an 82- or a 90-foot yacht in 10 to 12 months — an efficiency unmatched in the custom market. "We can build these boats on schedule, something that's just not possible in the custom world."

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Structural laminates, including carbon fiber and e-glass/carbon fiber hybrids, and end-grain balsa coring, are resin infused to ensure strength, stiffness and weight savings.

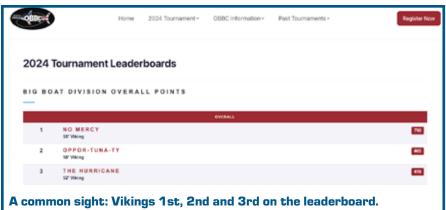
When it comes to performance, hull design plays a crucial role, particularly the deadrise and weight distribution of the boat. "It's about weight and hull design, but mostly weight," says Pat. "The hull bottoms of our boats and custom boats are darn close." That wasn't always the case. "Our entries, 20 years ago, might have been a little bit different, not as much deadrise in the bow as a custom boat," Pat says. "But today, there is barely a difference."

Viking has focused on reducing the weight of their boats significantly over the past decade, allowing them to achieve similar or even better performance compared to custom sportfish yachts. "We've taken a lot of weight out of our boats in the last 10 years, and that gave us the ability to have the same performance as the majority of the custom boats," Pat says. This weight reduction – combined with advancements in hull design and the Viking Advanced Propulsion System that utilizes struts and rudders with modified or "twisted" shapes – ensures that Vikings maintain excellent speed, stability and fishability. These are all key factors that make them competitive on the tournament circuit.

### **PROVENTRACK RECORD**

Vikings consistently win across various models and sizes, dispelling the notion that custom boats have an advantage. "We've won more legs at Los Sueños than anybody else, with a different boat every year—a new FRP boat every year, different sizes, different engines," says Pat, referring to the Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown out of the Los Sueños Resort and Marina in Playa Herradura, Costa Rica.

In fact, Vikings have won the Los Sueños Triple Crown four of the past five years, with *Team Galati* winning three times fishing





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No team has won more legs of the Los Sueños Triple Crown than *Team Galati*.

With captain Tony Carrizosa at the wheel, *Team Galati* has won the Los Sueños Triple Crown three times, using three different models - a 62, 58 and 64.

a different Viking (a 62, a 58 and a 64) each year. "We've been fishing together for 25 years," says Pat. That experience has been used to refine each new model, making Vikings even better fishing boats.

The success in recent years in Costa Rica has been impressive. In 2023, the Viking 72 Rum Runner claimed the Los Sueños Triple Crown, and last year the Viking 64 Fish Tank took 2nd Place Overall. Fish Tank/
Team Galati are also fresh off back-to-back wins of the Pelagic Rockstar Offshore
Tournament, the largest tournament in Central America (fished out of Quepos).
The team won in 2023, fishing Galati's
Viking 64 and the Jessen family offered up their newly delivered Viking 64 Fish Tank to capture the crown in 2024.

Back on the East Coast, the Viking 82 demo won the 2024 Bermuda Triple Crown and placed 3rd at Pirate's Cove, a billfish tournament in the custom boatbuilders' backyard in North Carolina.

### SERVICEMATTERS

Another critical benefit that comes with owning a Viking is the company's excellent customer service and care. "We have our own service team from the factory at all major tournaments, including Los Sueños, to support Viking owners and their teams," says Pat. "No one can offer our level of service, with fully staffed departments in both New Jersey and Florida ready to take care of owner needs."

Despite the proven tournament success and invaluable service aspect, the allure of a custom boat remains for some. Going custom can be "a personal journey for the owner," says Pat. "People want to do their own thing. A lot of people thoroughly enjoy the process of building a boat. It's more about the experience than anything else."

Pat notes that many Viking owners also find great joy in hands-on involvement in every detail of their build, putting personal touches on the boat and outfitting it specifically for their fishing program. "We have many customers who say that building the boat is as enjoyable as using the final product. They're really into it, and they have so much fun doing it."

A semi-custom Viking can offer both performance and a personalized touch without the extended build times and complexities often associated with custom projects. "At the end of the day, it's about what you want from the experience," Pat says. Viking aims to offer a perfect blend of performance, reliability, and personal expression, making the boat a compelling choice for serious anglers and sportfishing enthusiasts.



# S80 SHINES IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE



As the centerpiece of a magnificent display featuring the world premiere of two new models, the new Princess S80 was the talk of the docks at the Cannes Yachting Festival this past fall in her shared debut alongside the Princess S65.

efined by flowing lines, distinctly sculptural exterior surfaces and sweeping design language that is fast becoming a hallmark of Princess, the S80 is the latest result of a unique collaboration by the in-house Princess Design Studio, Olesinski Naval Architects and Italian design house Pininfarina. Every element of the S80 has been designed with meticulous attention to detail. Interiors are crafted with organic, yet functional, forms to deliver the ultimate standard of luxury when at sea. Full length windows flow along the main deck,

extending either side of the cockpit canopy to provide a sheltered area from the sun. High bulwarks, complete with oval stainless-steel rails, a vast teak laid deck and tailored natural materials further define the flagship status of this new S Class model, blending luxurious and contemporary finishes in perfect harmony. Andy Lawrence, Director of Design at Princess Yachts, says, "The concept of the Princess S80 focuses on an uncompromising main deck sociable living space close to the water with three distinct spaces, sunbathing, lounging and dining,

usable simultaneously without conversions. The design of the elongated sleek canopy shades the forward two thirds of this area with an optional retractable awning taking care of the remaining third. The salon side windows extend far back into the cockpit, cocooning the forward dining area to create shelter from the wind without obstructing the view. The Princess S80 is a Princess above all else, and we have designed the S80 to sit proudly as the flagship of the S Class range."









Featuring a distinctive central cockpit access and electro-hydraulic bathing platform, the aft deck and transom of the S80 have been designed to maximize on-water enjoyment. A garage to the port side houses a Williams tender launch system capable of holding up to a Williams SportJet 435. The aft deck provides a large social area perfect for entertaining and spending time with loved ones. Twin sunpads, the largest ever seen on an S Class yacht, border the central access steps, while the seating area is complete with

modular seating and twin coffee tables. Just forward, a teak dining table with seating for six to eight guests is ideally positioned next to the galley bar. A triple-framed sliding door, coupled with a large opening window above the galley bar, allows a seamless connection between exterior and interior entertaining spaces to create a natural flow throughout the main deck. The galley is fully equipped with stainless steel appliances and a Sub-Zero full height refrigerator/freezer. Adjacent to the galley, the secondary

breakfast bar provides a perfect space for casual dining.

Forward of the galley, light from the expansive panoramic windows floods the salon. A spacious C-shaped sofa sits opposite the port seating area while the helm offers access to all instrumentation and controls, including the Böning vessel monitoring system. A pantograph door provides direct access from the starboard side deck through to the foredeck for

ease of access and communication while docking. Above, an optional sliding roof spans the width of the main deck, allowing for a true open-air experience at the touch of a button. A further gathering area on the yacht's foredeck includes two U-shaped seating areas with sunpad conversion.

The S80 lower deck features four ensuite cabins complete with chilled water air-conditioning and opening portholes for natural ventilation. The full-beam master stateroom is luxuriously finished in soft organic furnishings complemented by accents and finishes of natural timber. Soft lighting effects accentuate the curved forms of the hand-crafted furniture to create a contemporary but calming environment for owners. The forward and starboard staterooms are equally suited for VIP guests with walkaround berths, while the port

stateroom twin berths can be joined at the touch of a button thanks to an optional electric sliding feature.

The aft lazarette and two-berth crew cabin with bathroom are situated aft of the machinery space, with various layout options including an additional crew mess area or optional third crew bunk or separate laundry center. A watertight door from the electro-hydraulic bathing platform gives direct access to this area.

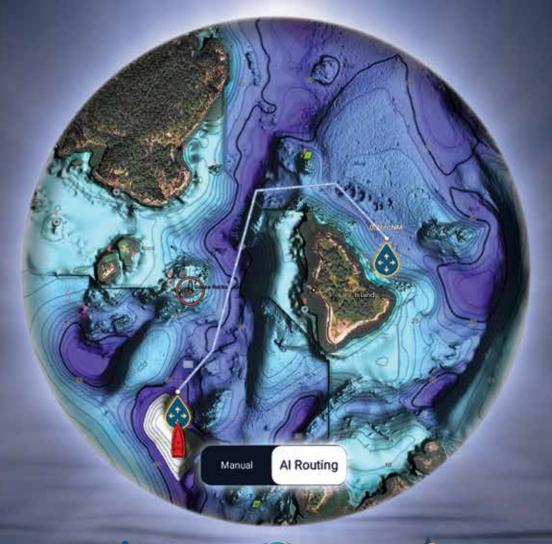
The S80 sportbridge is an impressive 300 square feet of outdoor living space with multiple seating areas, a wetbar with sink and grill, and generous refrigeration. A converting dining table and an outdoor TV on electric lift mechanism are also available for the ultimate in outdoor entertainment to suit every occasion. Equipped with MAN

V12 1900 or 2000 horsepower engines, the S80 will see top speeds up to 34 knots, while an optional extended range fuel tank will enable greater cruising range. Conventional straight shafts ensure efficiency and surefooted thoroughbred performance. Bow and stern thrusters with optional variable speed operation make for easy closequarters maneuvering, while available vector fin and gyro stabilization options provide for exceptional comfort in challenging sea conditions.

With several hulls already in production for North American customers, the new Princess S80 is off to a strong start thanks to the iconic design, exceptional engineering and unrivalled craftsmanship that makes each model in the Princess S Class a striking blend of contemporary style, exhilarating power and precise performance.



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# **Marlin or Gap Tower?**

ap towers are offered on V Series Center consoles from 41 to 55 feet, while marlin towers are available on Valhalla models from 33 to 55 feet. Let's look at their similarities, differences and particular strengths by focusing on our V-41 model. We just happened to have two Valhalla 41s – one with a gap tower and the other with a marlin tower – delivering on one day last summer.

Both gap and marlin towers are built around a resin-infused hardtop for maximum strength and weight savings. And each can be outfitted with various options for outriggers, light bars, teaser reels and other appendages from top-shelf manufacturers such as Gemlux, Lumitec and Miya Epoch.

The marlin and gap towers are designed, fabricated and installed by Palm Beach

Towers (PBT), a Viking subsidiary and the world's leading tower manufacturer. They both increase fishability, visibility and versatility with their elevated second helm stations. But there are a few key differences between the two.

A marlin tower utilizes the hardtop as a standing platform, essentially creating the equivalent of a flybridge on a convertible.



Our marlin towers can be folded down, and their sunshades are removable, adding flexibility and convenience for transportation. The upper control station is close to the cockpit for excellent visibility of the business end as well as communication with the anglers.

Gap towers are designed and built with a separate standing platform above the hardtop, which gives them even greater height for visibility. The "gap" refers to the distance between the hardtop and standing platform. A center console's gap tower functions much like a tuna tower on a convertible, providing maximum height.

Because they are not used as standing platforms, the hardtops on gap tower installations have the space for electric teaser reel boxes. Their radar pods can also be directly located at the center of the hardtop; a marlin tower's installation calls for the radar pod to slide forward to make room for the helm.

Both types feature high-quality anodized aluminum pipe, fiberglass control boxes (with a black satin finish), bench seating and a sunshade. There are a multitude of options and enhancements available thanks to PBT. For instance, the sunshade underside of a marlin tower can be used to hold a recessed teaser reel.

We've also seen Valhallas with custom bench seats with removable center sections, and sunshade frames can be painted black and outfitted with rod holders or a center rigger. In one highly personalized V-41 with gap tower, the team went with manual teaser reels installed in the hardtop and electric reels on the aft end of the tower.

Whether you choose a gap or marlin tower, you'll have the benefit of incorporating an electronics, navigation, communication and sonar package from the Viking subsidiary Atlantic Marine Electronics.

Our V-28 Bay boat and V-29 Hybrid can also be outfitted with elevated second stations.

These are factory-installed structures that feature a stand-on console topped with synthetic teak decking, four recessed speakers, five-rod rocket launcher, trim tab controls, 12-inch electronics display and jack plate/engine trim paddle controls on the steering column sides.





Some Viking owners enjoy the process of building their boats as much as they like fishing and cruising them. Mike Penza is one such owner. "Viking is willing and eager to work with you to build the boat the way you want it, with semi-custom features," says Mike. "They listen to you and take great pride in the product, always ready to go the extra mile and make it better."

That's a big part of why the Penza family has owned seven Vikings since the mid 1990s.

Mike and his father, Robert, started the family's relationship with Viking when they bought a 53, followed by a 55 and a 61. Mike has gone on to own four more Vikings – a first-generation 64, a first-generation 68 and two Gen II Viking 64s.

Mike knew Viking was a special company when he and his dad built their first boat. "My dad and I would go to the plant once a week, have lunch with Pat Healey and the Sales Group and follow the progress of the build," he says. "From the beginning, we had that freedom to add features and contribute our ideas to the build process. That kind of relationship adds a lot of value to owning a Viking."

Mike likes to be involved, and his personal modifications, refinements and enhancements can be seen throughout his 2024 Whisper Grey Viking 64 *Oil Slick* (above and on opposite page). For instance, he has a freshwater filtration system with a push-button drinking water dispenser under the port coaming. The teak cockpit has an electrically actuated lazarette hatch lid for easy access to the Seakeeper 26.

In the engineroom, there's rope lighting under the engines (mainly for aesthetics, but also for even better visibility for maintenance); the watermaker membrane units are mounted to the ceiling, and there are custom switch panels and gauge positions in the engineroom entranceway. Also, Viking was willing to accommodate Mike's requests to have certain plumbing lines, pumps and strainers slightly relocated for aesthetics and his preferences for access. "Being in the trucking transportation business, I'm particular about access and aesthetics of mechanical areas," he says. "The Viking engineroom is the best in the business, and they were very accommodating with my requests in mechanical areas."



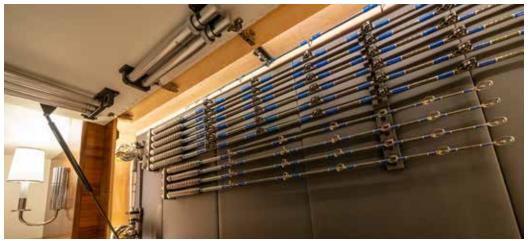












In the living area, the galley has a custom liquor dispenser at the sink and bottle storage below. The interior features overhead lights with white bezels to blend with the headliner; custom entry door hardware from Olivari; and there are no lambrequins, for a cleaner look that heightens the size of the living space. Mike worked with his daughter Amanda Carrier and Kristen Lucov, owners of Brookes Designs, and Viking Interior Designer Cullen Moser, on the interior of the yacht. They chose Cambria quartz backsplash doors (the same material as the galley countertops) and premium waterproof vinyl flooring in the galley and in the forepeak companionway. The stairs are solid walnut with nonskid, and the companionway includes "an extra storage compartment on the starboard wall of the companionway above the brow," says Mike.

To maximize space in the entryway of the master stateroom, Mike went with a fore/aft bed orientation. He also worked with Viking to modify the custom headboard compartment to allow for added space for rod and reel storage.

In addition to the master suite, the 64's layout features three more staterooms. "The interior is very comfortable for our travels, and I'm very pleased with the accommodations for our guests," says Mike.

On the flybridge, Mike chose a trio of Simrad NSO evo3 ultra-bright Multi-Function Displays as part of the custom electronics package from Atlantic Marine Electronics. The boat also features the Simrad SY50 (by KONGSBERG) compact fish-finding omnidirectional sonar. In addition, *Oil Slick* is outfitted with a custom Palm Beach Towers tuna tower.

Twin 2002MHP MTUs provide the punch, and the Advanced Viking Propulsion System with modified rudders and struts minimize drag and increase speed. The boat tops out at 43 knots with a cruise of 37.5 knots, says Mike. "It's a beast," he says. "The speed, the maneuverability, the power – it's all there. It's like a Ferrari."

"The 64 is perfect for what we do, which is tournament and fun-fishing out of Cape

May in the summer and fall, and then we head to Florida for the winter," says Mike. "We'll go to the Bahamas – Harbour Isle, Staniel Cay and Highbourne Cay are my favorites. The boat is very comfortable for a few overnights."

While Mike enjoys competing in notable tournaments such as the MidAtlantic and White Marlin Open, he also loves fishing with his friends that include other Viking owners and members of the Viking team. "The friendships and camaraderie are what it's all about," says Mike. "If you relied on just doing well in the tournaments you'd drive yourself crazy." Epic fun fishing trips include going 12 for 17 on white marlin during their second trip with their current 64 in July 2024.

Mike fishes with Pat Healey and his sons, as well as some of the sales team such as Mark Waldron and Joe Coyle. Mike's friend and longtime member of the *Oil Slick* team is Tom Carroll Jr., the President of Princess Yachts America. Mike's brother, Robert, is a Princess owner who's owned three boats, and currently has a Y78 Motor Yacht.

The Penza owned Vikings have certainly enjoyed success on the tournament trail over the years. Mike placed in the Bacardí Rum Billfish Tournaments with his dad, and the team finished first in The MidAtlantic with a 69-pound white in 2001, the Viking/Ocean Shootout and the Stone Harbor Invitational. *Oil Slick* has also placed in the White Marlin Open with a 71-pounder. In 2021 they finished at the top of the leaderboard in the Blue Marlin and Wahoo categories in the MidAtlantic.

Captain Chris Dudzek has been with the Penza family for more than 25 years. He also loves not only fishing but being able to operate cuttingedge new models from Viking with the latest and great technology. "It's special," he says. "I feel privileged to be a part of this team and these boats."

The Oil Slick crew consists of Mike, his son Michael M. Penza, Tom Carroll Jr., Rich Allen, Bill Nardelli Sr., Jim Nardelli, Mark Wodlinger of Galati Yacht Sales and mate Drew Ludwig, along with added team member and mate Jay Wardius.

"We have it pretty dialed in, and we have a crew that's been together for a long time," says Mike. "Nothing beats the experience of owning a Viking."

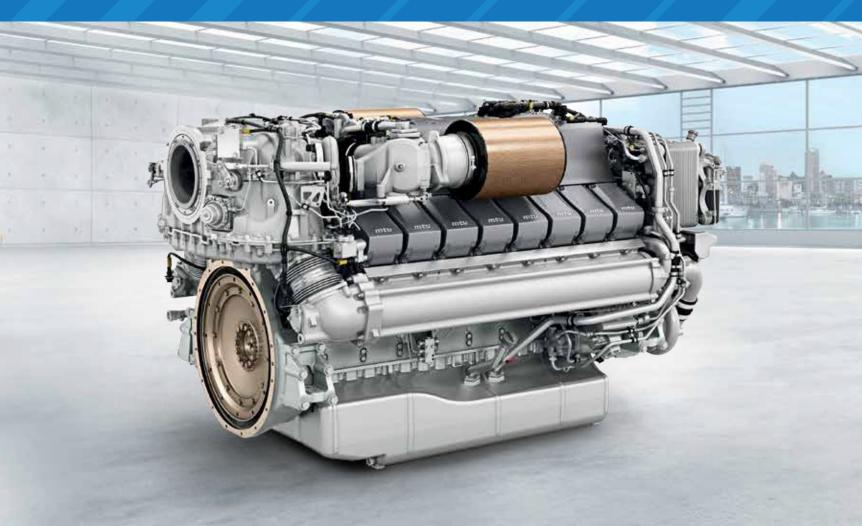


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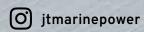
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We celebrate building a better boat every day for 60 years with a new film: "The Viking Legacy." Dark Fall Productions has captured the power of our passion for boatbuilding and fishing while recounting the rich history of Viking and the Healey family. Always outworking its competitors, Viking is poised to continue pushing the boundaries of innovation and leadership in the marine industry for decades to come.

The film, which premiered in conjunction with the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show in late October 2024, tells our story like it has never been told before.

Filming took the company's Co-owners – Alex DePhillipo and Andrew Gesler – from

New Jersey to Costa Rica to Florida and back. They are known for literally diving into their work, bringing in-water footage to the screen. They spent over a year on the project – 12 months of work for 12 minutes of magic. The duo's dramatic filmmaking shines in "The Viking Legacy," shot on RED digital cinema.

"We are very proud of this film and excited to show it to the world," says Andrew. "We grew up in New Jersey and have always loved Vikings and admired the Healey family. So having the opportunity to tell this story and celebrate 60 years has been very special."

"It was an honor to work with the legendary Viking Yacht Company," says Alex. "They are truly dedicated to building a better boat every day. We thoroughly enjoyed capturing their passion for boatbuilding, dedication to their people, love of fishing and leadership of this great industry." Dark Fall also filmed and produced "The Viking Difference," released in 2019

"Alex and Andrew are passionate about what they do – just like us," says Viking President and CEO Pat Healey. "They did an incredible job telling the Viking story."

We urge you to share the film with friends and family; it's readily available through our website, the Viking Yachts YouTube channel, Facebook and Instagram. You can also scan the QR code provided below.



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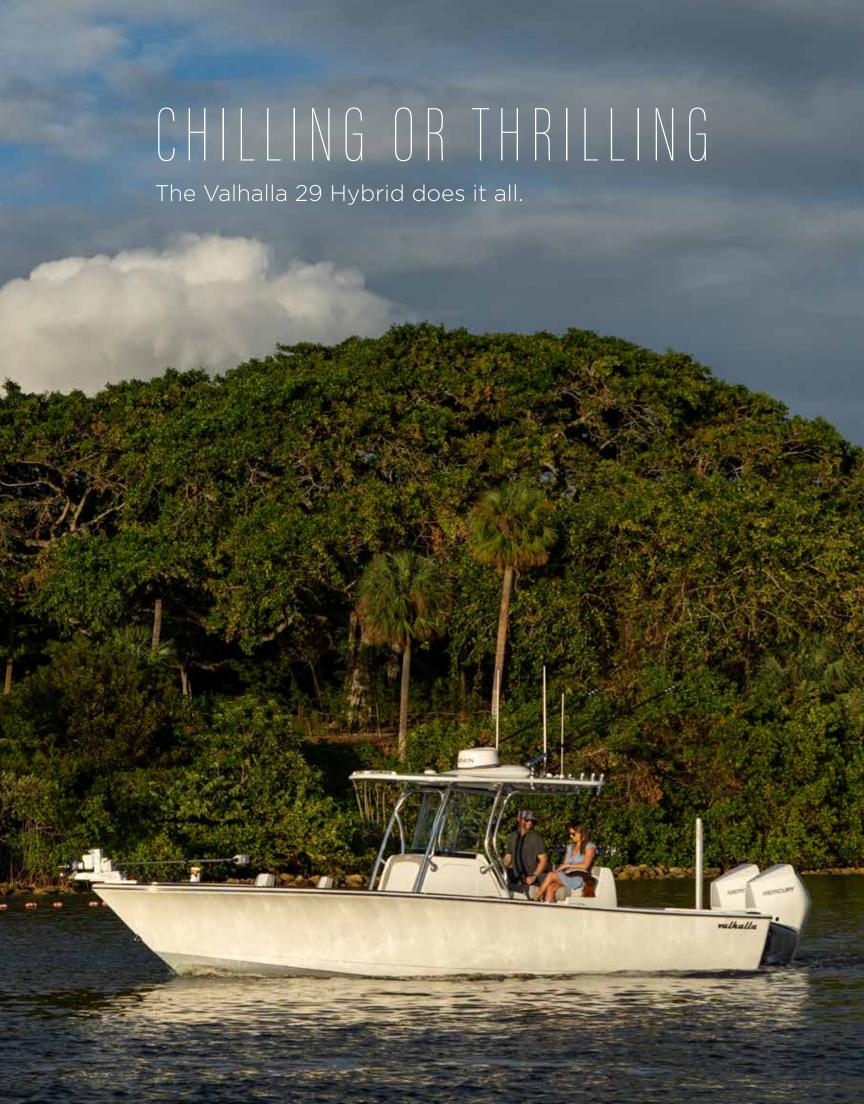
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Get into your first Viking-built boat; same robust standard equipment list as her larger stablemates; three different twin-engine packages.

**LOA**: 32' 10" (10.01 m) **BEAM**: 9' 9" (2.97 m)

**DRAFT** 

(Engines Up, Full Load): 27" (.69 m)

**FUEL CAPACITY**: 327 g (1,238 l) **WATER CAPACITY**: 39 g (148 l)

**MAX ENGINE HP**: 900 hp **LIVE WELL**: 52 g (197 l)



The sweet spot in the V Series lineup. Big and fast, with the legs to run long distances with either twins or trips.

**LOA**: 36' 9" (11.20 m) **BEAM**: 10' 0" (3.05 m)

DRAFT

(Engines Up, Full Load): 28" (.71 m) FUEL CAPACITY: 470 g (1,779 l) WATER CAPACITY: 39 g (148 l) MAX ENGINE HP: 1,350 hp LIVE WELL: 56 g (212 l)



Punch the throttles and experience high-level fishability, speed, range, overall performance and Viking quality.

**LOA**: 40' 6" (12.34 m) **BEAM**: 11' 7" (3.53 m)

**DRAFT** 

(Engines Up, Full Load): 30" (.76 m)

FUEL CAPACITY: 541 g (2,048 l)

WATER CAPACITY: 49 g (185 l)

MAX ENGINE HP: 1,600 hp

LIVE WELL: 90 g (341 l)



Takes the V Series to an entirely new level through additional accommodations and amenities.

**LOA**: 46' 7" (14.20 m) **BEAM**: 13' 4" (4.10 m)

DRAFT

(Engines Up, Full Load): 35" (.9 m) **FUEL CAPACITY**: 757 g (2,866 l) **WATER CAPACITY**: 70 g (265 l) **MAX ENGINE HP**: 2,400 hp

**LIVE WELL**: (2) 54 g each (204 l)



Sets a new standard for center consoles from 50 to 60 feet in every capacity.

**LOA**: 55' 7" (16.90 m) **BEAM**: 15' 6" (4.70 m)

DRAFT

(Engines Up, Full Load): 37" (.9 m) FUEL CAPACITY: 1,211 g (4,584 l) WATER CAPACITY: 125 g (473 l) MAX ENGINE HP: 3,000 hp

**LIVE WELL**: (2) 65 g each (246 l)



The ultimate high-performance sport yacht designed for luxury cruising.

**LOA**: 55' 7" (16.90 m) **BEAM**: 15' 6" (4.70 m)

DRAFT

(Engines Up, Full Load): 37" (.9 m) **FUEL CAPACITY**: 1,100 g (4,164 l) **WATER CAPACITY**: 150 g (568 l)

MAX ENGINE HP: 2,400 hp

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# V-28 BAY

From stern to bow, the V-28 is designed to make your own luck.

**LOA**: 28' 1" (8.56 m) **BEAM**: 9' 3" (2.82 m)

**DRAFT** 

Engines Up, Full Load: 18" (.46 m)

**FUEL CAPACITY**: 130 g (492 l) **WATER CAPACITY**: 28 g (106 l)

MAX ENGINE HP: 600 hp

LIVE WELL: (2) 25 g each, AFT (95 l)

(1) 28 g, FWD (106 l)



The Hybrid is for the special angler looking for a myriad of fishing assignments.

**LOA**: 29' 6" (8.99 m) **BEAM**: 9' 8" (2.95 m)

**DRAFT** 

Engines Up, Full Load: 21" (.53 m)
FUEL CAPACITY: 180 g (681 l)
WATER CAPACITY: 40 g (151 l)

MAX ENGINE HP: 600 hp

**LIVE WELL**: (2) 28 g each, AFT (105 l)

# BILLFISH



Another fantastic under-40-foot yacht from Viking. Features our signature command deck with center helm.

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**LOA**: 38' 8" (11.79 m) **BEAM**: 14' 0" (4.27 m) **DRAFT**: 3' 5" (1.04 m)

**FUEL CAPACITY**: 460 g (1,741 l) **WATER CAPACITY**: 69 g (261 l)

**COCKPIT**: 109 sq ft (10.10 sq m)



She's a purpose-built ready-to-go fishing machine; easy to own, operate and maintain.

**LOA**: 38' 8" (11.79 m) **BEAM**: 14' 0" (4.27 m) **DRAFT**: 3' 4" (1.02 m)

**FUEL CAPACITY**: 460 g (1,741 l) **WATER CAPACITY**: 69 g (261 l) **COCKPIT**: 109 sq ft (10.10 sq m)



The flagship of the Billfish series, the 46 BF provides the fishing prowess of our convertibles while maintaining the traits of its namesake.

**LOA**: 45' 6" (13.87 m) **BEAM**: 15' 4" (4.67 m) **DRAFT**: 4' 3" (1.30 m)

**FUEL CAPACITY**: 709 g (2,684 l) **WATER CAPACITY**: 99 g (375 l) **COCKPIT**: 140 sq ft (13.00 sq m)

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Smooth, dry ride. Great as a hardcore fishboat or cruising overnighter for couples and families.

**LOA**: 45' 1" (13.74 m) **BEAM**: 16' 4" (4.98 m) **DRAFT**: 4' 5" (1.34 m)

FUEL CAPACITY: 825 g (3,122 l) WATER CAPACITY: 120 g (454 l) COCKPIT: 119 sq ft (11.10 sq m)



Comfort, convenience and accommodations. Has the range to go long and the hull design to conquer the seas.

**LOA**: 45' 1" (13.74 m) **BEAM**: 16' 4" (4.98 m) **DRAFT**: 4' 8" (1.42 m)

FUEL CAPACITY: 825 g (3,122 l) WATER CAPACITY: 120 g (454 l) COCKPIT: 119 sq ft (11.10 sq m)



Viking's legendary construction, fit and finish and attention to detail. An impressive two-stateroom layout.

**LOA**: 49' 1" (15.00 m) **BEAM**: 17' 0" (5.20 m) **DRAFT**: 4' 7" (1.40 m)

FUEL CAPACITY: 970 g (3,672 l)
WATER CAPACITY: 178 g (674 l)
COCKPIT: 124 sq ft (11.50 sq m)



Fishes like a 60-footer. Luxurious interior accented with hand-finished teak or walnut joinery; three staterooms.

**LOA**: 49' 1" (15.00 m) **BEAM**: 17' 0" (5.20 m) **DRAFT**: 4' 8" (1.42 m)

**FUEL CAPACITY**: 970 g (3,672 l) **WATER CAPACITY**: 178 g (674 l) **COCKPIT**: 124 sq ft (11.50 sq m)



The largest open express model that Viking has ever built. Versatile, comfortable, fast and fishy.

**LOA**: 54' 6" (16.61 m) **BEAM**: 17' 8" (5.38 m) **DRAFT**: 4' 10" (1.47 m)

**FUEL CAPACITY**: 1,230 g (4,656 l) **WATER CAPACITY**: 198 g (750 l) **COCKPIT**: 154 sq ft (14.30 sq m)



An absolute performance powerhouse, the three-stateroom two-head convertible has it all - speed, agility and fishability.

**LOA**: 54' 6" (16.61 m) **BEAM**: 17' 8" (5.38 m) **DRAFT**: 4' 11" (1.50 m)

**FUEL CAPACITY**: 1,357 g (5,137 l) **WATER CAPACITY**: 198 g (750 l) **COCKPIT**: 154 sq ft (14.30 sq m)



Master of the mid-sized convertibles, the 58 C is a dominating force with world-class performance, fishability and accommodations.

**LOA**: 58' 11" (17.96 m) **BEAM**: 17' 9" (5.41 m) **DRAFT**: 5' 0" (1.52 m)

**FUEL CAPACITY**: 1,502 g (5,686 l) **WATER CAPACITY**: 207 g (784 l) **COCKPIT**: 165 sq ft (15.30 sq m)



The new second-generation 64 boasts four staterooms, three heads and a stunning horizontal walnut interior.

**LOA**: 63' 10" (19.46 m) **BEAM**: 18' 11 (5.77 m) **DRAFT**: 5' 7" (1.70 m)

**FUEL CAPACITY**: 1,850 g (7,003 l) **WATER CAPACITY**: 302 g (1,143 l) **COCKPIT**: 180 sq ft (16.70 sq m)



This tournament ready battlewagon features four staterooms, four heads, a walkaround style galley and a 176-square-foot cockpit.

**LOA**: 68' 7" (20.90 m) **BEAM**: 19' 2" (5.84 m) **DRAFT**: 5' 6" (1.68 m)

FUEL CAPACITY: 2,015 g (7,627 l)
WATER CAPACITY: 344 g (1,302 l)
COCKPIT: 176 sq ft (16.40 sq m)



The 74 shines as a four- or fivestateroom fish-raising powerhouse with a top speed of 45 knots.

**LOA**: 74' 8" (22.76 m) **BEAM**: 19' 9" (6.02 m) **DRAFT**: 5' 11" (1.80 m)

**FUEL CAPACITY**: 2,030 g (7,692 l) **WATER CAPACITY**: 360 g (1,363 l) **COCKPIT**: 216 sq ft (20.10 sq m)



A new five-stateroom, six-head fish-raising machine with industry-leading performance, engineering and accommodations.

**LOA**: 82' 11" (25.27 m) **BEAM**: 21' 5" (6.53 m) **DRAFT**: 5' 9" (1.75 m)

FUEL CAPACITY: 2,671 g (10,111 l)
WATER CAPACITY: 425 g (1,609 l)
COCKPIT: 229 sq ft (21.30 sq m)



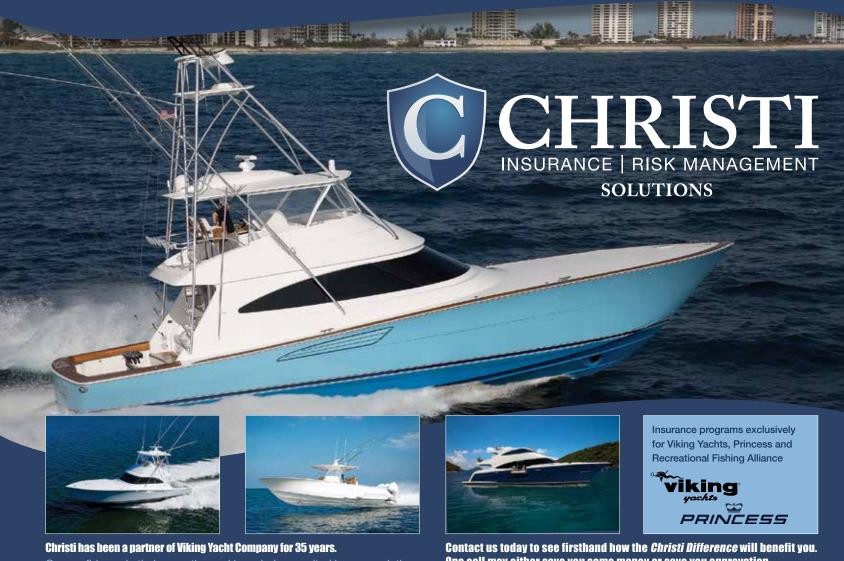
The Viking 90 redefines the capabilities of the large world-traveling sportfishing yacht.

**LOA**: 90' 0" (27.41 m) **BEAM**: 23' 2" (7.05 m) **DRAFT**: 5' 11" (1.80 m)

**FUEL CAPACITY**: 3,801 g (14,388 l) **WATER CAPACITY**: 480 g (1,817 l) **COCKPIT**: 224 sq ft (20.80 sq m)

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# **BACK TO BLOCK**



Princess Yachts America's Summer Owners Holiday brings a record number of Princess Yachts to the fabulous Champlin's Marina and Resort in Block Island, Rhode Island.



This past July, Princess Yachts America's Summer Owners Holiday returned to beautiful Block Island at the incredible Champlin's Resort and Marina. The event marked the 23rd Owners Holiday since Princess Yachts America began hosting them twice annually in 2012 and was the largest gathering of Princess owners in the Northeast to date with over 40 Princess Yachts in attendance and a group of owners, guests, staff, dealers and vendors totaling over 300 attendees.

After navigating into Block Island's Great Salt Pond and getting settled with the help of Champlin's fantastic marina staff, owners and guests were greeted with the resort's famous frozen mudslides and gift bag to help them get settled for the long weekend.

A Welcome In celebration hosted at the historic Spring House featured plenty of hors d'oeuvres and cocktails followed by dinner and dancing with an unbeatable view.

A full breakfast buffet fueled everyone for a busy day that offered a range of activities including a creative floral design class, guided scooter and bike tours of the island, and a pool party featuring a traditional All-American picnic style cookout. The highlight of the day was the inaugural running of the Knot So Royal Regatta where a special guest challenged the Princess family of owners to put their boat building (and racing) skills to the test. In true Princess Owners Holiday fashion, this was no ordinary cardboard regatta. Fame, fortune and royal recognition awaited our champions with prizes awarded for best design, most spectacular sinking and the overall winner of the race. Without a doubt, a fantastic and memorable time was enjoyed by both the participating teams and spectators.

Day three of the event included a competitive pickleball tournament, a visit to the local farmers market and bustling main street, and a chance to compete in the popular egg toss competition. The day was capped off with a traditional lobster boil at Champlin's overlooking the marina, with

event's final morning the famous singing patissier from Aldo's Bakery serenaded the fleet as he made his way around the marina in a launch filled with baskets of delicious fresh pastries to keep Princess owners and guests well fed with a taste of Block Island's finest treats for the journey home.

Block Island offers so many opportunities to enjoy the best of New England in the summer, and Champlin's Marina and Resort provided a fantastic venue to enjoy the best of the cruising lifestyle. Princess Yachts America was pleased to welcome dealer representatives from Chesapeake Yacht Center, HMY Yacht Sales, Oyster Harbors Marine, and SI Yachts a Germain Company who were on hand to support customers at the event. Additional support from Princess Yachts, Atlantic Marine Electronics, Aquamare, Bayside Marine, Harrington Marine Services, Marine Solutions, Quickstep Marine, Volvo Penta USA and Williams Tenders helped make the event a resounding success.

Look for the Princess Yachts America fleet of owners this spring and summer as they head to The Abacos in The Bahamas from April 24th to 28th and to historic Boston from July 24th to 27th! If you own a Princess and would like to join the fun, email events@pyamerica.com for more information and to register for upcoming Princess Owners Holidays.



# ENGINEROOM MAINTENANCE SNIFF OUT TROUBLE IN THE BILGE

The climate in a boat's engineroom is often the source of mysterious smells that left unchecked can filter their way into the salon and staterooms. Eradicating these odors takes more than hanging a few scent-absorbing bags or leaving scented dryer sheets in lockers and near air conditioning return registers.

Many stubborn odors originate from sour bilge water that has escaped the pull from the bilge pumps or simply fermented in hard to see and reach areas. Sometimes water hides outboard of the engines or gets trapped by debris that clogs limber holes in the stringers. A wire hook is a useful tool for reaching hard to access limber holes, and in a pinch a small mirror taped to a pole and a flashlight can

be used to reveal clues where water could be hiding.

Even with Viking's attention to detail, such as aptly placed condensate drain boxes that collect water from air conditioning units, shower sump boxes and dripless shaft seals, some water may remain in the bilge. Another source of water in the bilge can be minimized by raising the air conditioning set point. Often, we see thermostats set at 55 or 60 which can promote condensation.

An easy way to address some of the odors from drain boxes and sumps is to pour a few ounces of hydrogen peroxide into the condensate boxes to kill the bacteria that flourishes in warm water. With shower sumps, simply shut off the pump and pour



the hydrogen peroxide down the drain. Leave it in place for an hour, turn on the hot water and then reactivate the pump to discharge it overboard.

When cleaning raw-water strainers for the engines, generators and other equipment use a bucket to collect the internal baskets so marine debris does not escape into the bilge. The bucket also helps to prevent lost parts and gaskets.

### **BEFORE YOU POUR**

Lube oil and fuel oils bring their own aromas to the party. If the bilge pump wears a five-o-clock shadow, it is a sure sign the bilge water has traces of oil. Track down the source and double down on neat oil and filter changes where drips could originate. Just a few capfuls of fuel oil mixing with

bilge water can create quite a fragrance that permeates the engineroom. Wipe up any spillage with paper towels and then drop an oil-absorbing bilge pillow in the water and check it daily to see how much oil is extracted.

It is best to wipe up and absorb whatever lube or fuel oil you can before pouring in a liquid bilge cleaner. Once the detergent is mixed with freshwater and spread out throughout the bilge, you have introduced the solution everywhere – and if the soap is too diluted it may not have enough muscle to properly clean without leaving lube or fuel oil residue behind.

Better results will occur if you keep the bilge pump off and let the cleaner work overnight. Take the boat for an ocean run to give the cleaning solution a chance to churn and circulate through the bilge water and wash the surrounding surfaces before pumping it overboard. Follow up with a few freshwater rinses and pump outs and let your nose do the final testing. When you get back to the dock, use the Willy Vac if so equipped, or a Shop-Vac to remove any remaining bilge water.

Open the engineroom door to invite in and circulate fresh air to complete the drying process. If any unfriendly smells remain in the engineroom repeat the process until you are satisfied. Whenever possible, keep the engineroom door open so there is a constant exchange of fresh air.



# **DEALER MEETING**



While the Princess Yachts America Annual Dealer Conference is held annually, on alternate years the event is held at the Princess Yachts International facilities in Plymouth, England.







This past August, members of the Princess Yachts America team accompanied Viking President and CEO Pat Healey and more than 80 representatives from across Princess Yachts America's dealer network and service locations to Princess Yachts International's headquarters in Plymouth, England. After enjoying a unique welcome reception and dinner at the stadium of the Plymouth Argyle, which is Plymouth's own Championship League Football Club, attendees dove right into a busy agenda, spending the first full day touring the Princess Yachts production facilities.

Princess production comprises over one million square feet of manufacturing space across six primary sites. A visit to the Coypool location offered the opportunity to witness hull and deck molding on various larger yachts in the range, smaller fiberglass component molding, metal components, fuel, waste and water assembly, wiring looms and the ever-impressive furniture facility. This site alone spans over 32 acres and is the primary feeder factory for the majority of the over 80% of in-house components that Princess crafts for each yacht built. At the Langage site, attendees had the opportunity to see the production lines for V Class, S Class and several F Class yachts.

From Langage, a stop at the Newport Street facility featured a multitude of production lines and was highlighted by a sneak peek at the first Princess F58. In its final stages of production, it will have a world premiere showing in early winter. Newport Street is also home to the ever-impressive large yacht assembly building where attendees had the chance to board the first S80 bound for North America, as well as many Y80, Y85 and Y72 models in various stages of production. This is also where every yacht built by Princess undergoes initial sea trials, is inspected and final preparations are made for delivery. To close out the first full day of the conference, dealer principals were invited to dine as guests of Princess and Princess Yachts America management at Boringdon Hall, a historic manor house with roots dating back to the 1500s.

The second full day of the conference featured in-depth product training aboard several Princess models, as well as the opportunity to tour the Princess South Yard site where the X95 and Y95 are produced. The visit to South Yard also included a preview of new models in development where attendees were able to "step aboard" full scale mock-ups of interior and exterior decks for a glance into the future of models currently on the drawing board. It was here that attendees were treated to a first-hand glimpse of the development of

the latest addition to the Princess X Class: the new Princess X90.

The day concluded with a trip to The Box, which is one of Plymouth's most fascinating attractions that houses a museum, gallery and historical archive, for an evening of dining and recognizing the sales achievements of the Princess Yachts America dealer network for what was a truly outstanding and unsurpassed year of growing the Princess family in North America, Central America and the Caribbean. Princess Yachts America would like to congratulate HMY Yacht Sales (Dealership of the Year), SI Yachts a Germain Company and Galati Yacht Sales on their outstanding sales achievements, as well as David Hallinan (SI Yachts a Germain Company – Salesperson of the Year), Rich Lucas (SI Yachts a Germain Company) and Jorge Saca (Maspor Marine) for their individual sales awards.

As the time in Plymouth drew to a close, the final day's agenda included time to gather for a capstone business meeting and wrap up session prior to everyone's departure. Princess Yachts America would like to thank all those who participated in this year's Annual Dealer Conference, as well as those at Princess Yachts International and the various supporting vendors in Plymouth that helped make the time spent both valuable and enjoyable.











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### **GUESTS ONBOARD**

**Mind Your Manners** 

Adapted from an article by InTheBite.

We've all been there. A guest is onboard and what you think is common sense isn't clicking with your landlubber. Many captains and crew are too polite to provide guests a comprehensive list of rules, but it makes for a more enjoyable experience for everyone to understand the expectations. Our friends at *InTheBite* created this comprehensive list to get everyone on the same page. So next time you have green guests coming along, shoot them this story. They'll thank you for it.

#### START WITH THE BASICS

- Treat every boat like the Queen Mary. Remove your shoes and ask for permission before stepping aboard. Once on board, treat the boat and its crew with respect. If you take something out, put it back.
- Don't assume anything. Things are done differently on different boats. You can't go wrong asking the captain and crew what you can do and how you can help. In some cases, crews will prefer less help, like when docking or tying up.
- Ask what you can bring. If they say they have it covered, don't bring your special rod.
- If you're visiting a boat in a remote or international destination, ask if you can bring anything. It's a lot easier for you to pick up some chin weights than it is for them to source. And don't forget the latest

issue of Valhalla and InTheBite.

- You can be late to work. You can be late for dinner. You can be late for church. But you can't be late to the boat.
- Nobody has ever not been invited back for helping clean the boat.
- All crews and all boats have their own way of doing things; they probably don't want to hear about how you've done it somewhere else.
- There is a difference between asking for the purpose of learning and asking for the purpose of questioning someone.
- Booze in moderation.
- Unless they ask, nobody wants to see charts and satellite imagery you brought on your phone.
- When docking or while a fish is hooked up, don't sit or stand in a place that obscures the captain's view.

- Don't slam the drink box door.
- Make sure that the cabinets, the refrigerator and the freezer are locked in place when you close them.
- If you're a guest, always bring beer.
- Match the outlook of the people on the boat. If you're fishing with a boat load of easy-going people, leave Captain Serious at the dock. If everyone is dialed in, they probably don't want to see your dance moves.

### **THINGS TO AVOID**

- Spray sunscreen can make real mess, some will even discolor upholstery. If you have it, don't spray it in the salon.
- Avoid pants or shorts with zippered seat pockets. These can tear upholstery.
- Steer clear of flip flops with bottle openers on the bottom. These can scratch gelcoat, teak and tower legs.



- Unless you have spoken about it previously, assume the boat is no smoking. And leave the weed at home, Snoop Dogg.
- Be careful of new or old shoes. New shoes can bleed when wet. Old shoes can mark up the deck or track dirt aboard. Avoid black soled shoes, too.
- Leave wet shoes outside. Also, if your clothes are wet ask for a towel before sitting on the couch.
- Everybody gets excited when a fish is hooked up, but don't be more vocal than the captain.
- Varnish is expensive to repair. Even though it's a hardy vessel, it's a fragile environment. Beware of belt buckles, metal buttons on jeans and watch bands that might scratch varnish.

### **HEAD ETIQUETTE**

- If there's a lady on board, you can't go wrong by "heading" inside.
- Courtesy flush please. But don't put anything else in the toilet. If you have a question, ask the mate. It's also a good idea to make sure you know how to operate the flush mechanism.

- Don't leave open containers, beverages or knives on the counter while underway.
- After using the sink, be sure to turn the water all the way off.
- Fried chicken crumbs will leave spots on the teak deck. If you spill them, hose them off.
- Your momma doesn't work here, so please don't leave anything in the sink.

### **DON'T BE A LIABILITY**

- If you have allergies, let someone know. If your allergy is severe, bring your EpiPen and tell the crew where to find it if needed.
- Inform the captain and crew of any medical conditions before you're 50 miles offshore. If you have special medicine that you need or a situation that could arise (heart problems, diabetes, asthma), let someone know. Medications can react with dehydration from seasickness and create big problems.
- Try not to show up to the dock like Keith Richards after a four-day bender. Please be respectful to those you will be fishing with. Have the courtesy not to arrive hungover or under the influence.







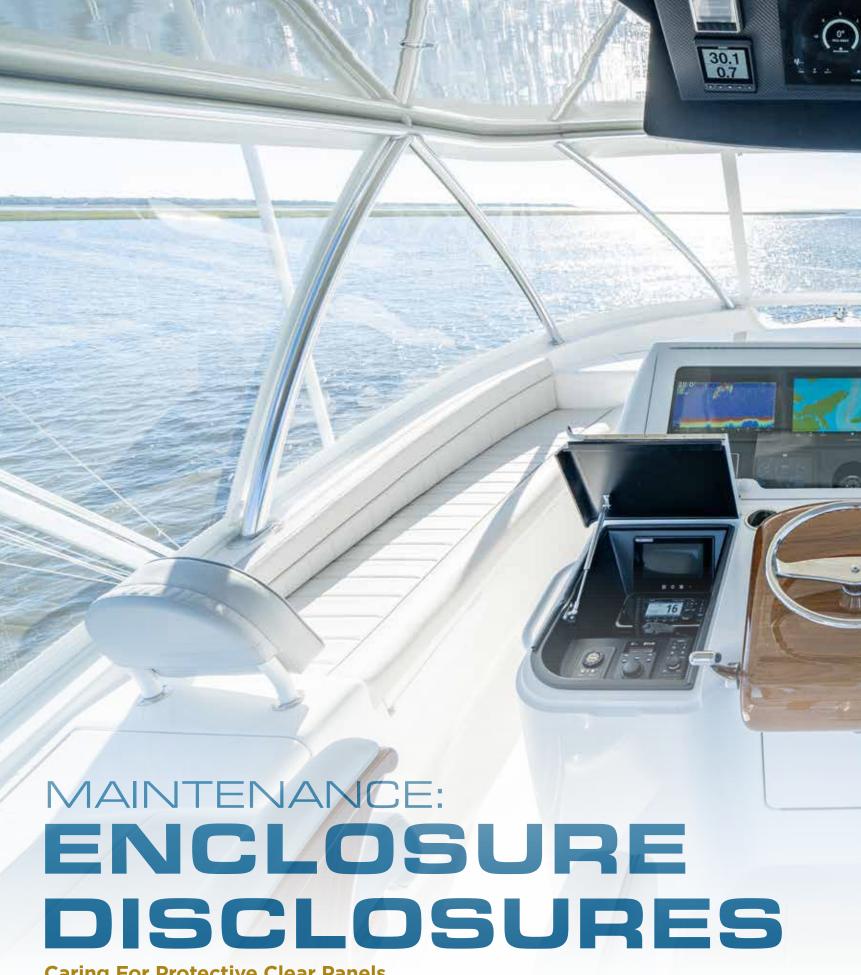
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The most common enclosure material is provided by the longtime Viking and Valhalla vendor Costa Marine. Costa Clear rigid acrylic panels are used for all enclosures on factory-delivered Viking sportfish boats and Valhalla center consoles.

Costa Marine also uses Strataglass, a supple clear vinyl, in some applications because the

wing spray panels on Valhallas, as well as the aft portions of Viking flybridge enclosures. The single-panel removable windscreens on Valhallas from 28 to 41 feet are also Costa products. Daily care and routine maintenance vary depending upon the material, but in either case the due diligence is well worth the effort.

When washing the boat always start at the top and work your way down from the tower or hardtop. This way when you clean the enclosure, you avoid spreading any debris washed from above. Use a dedicated cotton mitt and a separate bucket of suds made with a mild, phosphate-free soap for the clear panels and rinse thoroughly with a soft spray from the hose. A hard stream could

Flush the zippers with plenty of water to release any salt that accumulates in the teeth and tape material. Occasionally work the zippers to keep them free. When you are done soaping and rinsing stow the mitt in a separate bucket and kept it specifically for the enclosure. Dry the enclosure with a clean chamois or wiper blade and keep these items with the mitt. Occasionally toss the mitt and the chamois in the washing machine with a mild detergent to keep them clean and grime free.

In addition to regular washings after each day of fishing or cruising, enclosures also benefit from regular maintenance







to preserve clarity, as well as to address fine scratches or other imperfections acquired over time and use. Costa Marine recommends a monthly polish of the enclosure with Costa Clear Cleaner and Polish. The product will clean the clear acrylic and provide a protective coating. Simply spray and spread evenly with a clean, soft cotton or a microfiber cloth and then buff with another lint-free cloth: The result is a pleasing finish that restores the enclosure's appearance to near new.

For a longer-lasting finish, wax the acrylic with Collinite Insulator Wax No. 845. "Apply the wax to freshly cleaned panels one panel at a time, allow it to dry to a haze and then buff off," says Chris Costa, President and Owner of Costa Marine. "This should be done when panels are in the shade. The Insulator Wax is a pure wax with no

cleaners – so make sure panels are clean before applying. Products like Rain-X are not recommended."

According to Chris, the highest level of protection is a ceramic coating, applied by a professional, that provides water shedding and beading for longer periods.

If you encounter minor scratches, Chris recommends NOVUS 2 Fine Scratch Remover – simply apply in a circular motion and buff off. For heavier scratches, use NOVUS 3 Heavy Scratch Remover. Apply with back-and-forth strokes at a right angle to the scratch(es). Follow up with an application of NOVUS 2 in a circular motion.

"The NOVUS products are effective for clear rigid acrylic panels, but DO NOT use them for other surfaces, such as countertops or varnished wood surfaces – this can result in the creation of scratches," says Chris. "That is not their intended application."

Clear vinyl enclosures come in uncoated grades of thickness with heavier grades being sturdier for faster boats and providing better clarity than thinner options. Strataglass has a scratch-resistant coating enhancing longevity and visibility. However, to protect this coating, the manufacturer insists users employ specific IMAR products for cleaning and polishing to preserve and protect the effectiveness and life of its scratch resistant coating. Thus, Strataglass should never be cleaned or maintained with Windex, Simple Green, OrPine, Rain-X, Pledge, Plexus or automotive cleaners or waxes. As with most marine related maintenance items, read the label on the container before buying and test in an inconspicuous area before using.



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# **FACETIME**

At the Viking Marine Group we have a tremendous team of leaders and we see and hear about them frequently in the pages of this magazine. In this installment of Facetime let's meet the lesser-seen go-to team that makes it happen behind the scenes.



JERRY STRAUB JR.
VIKING YACHT COMPANY
VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE
OCTOBER 9, 2000

The Finance Department in New Gretna not only runs the numbers at the Viking Yacht Company but supports the entire Viking Marine Group. "Some days it can lead to a lot of emails, phone calls and swapping hats," says Jerry. "My main objective is to manage the monthly, quarterly and annual financial reporting for our banks and management."

When asked how it is working with Viking CFO John Kasinski, Jerry says "JK and I have known each other since high school which made the transition of working together easy. Our relationship is comfortable enough that we bounce issues and topics off each other and know we are going to get an honest answer. On the other hand, he developed and encouraged me to manage our financial group on a day-to-day basis. And he trusts me a 100% to make the proper decisions."

"Then there's my father, Jerry Sr. He was a 40-year Viking vet who warrants plenty of respect. He showed me how much you can accomplish with hard work and dedication. I still go to him for guidance and advice."

Outside the office Jerry is a big sports fan – especially for any team starting with Philadelphia or Notre Dame. And even with a wife, four children and a grandchild he still finds time for trips to Ocean City, New Jersey, golfing and sipping on suds at local breweries.



DAN MUELLER

VIKING YACHT SERVICE CENTER

GENERAL MANAGER

NOVEMBER 10, 2014

Dan, a very proud member of the Viking Yacht Service Center (VYSC), is the right hand to Ray Connolly, Director of Customer Service. He starts his day reviewing emails and prioritizing a to-do list before jumping into meetings with the VYSC team, customers and vendors. "There's a lot of communication and organization," says Dan.

"Our environment is collaborative and supportive which allows us to align our goals and projects. We value each other's input which results in a strong sense of synergy. It's a partnership where Ray and I both contribute to each other's successes."

"Ray always takes time to share his knowledge and insights, helping me see different perspectives. And showing me the importance of teamwork and a positive attitude. I also depend on the Boat Whisperer – Don Gemmell. His decades of experience and knowledge is so impressive."

But before the work day begins, Dan has already put in a round at the gym, and at the end of the day he's working on his classic Chevelle. On weekends if he's not with his family (including two daughters – one an outdoors enthusiast, the other a fitness buff) he's coaching the Special Olympics soccer team in Palm Beach County. "I have a big heart when it comes to helping the community."



VIKING YACHT COMPANY
PRODUCTION MANAGER
MAY 19, 2003

So, what's it like working with the Vice President of Manufacturing Al Uhl? "Crazy!" says Jim McLaughlin, laughing. "But seriously, we work great together and are in constant communication whether we are directly involved or not. We need to have a good information flow so we stay on the same page to achieve success."

"Al consistently guides me. He shares his knowledge and experiences as he has grown through the company and gives me tips and suggestions when he feels it's necessary. He has always preached to sticking to the production schedule – finish the work in your stage and adhere to the build process."

Jim's day starts with an early morning call from Al then hitting send and reply a few times before moving out to the production lines. "Once I survey the lines and create a game plan, I start jumping on boats. I offer solutions to challenges, make decisions or run down information," says Jim. "And I'm always observing as I move around the plant. It's very busy, we have a lot going on every minute of every day. There's always something to do, something to look at, something to get and someone to talk to. I usually don't stay in one place very long unless there's something that needs more of my attention. And that's what I really enjoy, being involved with different aspects of production and connecting with other departments."

But Jim isn't just involved with moving parts in New Gretna. After multiple years on the sidelines of high school and college baseball with his wife, he is wrapping up home projects or out with friends at the beach or exploring new places. "Life goes by fast, you have to have fun with it," says Jim.



BILL CUNANE

ATLANTIC MARINE ELECTRONICS

QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER

JUNE 20, 2016

"Todd Tally, our General Manager, and I have a great relationship built upon trust, mutual respect and genuine friendship that we have developed over the years," says Bill. "We collaborate on varying perspectives before making crucial decisions. And Todd has been great at encouraging me, and the whole team, to maintain our position as industry leaders through knowledge and determination."

Bill is a busy guy, regularly spending time at any of the six Atlantic Marine Electronics (AME) locations. When back in his homebase office in Wanchese, North Carolina, he is focused on growing the newest AME location. "I'm working to develop that site and establish relationships with the local boating and fishing communities. The Outer Banks region is a unique area built on a rich history of local boatbuilding and charter boats that go back generations. We enjoy being welcomed and working with new customers."

He points out that although he might be Todd's go-to he depends on the AME team. "I certainly don't have all the answers and am sure glad the AME team answers the phone when I call!" says Bill, laughing. For technical questions he calls John Christie or Andrew Lafferty for things like autopilots or chartplotters. When it comes to building a package Chad Clarke and Steve Lange are on the other end of the phone. "We've all worked together a long time and have a vast amount of experience collectively."

But the two people on speed dial? His daughters Brooke and Cara. Both reside in Maryland and he's always willing to take a road trip to spend time with them.



PRINCESS YACHTS AMERICA
VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS
NOVEMBER 3, 2003

Ryan Fitchett met Tom Carroll Jr. shortly after moving to South Jersey to work for the Viking Marine Group. Back then Tom's dad was running the business, "but there was a group of us, including me and Tom Jr., that were all at a similar age and stage in life," says Ryan. Being new to the area, I probably wouldn't have lasted the winter if it wasn't for Tom taking me under his wing and making me feel welcomed. Our working relationship is built on this early foundation and growing up in the same business together."

Tom Jr. now works from the West Palm Beach, Florida, office and is the President of Princess Yachts America while Ryan is the Vice President of Sales based in New Gretna, New Jersey. "We talk multiple times a day," says Ryan. "Tom encourages me to foster strong relationships with our dealer network, reach out to our customers and not shy away from conflict."

"I never thought I'd be working 20-plus years for the same company, but I'm proud of being part of a team that has grown up in this business together," says Ryan. "We sell a lifestyle and delivering that lifestyle is a mission we all take seriously. Take our customer events as an example. In 2012 after a very difficult recession, we hosted our first Owners Holiday in Key West, Florida, with six Princess Yachts in attendance. Last year, we had over 50 Princess Yachts at Valentine's Resort & Marina in Harbour Island, Bahamas, followed by more than 40 Princess Yachts in Block Island, Rhode Island. Many of our customers are on their third or fourth Princess. We're growing a family of owners that trust us to deliver the yachting lifestyle that we can all be proud of."

Ryan also has his own family he is proud of. He's got a great wife who accepts his travel schedule along with two pre-teen daughters and a pair of dogs. As a former student-athlete he values an active lifestyle and even dusts off his road and mountain bikes during nice weather.



PALM BEACH TOWERS
SUPERVISOR
APRIL 25, 2005

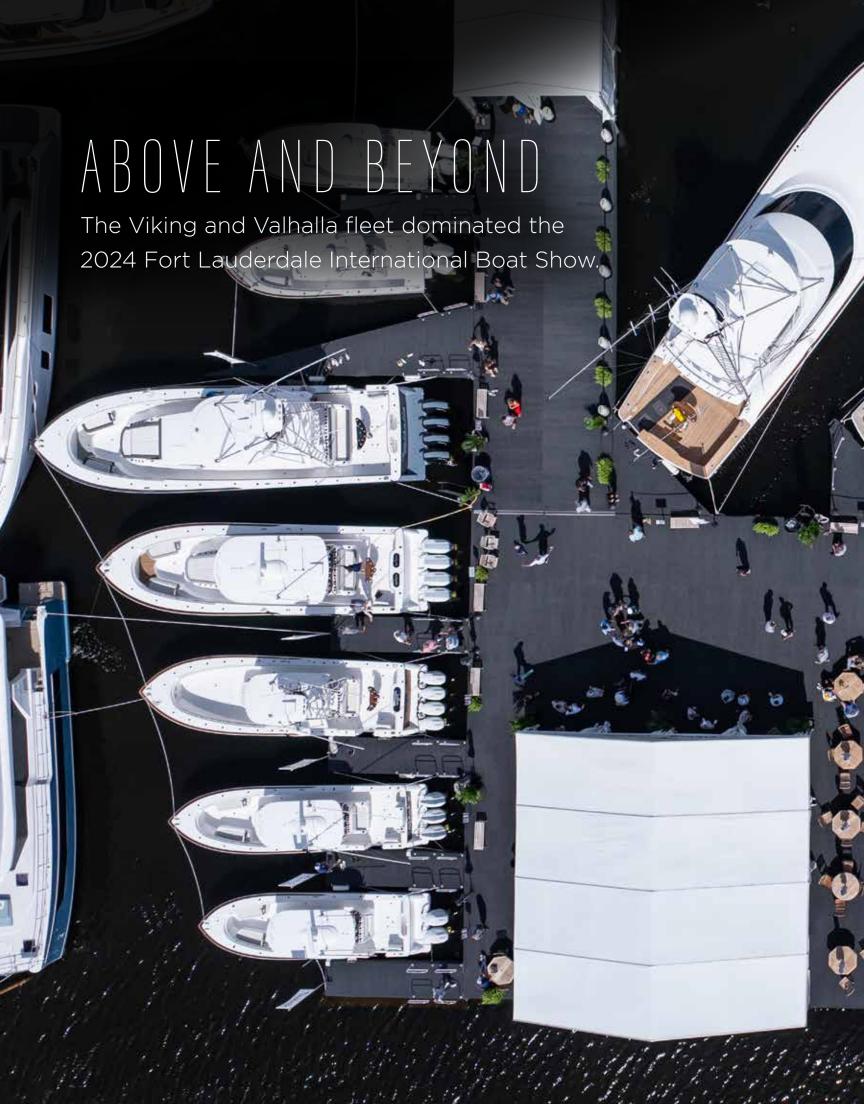
Palm Beach Towers General Manager Drew McDowell has eyes on the ground in New Jersey with Joe Glonek. Drew, based in the Riviera Beach, Florida, location trusts Joe to run the New Gretna, New Jersey, location "as it would be if Drew was here," says Joe. Two decades of working together develops that strong bond.

Every day starts with a strong coffee and a meeting with his team. "We map out the day and then get rolling," says Joe. "I'll touch base with my Production Coordinator Anthony Holloway and let him know if we need to collaborate with another department. For example, we may need Plant Engineering to assist with setting a tower with a crane. Then I head to the boats. I'm either fabricating, welding, helping my crew or answering questions. I'm not an office guy, I want to be in the shop or on a boat with the team."

"Drew has shown me high standards of integrity and quality, which we hold ourselves to," says Joe. "Viking is building the best boats in the world; our towers and components need to reflect that pinnacle. He also has shown me how to really look at what we are building, not just look, but to actually stand back and take in the aesthetics, to see the lines and angles and ensure that every boat is perfect. There's nothing better than to be on the docks and see our product standing out amongst the fleet."

Depending on the time of year you can find Joe chasing down anything from deer to fluke. "My latest hobby is long range rifle competitions, which I've been traveling for," says Joe. And given his eye for towers, we think he's got a good eye for that, too.









Viking Yachts and Valhalla Boatworks saw a parade of enthusiasts and a strong book of business at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS). The two brands sold a combined 20 boats. "We have the best product in the industry, and we truly appreciate the tremendous support and enthusiasm from everyone," said Viking President and CEO Pat Healey.

The Viking 74 and Viking 82 made their world premieres while the Valhalla Boatworks 28 Bay boat and 29 Hybrid center consoles had their first FLIBS debut. "This is a special year for Viking as we mark our 60th anniversary – and there's no better

way to keep the celebration going than by showcasing how we've been building a better boat every day," said Pat. "Our commitment to our mantra is stronger than ever."

Princess Yachts America, a sister company of Viking, had a six-yacht lineup on display, including the flagship of the Y Class, the Princess Y95, and the show premiere of the new Princess S65. Sales activity was strong with just over \$40 million in sales for yachts from 45 to 85 feet and plenty of interest in the recently announced Princess X90, as well as the soon to be premiered Princess F58.

But Viking grabbed headlines even before the show opened with the premiere of "The Viking Legacy," a 12-minute film by Dark Fall Productions that captures the power of Viking's passion for boatbuilding and fishing while recounting the rich history of Viking and the Healey family. The film was shown for the first time on the eve of the show during a cocktail reception for the Viking Marine Group's dealer network.

A press conference on the opening day of the show saw more than 60 journalists turning out to not only see the four new models but hear about Valhalla Boatworks' new 55 Sport Yacht, which will debut in late spring.

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The Viking Marine Group is ready to kick off the new year with a series of boat shows. First up is the Viking & Valhalla VIP Boat Show with the Viking Yacht Service Center hosting the event at the Riviera Beach location. This will also be the unveiling of the state-of-the-art Valhalla Boat Sales new Florida facility.

As a warmup to the Miami International Boat Show, the VIP showcases a fleet of Viking yachts and Valhalla center consoles during the two-day event. Over 50 of our preferred partners will be on hand to help with all your boating needs. And of course, the teams from Atlantic Marine Electronics, Palm Beach Towers and Princess Yachts America will be available.

Next up is the Miami International Boat Show at One Herald Plaza. Viking and Valhalla will have a shared display with the Princess Yachts America exhibit being just down the dock.

The Atlantic City Boat Show features a wide selection of boats, plenty of attractions and fun for all ages. Valhalla Yacht Sales, as well as a few of our authorized dealers will set up shop for the five-day run.

New this year, the Palm Beach International Show will open on Wednesday (not Thursday) and follow a five-day schedule. Apart from the stellar lineup of world-class boats, the Palm Beach show offers guests live music, activities and clinics.

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# Princess Yachts Reveals New Brand Positioning: Distinction in Detail

This past fall, Princess Yachts revealed a new brand positioning entitled 'Distinction in Detail' designed to highlight their dedication to meticulous craftsmanship and attention to detail, with the ultimate aim of creating outstanding luxury yachts that bring unforgettable cruising experiences to their customers. To ensure exceptional levels of quality, 80% of the components of every Princess yacht are manufactured on-site in their Plymouth yards, allowing for complete control of quality and the finest details. In many ways, this new brand positioning goes beyond a mere tagline to a reaffirmation of the true essence of the Princess brand.

Princess Yachts was founded in 1965 in Plymouth, on the edge of the English Channel where the company still has its home. Today, a highly skilled team of nearly 3,000 people work across multiple sites to produce some of the world's finest yachts. As they approach their 60th anniversary, Distinction in Detail also reflects a determination to continue exceeding their own exacting standards for the next 60 years.

Unveiled at the Cannes Yachting Festival, the new positioning was revealed in a film that celebrates the skilled and varied work that goes into creating every Princess yacht. The film shows Princess employees from a wide range of specialties at work, from designers, composite specialists, laminators and wiring loomers to metalworkers, carpenters and assemblers, as well the people who test the finished yachts at sea as part of the meticulous inspection process.

"It's our people who make our yachts so special," says Simon Clare, Executive Director Brand & Marketing. "So, it made complete sense to put them and the incredible work they do, at the heart of our new campaign. Distinction in Detail reminds us that it takes exceptional skill, dedication and care to achieve the exacting standards we insist on at Princess, and the quality and attention to detail that the owners of our yachts expect."

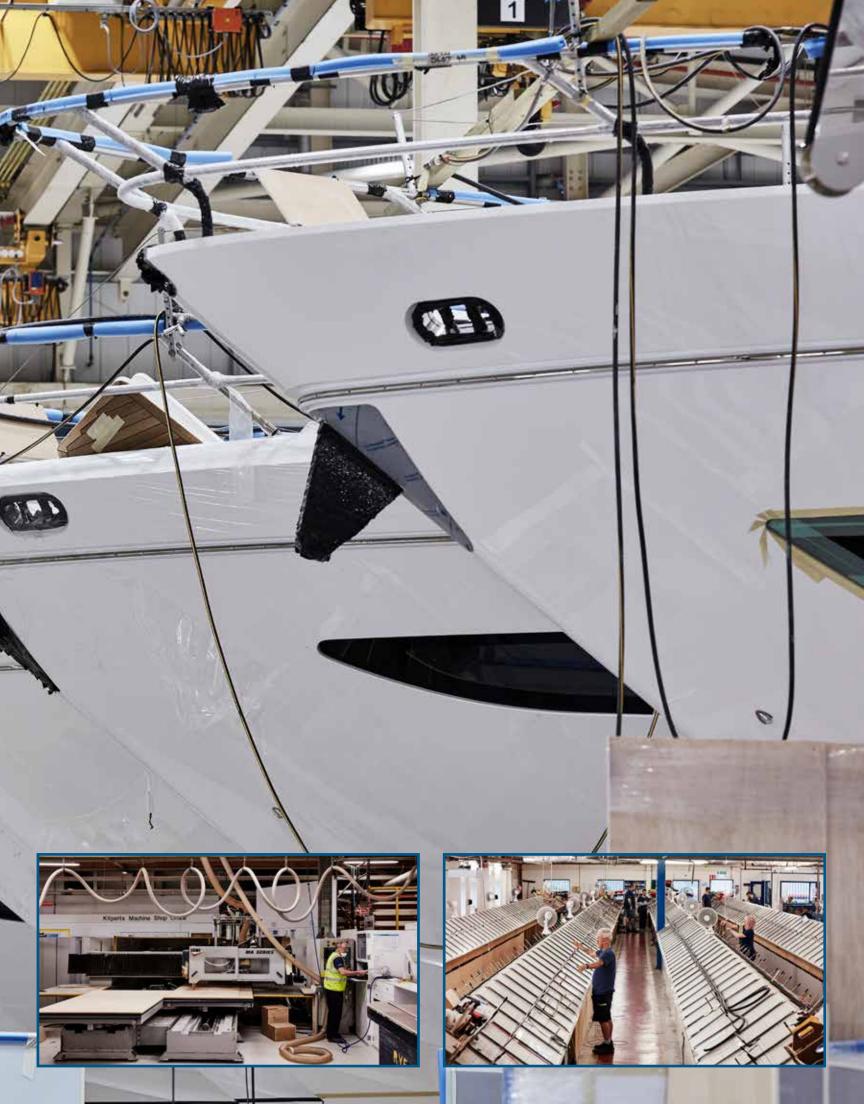
The new brand positioning is accompanied by a new advertising campaign that also celebrates the people behind the yachts. By showcasing Princess team members from the vast array of skill groups within the build process, it highlights the company's true point of difference and underlines the ethos of the brand.



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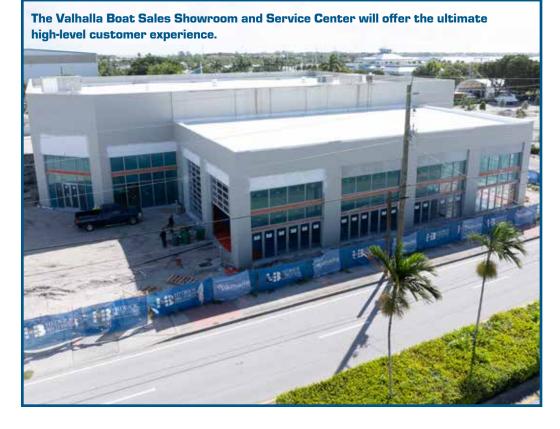
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The year of 2025 will be another memorable one for the Viking Marine Group (VMG). At the top of the highlight list: the grand opening during the Viking and Valhalla VIP Boat Show (Jan. 31-Feb. 1) of a new showroom and service center in Riviera Beach, Florida.

The Viking Marine Group reaffirms its commitment to investing in the future by opening the doors of the Valhalla Boat Sales Showroom and Service Center. Sitting on 2 acres, the two-story 30,000-square-foot facility – combined with the adjacent Viking Yacht Service Center (VYSC) – is one of the largest outboard boat sales and service centers in the country.

Immediately inland from the VYSC, the complex consists of two showrooms – one indoor and another indoor/outdoor – showcasing Valhalla Boatworks, Contender and Sportsman boats. The two showrooms

combined hold 30-plus boats (depending on size), with additional space for 12 more boats outside the main entrance.

"Valhalla Boat Sales is extremely excited to be moving into a complex that's designed to maximize our sales and service capabilities," says Ryan Higgins, General Manager of Valhalla Boat Sales (VBS). "We believe it will have an immediate impact and offers unlimited potential for growth."

The VBS Showroom and Service Center will provide customers with the ultimate ownership experience – from choosing options, accessories and color schemes to delivery and follow-up service and care.

Located at the northeast intersection of Broadway Ave. and East 15th St., the facility includes ample office space for sales, service and support staff; an enclosed service-bay area with five doors and an overhead crane; and a covered customer delivery area. The building is an appealing, modern structure with a glass façade on three sides to enhance the visibility of the boats inside.

The landscaping features expansive green spaces, and there is onsite parking as well as an adjacent 104-space fenced car lot to the south.

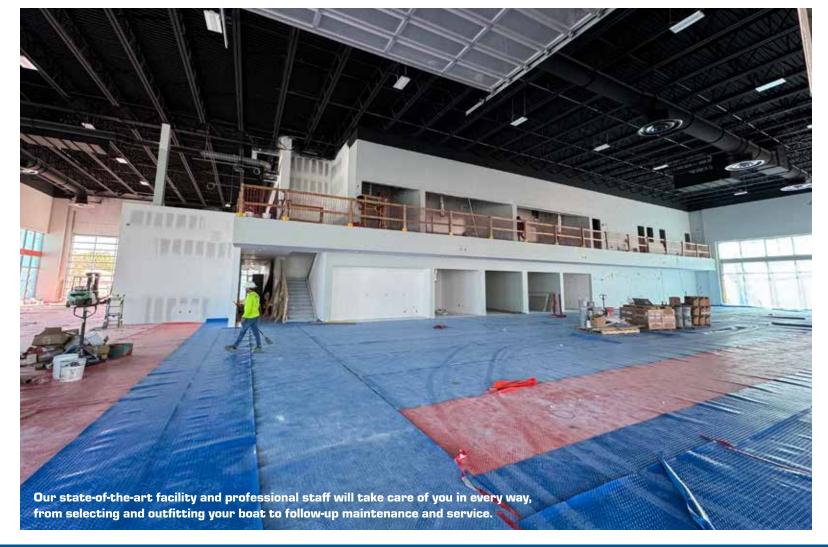
"This facility strengthens the marine industry in Palm Beach County while raising the area's overall value," says Pat.

In addition to facilitating new and brokerage yacht sales, the VBS complex will provide a wide range of services and maintenance to Valhalla, Contender and Sportsman owners as well as other production brands. VBS will continue to utilize the VYSC's in-water slips and boatyard equipment and machinery as needed.

The new facility's Parts Department will feature a 1,350-square-foot stockroom for the service operation, expediting turnaround time. Additionally, the new complex will have a physical parts counter for retail purchases to support the three brands. The Parts Department will be available via phone to ship items wherever customers need them.

With the expansion, VBS is growing its sales and service team and strengthening its presence in the brokerage sales market; therefore, it will have dedicated space to display brokerage and inventory boats. VBS, which is an authorized dealer of Mercury marine products and Yamaha Outboards, is hiring master technicians and brokerage sales specialists for this location. Send resumes directly to Florida Human Resources Manager Kim Lukich at Klukich@vikingyachts.com.

This will be the second showroom for Valhalla Boat Sales. The first, which opened in March 2023 in VBS' New Gretna, New Jersey, location, features a glass exterior with excellent visibility from Route 9 that showcases upwards of 20 boats. It also has office space, a customer meeting alcove and features an apparel and merchandise center – the Valhalla Pro Shop – with a variety of products representing the various VMG brands.



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## **FAST FACTS**

- North Atlantic right whales are an endangered species, with approximately 370 remaining. They are difficult to spot from a boat due to their dark bodies, lack of a dorsal fin and behavior that keeps them just below the surface. In southeastern waters, mother/calf pairs tend to spend more time at the surface.
- Last season, there were over 400 sightings of right whales in the Southeastern U.S., including 80 individual whales.
- Whales are constantly on the move during the winter and are often found near busy inlets and channels, and in water as shallow as 20 feet.
- If you spot a whale, use caution and keep your distance. You can report sightings to NOAA at (877) 942-5343 or inform the Coast Guard via channel 16.

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# SPEED LIMIT ALERT RAISING AWARENESS OF CURRENT SLOW ZONES

Viking continues to advise owners about existing 10-knot slow zones along the East Coast for boats 65' (LOA) and larger.

"These National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) restrictions have been in place since 2008, and many owners of larger recreational vessels have been unaware of them," says John DePersenaire, Viking's Director of Government Relations and Sustainability. "This is part of our ongoing effort to raise awareness to increase safety for both mariners and the endangered right whale. It's important for boat owners and captains to review the timing and location of the zones as they plan their trips."

A 10-knot limit went into effect Nov. 1 and continues to April 30 in six Seasonal Management Areas (SMAs) from Martha's Vineyard, MA, to just south of Savannah, GA. The Block Island (RI) SMA extends about 30 nautical miles (nm) off Block Island. Boundaries of the other five SMAs from New York to just south of Savannah extend about 20 nm offshore.

A 10-knot SMA also went into effect Nov. 15 and continues to April 15 from Sapelo Island, GA, to Saint Augustine, FL, extending about 30 nm. Distances in the maps here reflect typical range from shoreline to farthest eastern boundary of each SMA. Distances may vary slightly depending on specific points on the coast.

Three additional Northeast SMAs take effect in the early part of the year. The restriction is in place from Jan. 1 to May 15 in all waters of Cape Cod Bay, extending north to Scituate, MA, and just northwest of Provincetown, MA (the tip of the cape). The Race Point SMA extends approximately

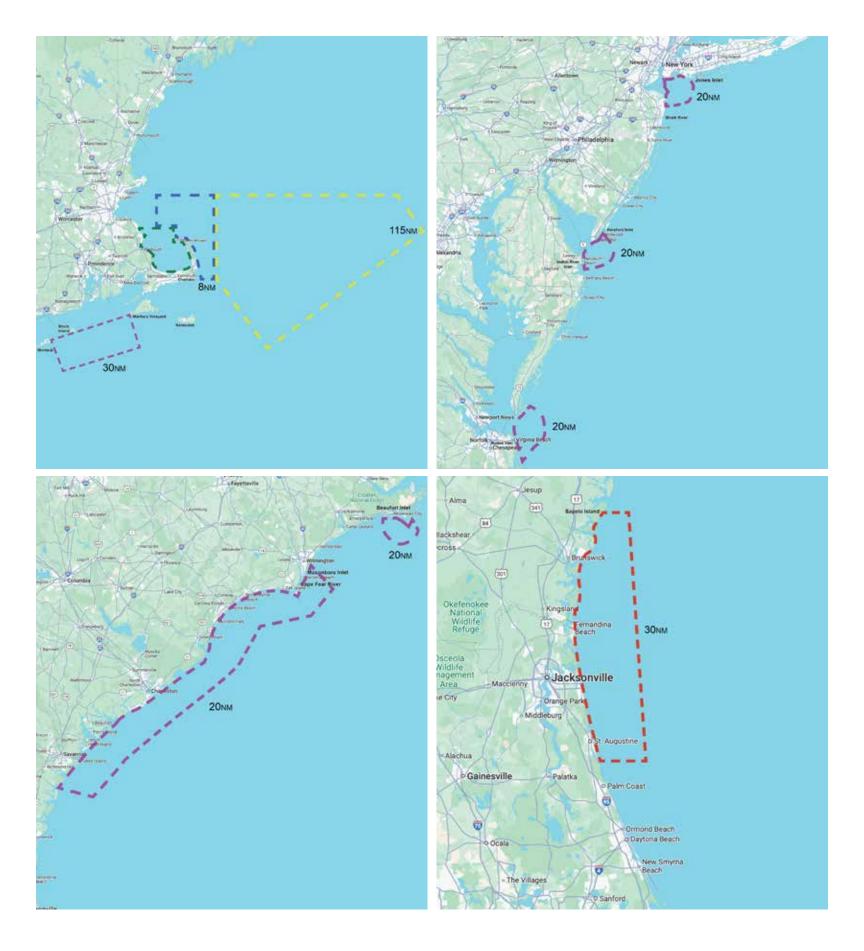
8 nautical miles to the east and 25 nautical miles to the north of Cape Cod. The Great South Channel SMA begins offshore, about 8 nautical miles east of Cape Cod and extends eastward 115 nautical miles at its widest point.

NOAA says it has stepped up its enforcement of the existing speed rules. Utilizing thermal cameras and radar can be helpful in spotting right whales. You can update your charts for SMA data and get more information from NOAA by utilizing the QR codes.

NOAA has sought to broaden the 10-knot restriction to boats 35' (LOA) and larger and expand the zones as far out as 90 nm. The regulation changes, which would have devastating effects on the marine industry, may have been shelved due to the incoming administration. Viking will continue to develop technology-driven solutions to increase whale detection, tracking, communication and predictive modeling. "If this proposed rule is revisited we will be ready to demonstrate that mariner and whale safety can be achieved through technology for certain classes of vessels, including recreational boats."

To that end, Viking in 2022 founded the Whale and Vessel Safety (WAVS) Taskforce. It consists of diverse stakeholders collaborating to enhance marine ecosystems' sustainability through innovative technology.

"We are committed to bridging the gaps between reliable data, monitoring equipment and vessel operators to ensure the safety of marine mammals, particularly the North Atlantic Right Whales (NARW)," says John, chairman of the task force.



### **BOATS 65 FEET (LOA) AND LARGER 10-KNOT LIMIT**

**CURRENT SEASONAL MANAGEMENT AREAS** 

- **Block Island to Georgia (Nov 1 Apr 30)**
- -- Race Point (Mar 1 Apr 30)
- --- Great South Channel (Apr 1 Jul 31)
- **---** Southeast (Nov 15 Apr 15)

These distances reflect the typical range from the shoreline to the farthest eastern boundary of each seasonal management area. The distances may vary slightly depending on specific points along the coast.



The devastating effects of lightning strikes continue to drive up the number of claims and the cost of insurance deductibles for mariners. Damages can be severe, taking vessels off the water for extended periods while crew, maintenance and dockage costs accrue.

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# OWNER OF INTEREST: **QUICK RAISE**THREE-GENERATION FISHING TRIP

ur friends at HMY Yacht Sales recently caught up with captain Anthony Pennella on the Viking 72 *Quick Raise.* He relayed a fun family fishing trip they experienced.

A thousand fathoms behind Tom's Canyon (100 miles east of Atlantic City,

New Jersey), *Quick Raise* experienced a block-buster day in July 2024. Captain Anthony's 5-year-old son joined (after helping to rig baits the previous day) the boat for his first offshore trip. *Quick Raise* owner Joe Bernert treats his captain and crew like family so he graciously welcomed

not just the captain's son but also his father, creating a special moment with three generations on the boat. The conditions couldn't have been more perfect for such an occasion, flat calm seas and beautiful weather, making the day unforgettable even if they didn't see a fish all day!







They targeted white marlin, but the morning started off slow. However, a fleet of five Cape May, New Jersey-based boats, including the Viking 68 *Oil Slick*, were nearby and working together. Suddenly *Quick* Raise got lucky. They found the fish and things "quickly" turned around.

The day turned out to be epic with 13 white marlin releases. Out of 29 white marlin spotted, they had 23 bites, going 13 for 23. At one wild moment they had a triple header — with two more spotted behind the boat. They quickly pitched and managed to hook all five, making it a day full of excitement and teamwork on the water.

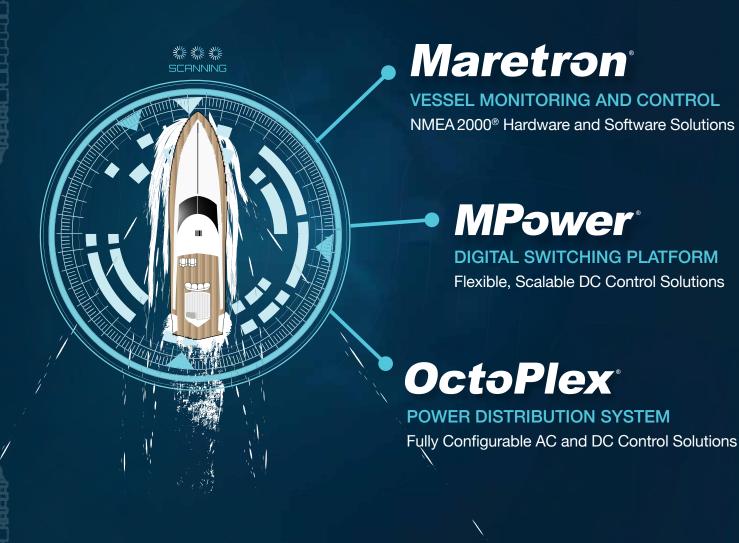
Joe was thrilled about the day and Anthony's son did great. He got to experience firsthand what his dad does and even got to crank on a white.

Anthony said the 72 is a fast boat that cruises at 40 knots so it gets you to the fishing grounds quickly, and then back to the dock while keeping everyone comfortable in between.

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# VENDOR PROFILE SEAKEPER





The advancements in the sportfishing yacht segment have been significant over the past 15 years, and Viking has been the catalyst for much of that innovation. The development, implementation and growth of Seakeeper gyro stabilization serves as one of the best examples of this impact.

"For us, Viking's mantra of building a better boat every day translates to providing our customers with a better boating experience every day," says Seakeeper Inc. President and CEO Andrew Semprevivo. "I think Viking customers really pushed us to continue to evolve the product and continually increase our performance."

Nearly every Viking yacht and upwards of 90 percent of Valhalla center consoles from 29 to 55 feet are delivered with Seakeepers. The company was founded in 2002 by marine industry veterans Shep McKenney and John Adams in a small garage in Solomons Island, Maryland. Only two years after the company launched its first product in 2008, Shep was confident Seakeeper would succeed.

"No boat will be a modern boat without a gyro because no boat that rolls can be as attractive as one that doesn't," Shep told *Soundings Trade Only* in a 2010 article when the company had fewer than 200 units in operation.

The company now offers a dozen different Seakeepers for vessels from 23 to 110 feet and has 30,000 units in operation. "Viking is our only customer that uses every single Seakeeper model," says Andrew. "From the Seakeeper 1, which is used in the Valhalla 29 Hybrid, to the new Seakeeper 40 that's installed in the larger Vikings such as the new 74 and 82 as well as the 90."

Seakeeper has more than 300 employees in four different locations, with its headquarters for gyro Research and Development (R&D) and manufacturing – a 250,000-square-foot facility – in Leesport, Pennsylvania. Other locations include a training center in Tampa, Florida, and a sales, service and training facility in Italy. Seakeeper also recently launched a second brand called Seakeeper Ride, a Vessel Attitude Control System for "complete underway stabilization" in planing boats up to 42 feet.

### GYROSCOPE TECHNOLOGY

A Seakeeper is a computer-controlled gyroscope that reduces vessel roll and pitch by up to 95 percent. This boat-control technology helps reduce fatigue, anxiety and seasickness. Inside a vacuum-encapsulated sphere, a flywheel spins at speeds of up to 9,750 rpm. When the boat rolls, the sphere tilts fore and aft (precesses), producing a powerful gyroscopic force to port and starboard that counteracts the vessel's motion. "The idea behind Seakeeper was – and still is – to transform boating for everyone," says Andrew. "The product not only allows people to enjoy boating more, but it also gets more people into boating and keeps them boating."

A Viking 43 with a Seakeeper M7000 served as the company's first testing platform in 2006. Seakeeper commercialized in 2008. Growth was slow at the onset, in part due to the recession. The company survived, began to thrive and has never looked back. Andrew, who actually worked for Viking as the International Sales Manager prior to joining Seakeeper in 2008, says his experience with Viking was instrumental in his leadership to help grow the company. "I took that 'building a better boat every day' mentality with me to Seakeeper," he says. "We are dedicated to continual product improvement."

Viking Purchasing Department Manager Rick Carroll, who has been with Viking since 1998, can attest to Andrew's positive influence. "The relationship with Andrew helped grow our partnership with Seakeeper quicker and to a greater extent," he says. "His knowledge of Viking, our service expectations and overall philosophy has helped tremendously."

Andrew says a large part of product improvement involves delivering more performance in the same amount of space without adding weight or power requirements. Seakeeper has made great strides in this area, increasing it roll reduction from about 55 to 60 percent to over 90 percent. "A lot of that higher performance," says Andrew, "was driven by Viking customers saying, 'I want more, I want better.'"









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Above: the Seakeeper manufacturing and testing facility in Leesport, Pennsylvania. Below: Seakeeper offers a dozen gyro models. Opposite page (clockwise from left): Installing a 40 in an 82; direct accessibility under the cockpit sole; Viking's Seakeeper expert Yasser Hassen.



#### **ALWAYS INNOVATING**

Seakeeper, like Viking, also believes in pushing innovation – and doing so through in-house engineering and product development. "We really want to own, develop and manage as much of the hardware and software as possible," says Andrew.

To that end, Seakeeper has a dedicated R&D Department that is separate from the rest of the Leesport facility. "We have our own tilt tables for testing product," he says. "We have our own machine shop so we can build an entire gyro from a solid piece of metal, which allows us to iterate prototypes faster, and bring product to market faster." Sound familiar? Viking's technology, specifically its five-axis CNC routers, enables it to develop two to three new models per year.

"I laugh when companies say, 'We're not sure what we're going to do next,' " says Andrew. "A lot of times these companies don't have ideas in the hopper. At Seakeeper, the challenge is choosing from hundreds of ideas in the hopper."

Another lesson learned through his experience at Viking: "You must do everything possible to continue innovating," he says. "You must always make sure you are

investing in product development and the future, even in lean or uncertain times." This belief led Seakeeper in 2021 to move into the Leesport facility. "During the supply chain crisis, we doubled production and never missed a customer shipment while moving into a new facility," Andrew says. "It was quite an accomplishment."

#### "YOU DRANK THEKOOL-AID"

There were skeptics of the gyroscope's application in the marine industry in the early years, including some at Viking. "It was 2008!" says Andrew. "But I had seen the prototype installation in the Viking 43, and the technology was going to be so impactful that I thought it was worth the risk."

The leadership at Viking started to become believers after a Seakeeper 21 was installed in a Viking 76 in 2010. The sea trial was one that Lonni Rutt and Bill Gibbons will never forget. "We were up in the sky bridge," says Lonni, the current Vice President of Design and Engineering. "We were in the ocean off Atlantic City in a good swell, rolling so much you had to hold on. We engaged the Seakeeper and the ocean laid right out. It was like night and day. Gibbs and I looked at each other and said, "This is a gamechanger."

"I came back after the sea trial and told anyone who would listen that if we built another big boat without one we were crazy," says Bill, who retired as Senior Project Engineer in 2022 after a 46-year career at Viking. "They said, 'Oh Gibbs you drank the Kool-Aid. How many free T-shirts did they give you?' But they weren't on that sea trial. I understood the technology and how it worked, but to me it's still like magic when you press that button."

Viking was the first boat manufacturer to engineer its boats to receive Seakeeper installations, with dedicated locations for accessibility; the 62 (2013) was the first Viking model designed for a Seakeeper. "The mounting location was integrated under the cockpit sole, and the model had stringer and fuel tank designs to optimize the Seakeeper," says Lonni. Re-engineering was done to incorporate Seakeepers (cockpit, tank and stringer modifications) in the existing models – the 66, 68, 70, 76 and 82. "People were willing to sacrifice fuel capacity in order to have the technology," says Lonni. "That says something."

#### RELIABILITY

Viking and its owners were always impressed with the technology. But there was a time when they called for better







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# INSTALLATION AND ACCESS

**Every Seakeeper installation** optimizes its performance, reliability and ease of access. All Seakeepers in current Vikings are installed under the cockpit sole and accessed through a single watertight hatch that's dogged down with compression latches. The hatch opening has deep gutters with overboard drainage, and the underside of the lid utilizes thick rubber gasketing that sits in recessed channels for maximize effectiveness. While a Seakeeper's reliability has improved greatly over the years, they still need to be maintained, including a good washing to remove salt and residue, and serviced periodically.

Says Viking President and CEO Pat Healey: "Our design and installation minimize saltwater intrusion and maximize accessibility. It also enables us to install the largest Seakeeper possible for that particular yacht, forgoing the need for multiple gyros. Removal/service of a Seakeeper in a Viking takes four hours. Boats with less-accessible installations may require spending close to 100 hours for removal/service."

The same installation and access concepts hold true in a Valhalla center console. The units have a dedicated engineered location just forward of the lazarette on centerline in Valhallas from 33 to 55 feet, mounted in the custom structural stringer grid.

Whether you're on a Viking or a Valhalla, it's an impressive sight when you open the hatch and see the Seakeeper and its expert installation and access.

reliability – and Seakeeper delivered. The company in 2017 re-engineered key aspects of the product to improve durability. "I remember the conversation well that I had with Pat – it was at the White Marlin Open," says Andrew. "I just took over as Chief Operating Officer and I had these grand plans for new product development, but after our talk I hit the brakes. We went back to the drawing board and doubled down on improving current product, and I think Viking will attest to those improvements."

Yet another area of influence from Viking that has helped Seakeeper is having a service presence on the tournament circuit. "We're standing by ready to service boats in or out of warranty to make sure we keep captains running boats," says Andrew. One of those people happened to be Michael Jordan. "At the White Marlin Open, he had a service issue and wouldn't fish without it, so we replaced his unit overnight, and he was off fishing the next morning." says Andrew.

"Every customer is important, but we were particularly proud of that job."

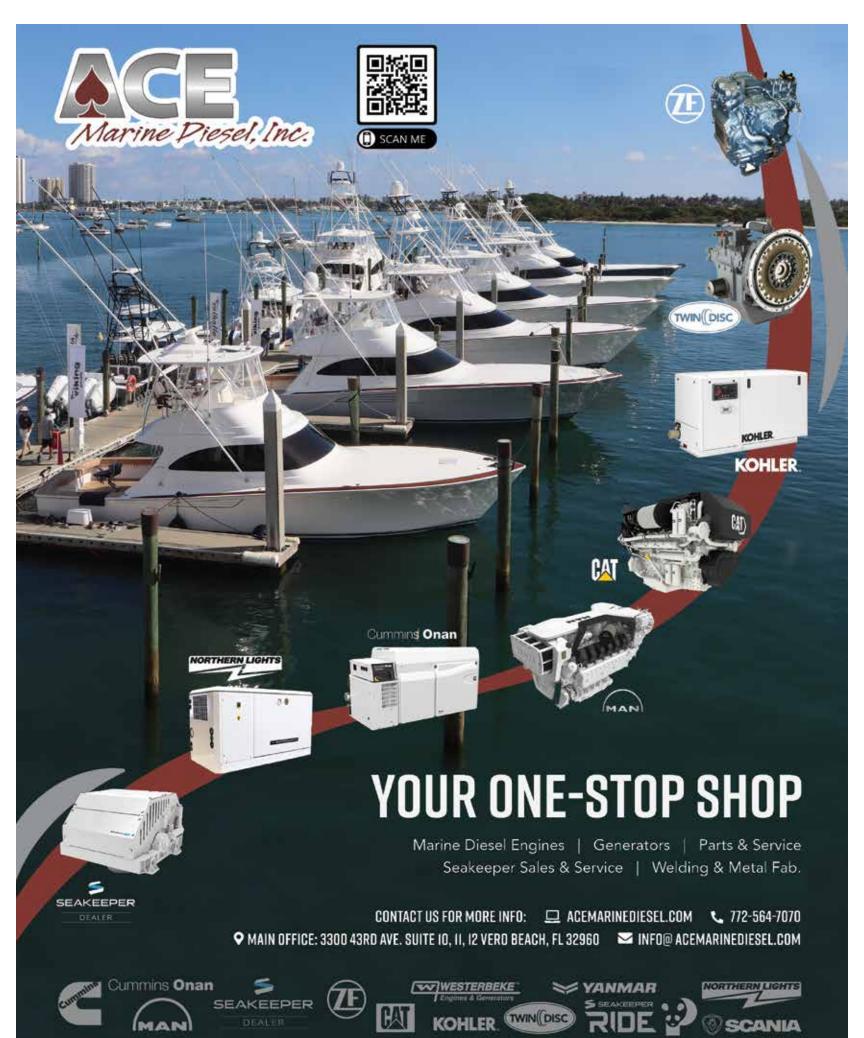
Seakeeper has always been impressed with Viking's commitment to engineer and design their boats for its gyro technology. In typical Viking fashion, "They said, 'If we're going to do this we're going to do it right,' " says Andrew. "The other unique factor about our partnership is it's more than just about selling new boats. Retrofitting and upgrading delivered boats through the Viking service facilities in New Jersey and Florida has been excellent."

Dan Mueller, General Manager of the Viking Yacht Service Center in Riviera Beach (one of the leading certified Seakeeper service and refit facilities), says they average about four refits and eight upgrades annually. "Seakeeper has been good to work with, making sure the customer's expectations are met. We have good communication, and they keep us informed about changes with their current lineup as well as new product."

### THE BOTTOM LINE

"The Viking Marine Group has been a great partner, helping us become a better business, and I think in return we've helped Viking provide a better customer experience with our product," says Andrew. "Ultimately what you want out of a partnership is trust, transparency and communication — and I think we have that with Viking. You could not ask for a better partnership."





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In addition to the in-store experience, the Viking Pro Shop has recently launched an online store. The online store features an extensive collection of apparel and accessories, including jackets, vests, sweatshirts, shirts, hats, buckets and branded YETI products. This new platform makes it easier than ever to bring Viking and Valhalla style into everyday life, whether on the water or onshore!

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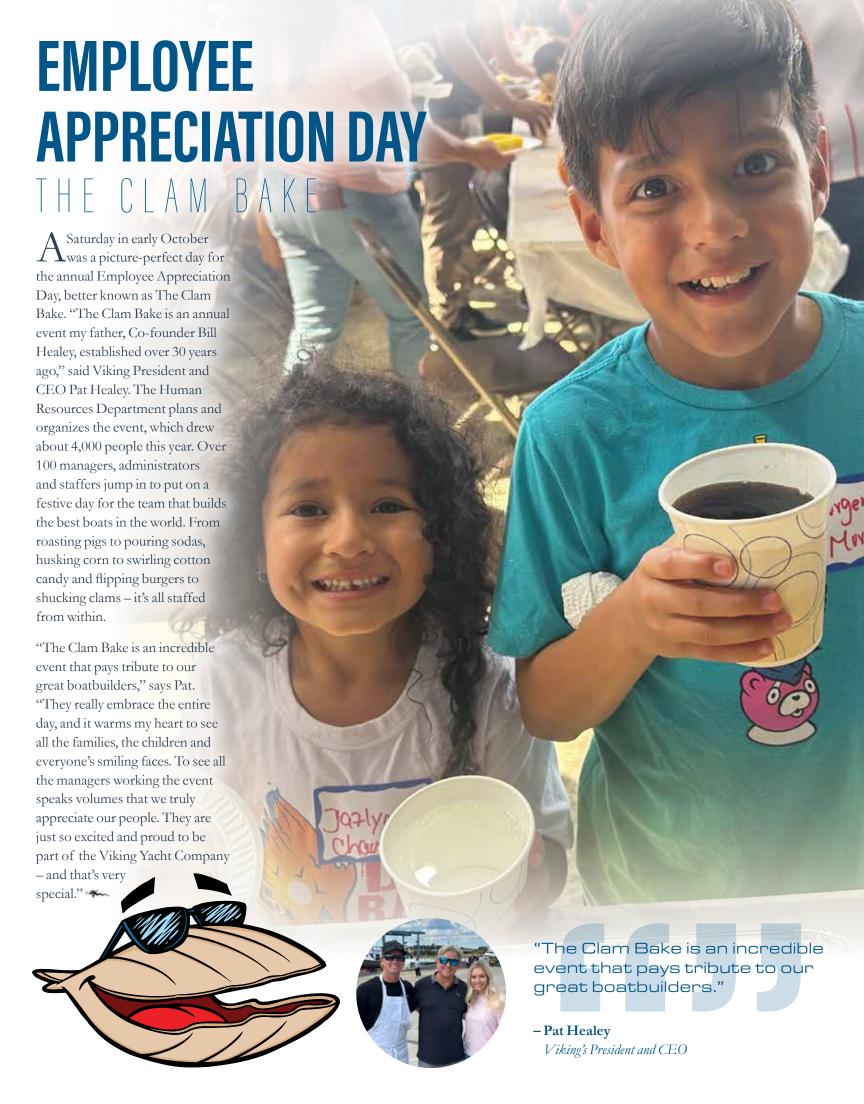
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#### **Hurricane Hole Louisiana Open**

Grande Isle, Louisiana – May 2 - 4, 2024

Jordan Womac weighed the Heaviest Blue Marlin at the inaugural Hurricane Hole Louisiana Open. Captain Jeremy Cox put Jordan, fishing on the Viking 72 *Lolita*, on the 704-pound fish that was 122" long with a 65" girth. *Rising Son's*, a Viking 58, claimed Top Release Boat with Jaselyn Berthelot's pair of blue marlin. With Jimmy "Cricket" Crochet behind the wheel, Jaselyn also weighed the Heaviest Tuna – a 71.5-pound yellowfin. *Blueprint*, a Viking 60, was the 3rd Place Release Boat with two blue marlin released by David Machado and Josh Covacevich. Robby Williams weighed the 2nd Place Tuna at 66.5 pounds. This tournament is part of the Sport Fishing Championship.





#### **Louisiana Gulf Coast Billfish Classic**

Grande Isle, Louisiana - May 2 - 4, 2024

The Louisiana Gulf Coast Billfish Classic kicked off the Gulf Coast tournament season in style – Vikings claimed the top three spots in the Billfish Boats division. First up was the Krake family's Viking 72 *Team Supreme*. Allen Krake released four blue marlin to win the category.

Second Place boat was *It Just Takes Time*, a Viking 80. Nick Pratt released two blue marlin while Leah Pratt released a blue and white, which awarded her Top Lady Angler and Top Junior Angler. *Miss Remy*, a Viking 64, was the 3rd Place Billfish Boat with Rene Cross' three blue marlin releases. Rene also weighed the Heaviest Tuna, a yellowfin at 200.6 pounds.

Vann Remero, fishing on the Viking 61 *Crawgator*, had the 2nd Heaviest Tuna with a yellowfin at 93.8 pounds. The Viking 60 *Devotion* claimed 3rd Heaviest Tuna with Brad Warren's 82.4-pound yellowfin.











#### **Marina Puerto Escondido Fishing Tournament**

Loreto, Baja California Sur, Mexico - May 18 - 19, 2024

Congratulations to the Viking 80 *Team Anaya* for their win at the 4th edition of the Marina Puerto Escondido Fishing Tournament. Captain Guillermo Bojorquez put Michael Lester on 21 billfish, while Joel Skerlong added one more for 22 total releases. *Prime Time*, a Viking 90, weighed the 2nd Heaviest Yellowtail with a 37.7-pounder caught by Randy Davis. The Viking 65 *Santana* weighed the 2nd Place Dorado at 28.3 pounds, caught by Alfredo Rodriguez. The fleet of 55 boats fished out of Baja California Sur, Mexico.



#### **Orange Beach Billfish Classic**

Orange Beach, Alabama - May 18 - 22, 2024

The 28th annual Orange Beach Billfish Classic got underway a little late this year due to weather. But that didn't stop the Viking fleet! Team Viking swept the Release division with the Krake family's Viking 72 *Team Supreme* in the top spot with four blue marlin and



a pair of white marlin. Second Place Release Team went to the Viking 70 Miss Ma'am with four blues, and 3rd Place based on time was the Viking 68 Briar Patch with four blue marlin. Briar Patch also weighed the 2nd Place Tuna with Jarrett Johnson's 508.2-pound fish. Rene Cross, fishing on the Viking 65 Miss Remy, hooked the 2nd Place Wahoo – a 28.6 pounder. Top Lady Angler was Jaselyn Berthelot on the Viking 58 Rising Son's.



#### **Gulf Coast Masters**

Orange Beach, Alabama - May 23 - 25, 2024

Captain Chad Linkous put Robert Burroughs on some fishy water to catch the 3rd Place Blue Marlin at the Gulf Coast Masters. Fishing off his Viking 70 *Quicktime*, Robert hooked the 111.5-inch blue that weighed 471 pounds. With captain Chase Lake at the helm, Alex Krake released four blue marlin off the Viking 72 *Team Supreme* for 3rd Place Release Boat. The 2nd Heaviest Tuna went to Rob Inabinet's 472.6-pound bluefin caught on the Viking 58 *Rising Son's*. Chris King, fishing on the Viking 64 *Easy Trigger*, weighed the 3rd Heaviest Wahoo at 42 pounds.









#### **Cajun Canyons Billfish Classic**

Venice, Louisiana - May 28 - June 2, 2024

Vikings went one, two and three at the Cajun Canyons Billfish Classic. *Briar Patch*, a Viking 68, walked off as Top Boat, Top Release Boat, 1st Place Lady Angler (Mary Katherine Adams), 1st Place Junior Angler (Brantley Adams) and Top Crew. With captain Corey Hurst behind the wheel, the team released seven blue marlin.

Taking 2nd Place Boat, Release Boat and Crew was the Krake family's Viking 72 *Team Supreme*. Captain Chase Lake got hot on the final day releasing three blue marlin and a white, bringing the team's total to seven blues and a white. Third Place Blue Marlin, Boat, Release Boat and Crew went to Nick Pratt and his Viking 80 *It Just Takes Time*. The team released four blue marlin and a white, and on the final day Nick boated a 591.9-pound blue.









#### Mississippi Gulf Coast Billfish Classic

Biloxi, Mississippi – June 3 - 9, 2024

Jon Gonsoulin and his team on the Viking 70 *Done Deal* added more hardware to the trophy case at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Billfish Classic. Captain Kevin Frelich put Andrew Woodruff on the 2nd Heaviest Blue Marlin. The fish weighed 527.5 pounds and was 110.75" x 60".

Third Place Release team was the Viking 72 *Metal Masher*. Brad Tinney and Baker Tinney each released a pair of blue marlin for the honor. The 2nd Heaviest Tuna registered 107.7 pounds and was caught by Clark Adams aboard the Viking 66 *Gunnslinger*. Jaselyn Berthelot, fishing on the Viking 58 *Rising Son's*, caught the 2nd Heaviest Dolphin at 21.3 pounds.









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# **BIGEYE** DAY

Frank Mazza, having just taken delivery of his second Viking 72, broke in the new *Tami Ann* on her first trip to the Canyons. The crew left Point Judith, Rhode Island, at 5:30am with some stars lighting the sky. They ran 90 miles out; lines were dropped in, and the reels started screaming. When the team pulled their lines, five nice bigeye tuna and a dozen yellowfin filled the boxes. And they were home by 4pm. Frank said, "It was a fantastic day, looking forward to fishing the boat in the upcoming tournaments."





#### **Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament**

Morehead City, North Carolina – June 10 - 15, 2024

The 66th annual Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament featured a record-breaking 302 boats competing for a staggering \$7.5 million. Bob Moss' Viking 72 *SandboB* prevailed in the Release Division with five blue marlin and a pair of whites. Chris Correia was at the helm while Chad Moss, Andy Moyes and Allen Winchei were on the rods.

Captain Mike Everly took the team on the Viking 92 *Speculator* to 2nd Place Release honors with five blue marlin. *High Cotton*, a Viking 92 with Blake Legge at the wheel, put Brant Williams on the 3rd Heaviest Wahoo – a 47.7-pound fish. Over the course of the six-day event, the fleet released 268 billfish: 196 blue marlin, 35 white marlin and 37 sailfish.



## **Emerald Coast Blue Marlin Classic**

Sandestin, Florida – June 19 - 23, 2024

Sporty weather altered the schedule for the Emerald Coast Blue Marlin Classic but not the spirit of the fleet fishing it. Sitting in the top spot was the Viking 56 *Just The Tip.* Captain Robby Rushing backed the boat into the weigh station and the 111-inch fish, hooked by angler/mate Paul McMullen, weighed 508.6 pounds and claimed Top Blue Marlin. Paul took Top Overall Angler for his catch. "The captain trusts me, and I trust him," said Paul. "It's tough, a lot of work, you just think about getting that fish to the boat." Fellow angler Jack Rushing weighed the 3rd Heaviest Dolphin at 20.3 pounds.

The Krake family's Viking 72 *Team Supreme* captured the Top Release Boat with seven blue marlin. Allen Krake Jr. hung the Heaviest Tuna at 213.6 pounds.

Shar-E, a Viking 72, flew four blue marlin flags as well as a white for 2nd Place Release Team. Sherry Polk received Top Release Angler and Top Lady Angler for three of those blues.

Top Dolphin, 28.8 pounds, was awarded to Devin Sarver fishing on the Viking 48 *GreSaMar. Bimini Babe*, a Viking 82, weighed the Top Wahoo with a 95.4-pound 'hoo caught by Ryan Doxey. Second Place Wahoo went to Collins Abrams on the Viking 64 *Easy Trigger* with a 77.4-pounder.











#### **Bay Point Billfish Open**

Panama City Beach, Florida – June 24 - 20, 2024

Despite sporty weather that delayed the start, *Wynsong* won the top honors with a 567.4-pound blue marlin at the Bay Point Billfish Open, held out of Panama City Beach, Florida. Reese Johnson hooked the 112-inch fish on the Viking 80 captained by Allen Staples. The Viking 60 *Jolene* secured 2nd Place Blue Marlin with Clay Adams' 514.6-pound fish. Kyle Smith, aboard the Viking 68 *Done Pickin*', came in 3rd Place with a 463.3-pound blue marlin.

The Release Division was dominated by the Viking 72 *Team Supreme* with Chase Lake

behind the wheel. Alex Krake released five blue marlin, a white marlin and a sailfish for the win. *Rising Son's*, a Viking 58, landed a 181.8-pound yellowfin, securing 1st Place in the Tuna Category. The Viking 60 *Devotion* weighed a 162.9-pound fish, which was good for 2nd Place Tuna. In the Wahoo Division, the Viking 56 *Hot Rod* was 2nd Place with West Rushton's 64.3-pounder, and the Viking 64 *Barefoot Drive* was 3rd with 45-pound 'hoo.

First Place Dolphin was awarded to the Viking 72 *Breathe Easy* for their 41.8-pound fish, and Hot Rod was 3rd with a 30-pound dolphin. Top Lady Angler was awarded to Jaselyn Berthelot of *Rising Son's* for her blue marlin release and 181.8-pound tuna. *Wynsong's* Allen Staples was the Top Captain. The event drew a record 80 boats with a 96% release rate.





# MANHATTAN CUP

# JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY JUNE 7, 2024

Through its non-profit, the **Fisheries Conservation Trust** (FCT), Viking was proud to support the 24th annual Manhattan Cup. More than 50 boats participated in the one-day event held out of Liberty Landing Marina in Jersey City, New Jersey. The all-release striped bass tournament gave about 40 veterans a chance to enjoy a day of fishing aboard donated boats run by volunteering captains. Two Vikings and a pair of Valhalla center consoles participated, including the 90 Checkmate and the Staten Island Yacht Sales demo boat, a 58 Convertible. "This tournament supports and pays tribute to the heroes of our nation's armed forces while also contributing to striped bass conservation efforts," said Viking's John DePersenaire, one of the event organizers and Managing Director of the FCT. "We thank our veterans and the many volunteers who made this happen."



#### **HMY Lowcountry Cup Billfish Tournament**

Mount Pleasant, South Carolina – July 3 - 6, 2024

Fished over the 4th of July weekend, the 2nd annual HMY Lowcountry Cup Billfishing Tournament, based out of Charleston, South Carolina, saw a handful of Vikings in the Winner's Circle. The Heaviest Wahoo was weighed by Adam Parrish, who also weighed the Heaviest Tuna, 21.7 pounds, and 17.9 pounds, respectively. He was fishing on Ed Parrish's Viking 50 *At Last*. The Top Lady Angler was Carson Smith who fished on Mark Smith's Viking 50 *Lady-S*. Fifteen-year-old Hunter Alex, fishing on his dad's Viking 46 Billfish *Can Do*, was the Top Junior Angler with a blue marlin and pair of sails. Tournament founder and HMY Sales Professional Tim Gredick said, "We had incredible fishing with 25 blues, a white and 113 sailfish released by 17 boats over three days." This was the fourth of five legs of the South Carolina Governor's Cup Billfishing Series.









#### The Gulf Cup Blue Marlin Shootout

Gulf Coast – July 4, 2024

Michael Butler's Viking 61 *Crawgator* won The Gulf Cup Blue Marlin Shootout. With captain Eric Chandler behind the wheel, the team boated a 535-pound blue on July 4th to claim the one-day winner-take-all prize. The fish was hooked after it ate a live bait and put up a 2.5-hour fight. It was 126 inches long (lower jaw to fork length) and had a 60-inch girth. Cypress Cove Marina in Louisiana recorded the official weight. "There were quite a few nice fish hooked," said Tournament Director Robert "Fly" Navarro. "It was a hot Independence Day!"



#### **The MidAtlantic Cup**

Southern New Jersey – July 4, 2024

The MidAtlantic Cup, a one-day winner-takes-all blue marlin tournament, saw Jim McCarthy's Viking 58 *Covert Mission* walk away with the check. Mike Thompson angled the fish which was 113 inches with a 56-inch girth. At the weigh station the blue registered 486 pounds. Held on the Fourth of July, weigh stations are manned from Manasquan Inlet, New Jersey, to Virginia Beach, Virginia.



#### Oak Bluffs Bluewater Classic

Cape Cod, Massachusetts – July 9 - 13, 2024

It was a one-two-three finish for Viking at the 11th annual Oak Bluffs Bluewater Classic out of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Taking the top spot in both Overall and Billfish Points was the Viking 55 *No Mercy*. The team released a blue and white marlin and weighed four tuna and a dolphin. They also took the 2nd Heaviest Tuna with a 173-pound big eye and 1st Place Dolphin for their 24-pound fish.



Second Place Overall was the Viking 58 *Oppor-Tuna-Ty*. Aptly named, the team weighed the Heaviest Tuna of the event, a 235-pound big eye. *The Hurricane*, a Viking 52, claimed 3rd Place Overall and 3rd Place Tuna with a 163-pounder. *Playing Hooky*, a Viking 38, was the 3rd Place Heaviest Tuna Small Boat with a 36-pound yellowfin.

The Junior Angler category was swept with John Clark on the Viking 58 Strictly Business in 1st, Liam Deane on the Viking 55 Lady Lisa in 2nd and Andrew Howarth rounding out 3rd on the Viking 61 Wheelin & Dealin. Karly O'Connor, fishing on the Viking 92 China Time, was the 2nd Place Lady Angler.

#### **Blue Marlin Grand Championship**

Orange Beach, Alabama - July 10 - 14, 2024

The only thing hotter than The Wharf's iconic flaming blue marlin was the bite! The Viking 70 Miss Ma'am was the first blue weighed, and the 650.4-pound fish held on to win what is dubbed the Greatest Show in Sportfishing. Chase Johnson was behind the wheel as Cooper Yancy reeled in the 123-inch fish. Briar Patch, a Viking 68, weighed the 3rd Place Blue Marlin with Mitchell Reilly's 577.6-pound fish.

Captain Chase Lake led *Team Supreme* to 2nd Place Release Team on the Krake family's Viking 72. Alex Krake released six blues while Allen Krake added another to the tally.



The Tuna Division saw a new Blue Marlin Grand Championship record caught by Jaselyn Berthelot on the Viking 58 *Rising Son's*. Her 197.8-pound yellowfin broke the record which was set earlier in the evening by Mike Roberto on the Viking 61 *Crawgator* by just 0.2 pounds. Mike's fish took 2nd Place, while Pickett Reese on the Viking 80 *Wynsong* weighed the 3rd Place Tuna at 177.6 pounds.

David Finklestein, fishing on the Viking 80 CE, hooked the 2nd Place Wahoo, a 38.8-pounder. Teddy Tinney was the Top Junior Angler with five blue marlin released on the Viking 72 Metal Masher. Sixty-six teams caught a Gulf of Mexico tournament record of 106 blue marlin – plus 14 whites and 12 sails for 132 billfish. This was the final leg of the Gulf Coast Triple Crown Championship four-tournament series.







#### **Gulf Coast Triple Crown Championship Series**

Orange Beach Alabama - July 14, 2024

The Krake family's Viking 72 *Team Supreme* won the Gulf Coast Triple Crown for the second consecutive year. With captain Chase Lake behind the wheel for the four-tournament series, the team released 21 blues and a white. Going into the final leg, the Blue Marlin Grand Championship, *Team Supreme* was in 2nd place in the series among the 66-boat fleet. The team knew it was a numbers game. So when they released their magic seventh blue, they secured enough points to take the crown, "it was pandemonium, my crew was fired up," said Chase. "We had seven blue marlin. I'm stuck at seven," Chase said, referring to six trips that tallied seven blues. "We actually let a kill-fish go. If we don't think it's going to be first place, we release it."

This win puts *Team Supreme* in a special circle with only three boats winning multiple titles and only one other doing it back-to-back. Jon Gonsoulin's Viking 70 *Done Deal* won the Triple Crown in 2012, 2013 and 2017. In addition to Chase, *Team Supreme* is comprised of mates Seth Brennan, James Arnold, Allen Krake and anglers Alex Krake,





Lisa Krake, Hunter Smith and Lennie Stephens. But don't think this crew is done yet. After logging 43 blue marlin this season, the team wants to see if they can release 100. Chase said the most anyone has caught in the Gulf of Mexico in a calendar year is 63. "It's possible, it could happen," he said. "We're going to try our best and blow the record out of the water!"

Galati Yacht Sales' Carmine Galati had this to say, "Team Supreme's back-to-back Triple Crown is beyond impressive. Their consistency among the very impressive competition makes a powerful statement. This accomplishment cannot be overstated. Proud and honored to work with Allen, Chase and their team. WOW!"

Sitting pretty in 3rd Place is the Viking 70 Miss Ma'am. The team had a solid season with a 2nd Place finish at the Orange Beach Billfish Classic, but Cooper Yancy sealed the deal at the Blue Marlin Grand Championship. With captain Chase Johnson at the helm, Cooper hooked a 123-inch fish on the first night of the tournament. The next morning at the scale the fish weighed 650.4 pounds. Enough to take Heaviest Blue Marlin for the tournament and clinch the 3rd place spot in the series.

#### **Belize Deep Sea Classic**

Ambergris Caye, Belize - July 11 - 14, 2024

Congratulations to the Viking 48 *Rumba* for their win at the Belize Deep Sea Classic fishing tournament. The team released four blue marlin to claim 1st Place Billfish Boat. *Rumba* also took 1st Place at the Utila Billfish Tournament in Honduras. "Team *Rumba* is thrilled with how much fish the Viking 48 raises," said Jorge Saca Bahia of Maspor Marine.





#### **Montauk Canyon Challenge**

Montauk, New York - July 12 - 20, 2024

SI Yachts, a Germain Company, hosted the 14th annual Montauk Canyon Challenge and saw a record 78 boats compete for nearly \$800,000. Sitting on the top of the leaderboard was the Viking 72 *Scylla* with the Heaviest Three Yellowfin (286.8 pounds combined) and also Most Billfish Points, with one blue and three white marlin. Third Place Heaviest Three Yellowfin was the Viking 52 *One More* with a total weight of 267.4 pounds.

Just one-pound separated 1st and 2nd Place in the Tuna Category! *Celtic Pride*, a Viking 50, weighed the Heaviest Yellowfin at 103.6 pounds. Second Place Yellowfin went to the Viking 61 *Miss Maggie* with a 102.6-pound fish. The Viking 55 *Kaos* weighed the Heaviest Albacore at 58.8 pounds. *Three G's*, a Viking 52, claimed 3rd Heaviest Albacore and 2nd Heaviest Trifecta (yellowfin, longfin and mahi.)

Heaviest Bluefin went to the Viking 72 *One Love* with their 49.6-pounder. Second Heaviest Bluefin was a 21.8-pound fish caught on the Viking 54 *Two Docks. Overtime*, a Viking 61, weighed the 2nd Heaviest Mahi at 21.4 pounds. *Outaline*, a Viking 43, was 3rd Place Billfish Points with a pair of white marlin. The Valhalla 55 *Hell in a Bucket* claimed 3rd Place Heaviest Yellowfin Outboard and 3rd Heaviest Mahi Outboard. First and 2nd Place Lady Angler went to Sara Horowitz and Madeline Harland, respectively – both fishing on the Viking 90 *Checkmate*. Sara also claimed Top Junior.













#### **Bermuda Triple Crown Series**

Bermuda – July 2024

The Viking 82 won the Bermuda Triple Crown Series in an impressive display of consistency in the three-tournament event. With captain Sean Dooley at the helm of the Viking 82 Convertible, the team got off to a strong start in the Bermuda Billfish Blast with mate Thomas Garmany weighing a 622-pound blue marlin. Pat Healey and Drew McDowell released a blue marlin and a white, respectively.

Leg 2, the Bermuda Big Game Classic, saw the team ramp it up with eight blue marlin releases and a 2nd Place finish. Pat released four blues, while Thomas added three and Don Gemmell recorded one.

Going into the final tournament of the series, the Sea Horse Anglers Club Billfish Tournament, the team rose to the occasion. Their six blue marlin releases gave them a 2nd Place finish (based on time) for the event and a 1st Place finish for the series. Chris Jessen released four blue marlin, and Drew McDowell added two in the series finale. "It was an incredible series," said Sean. "The team came together seamlessly, and we got it done!"

A fleet of 52 boats competed in the series. During the Championship's nine fishing days, the Viking 82 weighed one blue and released 15 blues and one white.



## **Atlantic City Quest for the Ring Championship Fishing Week**

Atlantic City, New Jersey - July 14 - 20, 2024

Krazy Salt's earned a spot in the coveted Ring of Honor at Jimmy Johnson's 4th annual Atlantic City Quest for the Ring Championship Fishing Week. Captain Keith Greenberg led the Anderson family's Viking 80 to an exceptional performance with a blue marlin release, 14 white marlin releases and a 19.9-pound dolphin. Congrats to the team on Top Boat and Top Release Boat.





Christian Sanchez, fishing on Shane Guidry's Viking 72 *Team Harvey*, weighed the Heaviest Blue Marlin at 649 pounds. "Nothing raises fish like a Viking Yacht!" said Shane. The Heaviest White Marlin was hooked on the Viking 68 *La Barca* and weighed 68 pounds. The 2nd Place White Marlin went to the Viking 55 *Irish Twin* with a 63-pound fish. *Business*, a Viking 68, claimed the 3rd Place White Marlin with a 57.3 pounder.

Lovin' Life, a Viking 62, claimed 3rd Place Boat as well as 3rd Place Release Boat. The team released a blue marlin, nine white marlin and weighed four dolphin. Angler Adriel Noriega took 2nd Place Dolphin with his 30-pound fish. Drawing more than 70 teams from around the country, the event featured a fillet station at the weigh station. Thousands of pounds of fresh fish were donated to the Atlantic City Boys and Girls Club.

#### **Tri-State Canyon Shootout**

Block Island, Rhode Island - July 22 - 25, 2024

Lady Lisa, a Viking 55, was the Top Boat at the Tri-State Canyon Shootout. Paul Maiuri released a blue marlin, Greg Adamovitch released a white, a pair of yellowfin and a dolphin. Liam Deane and Dan Syrilia each added a white marlin to the count. *Riptide*, a Viking 64, claimed 2nd Place Overall. Tom Ripley released a blue marlin, Billy Barroll released a white marlin and weighed a 28.4-pound yellowfin and Ezra Androus weighed the 2nd Largest Yellowfin at 106.6 pounds.



Joe Posillico on the Viking 72 *Torta* caught a 220.2-pound big eye to earn 2nd Largest Tuna. Peter Feld, on the Viking 58 *Blondie*, angled the Largest Mahi, a 26.4-pound fish. The 2nd Place Mahi was a 24.8 pounder caught by Joe Pannasch on the Viking 61 *Overtime*. Third Place Mahi went to Sam Alsop on the Viking 62 *Patriot* with his 22.6-pound catch.

The Largest Albacore was caught on the Viking 60 *Miss Behavin* by Sean Bennett and weighed 64 pounds. In 2nd Place was John Bauman's 59-pound albacore hooked on the Viking 52 *White Water*.

#### **Cape May Marlin Tournament**

Cape May, New Jersey – July 25 - 28, 2024

George Robinson's Viking 64 *Polarizer* was the Top Boat at the Cape May Marlin Tournament. With captain Bill Davis at the helm, Mike Fitzpatrick released four of their eight white marlin to take the Top Angler title. The Anderson family's Viking 80 *Krazy Salt's* finished in 3rd Place Overall, with Dan Pettit claiming 2nd Place Angler for his three white releases and Dave Anderson 3rd Place Angler for his blue and white.

Kathleen McHugh, fishing on the Viking 64 *Judge*, weighed the 2nd Heaviest Dolphin while Heather Jaworski was the Top Lady Angler with her white marlin release.





#### **Mobile Big Game Fishing Club Ladies Tournament**

Mobile, Alabama – July 26 - 28, 2024

Way to go Currie! Currie Cooper, fishing on her family's Viking 80 CE, weighed the Heaviest Blue Marlin (556.8 pounds) at the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club Ladies Tournament. The 2nd Heaviest Blue Marlin was hooked by Helen DeLaney fishing on the Viking 72 Yellow Steel.

Team Supreme, a Viking 72, continued their summer streak with five blue marlin, earning them Top Boat and Top Release Boat. The Viking 55 Best Trait claimed Third Place Boat and weighed the Heaviest Dolphin – Barbara Sanford's 19.5-pound fish. Breathe Easy, a Viking 72, was the 3rd Place Release Boat with two blues and a sail.

The Viking 62 *Da' Grits* kept the weigh station busy. They hooked the 2nd Place Tuna at 68.2 pounds as well as the 2nd and 3rd Place Wahoo and 2nd and 3rd Place Dolphin. Their lady anglers bringing meat to the scale were Maria Natal, Carley Dubuisson, Angel Scott and Rae Moon. Ashley Boothe, fishing on the Viking Block Time, weighed the 3rd Place Tuna at 60.6 pounds. Ann Margaret Boothe was the Top Junior Angler with her first blue marlin release. It was a 40-minute fight that Ann Margaret said, "...was really hard. I was sweating!"











#### **White Marlin Open**

Ocean City, Maryland - August 5 - 10, 2024

The "world's largest and richest billfish tournament" lived up to its motto with 318 battlewagons looking for a piece of the \$8.59 million purse at the White Marlin Open. *Stone Cutter*, Paul Menzi's Viking 55, earned a six-figure check with the Heaviest Blue Marlin. Lance Blakemore fought his blue for more than two hours before landing an 897.5-pound fish – the 4th heaviest in tournament history.

Jeff Green, fishing on the Viking 57 Warden Pass, reeled in the 2nd Place Tuna, a 193.5-pound fish. The 2nd Place Dolphin went to Andy Geldmacher on the Viking 55 Double Nickle for his 31-pounder.

Tom Ripley, fishing on his Viking 64 *Riptide*, claimed the 3rd Place Angler title with two blue marlin and a white. *Riptide* also took 6th Place Boat and 6th Place Release Boat. Eighth Place Angler went to George Robinson on his Viking 64 *Polarizer*, which was also the 8th Place Release Boat and 10th Place Boat. The Viking 62 *Taylor Jean* released 11 white marlin for 2nd Place Release Boat and 4th Place Boat. David McKendrick released five of the 11 for 9th Place Angler honors.





#### **Pirate's Cove Billfish Tournament**

Manteo, North Carolina – August 10 - 16, 2024

Taking 3rd Place honors overall and multiple Omni categories at the Pirate's Cove Billfish Tournament was our own *Viking 82*. Captain Sean Dooley led the team to eight billfish releases to secure a solid finish. "The team did a great job," said mate West Rivers. "We came through against some very experienced boats." Eighty-four boats and over 250 anglers competed in the event based in Manteo, North Carolina.



#### **Beach Haven White Marlin Invitational**

Beach Haven, New Jersey – August 13 - 17, 2024

Business for the win! Mike Rich's Viking 68 led the fleet at the Beach Haven White Marlin Invitational. With five white marlin releases and a 25.8-pound dolphin, the team picked up Top Overall Billfish Points, Top Combined Points, Top White Marlin Combined Points, Heaviest Dolphin, Top Crew and Top Angler. Whew. On the rod were Mike Rich Sr., Mike Rich Jr., Scott Parker and Rich Southwick. The Top Junior Angler went to Gerald Barrett on the Viking 55 Harvester.



# Wine, Women & Fishing Ladies-Only Charity Billfish Tournament

Virginia Beach, Virginia – August 17 - 18, 2024

Mercenaria, a Viking 72, was the winning team at the 22nd Annual Wine, Women & Fishing Ladies-Only Charity Billfish Tournament. The team released a blue and white marlin and Kari Rapine was the Top Lady Angler. One of the most colorful events held on the Chesapeake, this event has raised more than \$1 million for breast cancer research at Eastern Virginia Medical School.



#### The MidAtlantic

Cape May, New Jersey and Ocean City, Maryland – August 18 - 23

The entire MidAtlantic fleet of 198 boats headed offshore for the 5th and final day of the tournament – with the purse of almost \$6 million up for grabs. When lines were called at 3:30pm, rumors started swirling about a big blue marlin. But when captain Bryan Boyle

backed Matt Asplundh's Viking 72 *Deadicated* to the scales the rumors were shut down. It took almost the entire weigh station crew (with some additional help) to lift the huge blue from the boat. Once on the scale, it registered 795 pounds – winning the Blue Marlin Division and a seven-figure check.

Val Fichera, fishing on his Viking 57 *Warden Pass* weighed the 2nd Heaviest Tuna, a 174-pound big eye. *Warden Pass* also claimed 2nd Most Points Tuna. Third Place Tuna went to Eric Faust, aboard the Viking 58 *Team SI Yachts*, with his 81-pound yellowfin. The Viking 62 *Remix Main Stage* claimed the 3rd Place Dolphin. Ed "Cookie" Murray wheeled Joe Posillico's Viking 72 *Torta* to the scale and weighed a 71-pound fish to take 2nd Place Wahoo.

Second Place Most Points White Marlin and 1st Place Billfish Points Cape May went to Marty Judge's Viking 64 *Judge* with 12 white marlin. The Viking 62 *Pachanga* released three blues and nine whites to claim 2nd Place Most Blue Marlin Points and 2nd Place Billfish Points Ocean City. Pat Healey's *Viking 82* released 10 white marlin to claim 3rd Place Billfish Points Cape May. The MidAtlantic allows boats to fish out of Cape May, New Jersey, or Ocean City, Maryland.

"We had a fantastic turnout for the 33rd annual MidAtlantic," said Tournament Director Aaron Hoffman. "It's a unique experience for friends, families and crews."











#### **Texas Women Anglers Tournament**

Port Aransas, Texas – August 23 - 24, 2024

Instigator, a Viking 82, was the winner of the Texas Women Anglers Tournament. Captain Corbin Plumlee led his team to 1st Place Overall, 1st Place Billfish Release, 1st Place White Marlin Points, 2nd Place Blue Marlin Points and 3rd Place Dolphin. The ladies released one blue marlin, three white marlin, two sailfish and weighed a tuna.





Second Place Overall and 1st Place Blue Marlin Points was the Viking 70 *Cutter Bill* with a pair of blues, one white, one sail and three dolphin. Charley Hicks was on the rod for all the releases and took the Top Angler honor. The Heaviest Dolphin went to the Viking 58 *Vamanos* with a 26.2-pound fish. They also claimed 3rd Place Dolphin. *Miss Catherine*, a Viking 61, took all three spots in the Tuna Division with the heaviest at 26.1 pounds. Third Place White Marlin Points was claimed by the Viking 52 *Mi Novia*, while 3rd Place Sailfish was awarded to the Viking 62 *See-Mah*.

The Texas Women Anglers Tournament is a family-run fishing tournament held in Port Aransas, Texas. It was founded in the 1980's to raise funds for the Women's Shelter of South Texas – now named The Purple Door. Today, an average of 40 boats and more than 300 anglers gather to raise money for The Purple Door.

#### **International Billfish Tournament**

San Juan, Puerto Rico – August 23 - 26, 2024

The 71st edition of the International Billfish Tournament, held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, celebrated Jose "Joche" Valdes as the 2nd Place Angler in a field of over 200 from five countries. Joche, fishing on his Viking 66 *Lady Abi*, released a pair of blue marlin for the honors. The International Billfish Tournament is the longest consecutively run big game fishing tournament in the world.



#### **Louisiana Champions Cup**

New Orleans - August 24, 2024

The inaugural Louisiana Champions Cup crowned *Team Supreme* as the Grand Champions for their stellar performance throughout the six-tournament series, collectively releasing 14 blue marlin. The Viking 72 also was named the Top Release Boat. The Top Lady Angler award was earned by Jaselyn Berthelot fishing on the Viking 58 *Rising Son's*. Brantley Adams of the Viking 68 *Briar Patch* won the Top Junior Angler.

The newly launched series unties six prominent tournaments in the state under one prestigious umbrella. The circuit includes the Louisiana Gulf Coast Billfish Classic, Cajun Canyons Billfish Classic, Faux Pas Lodge Invitational, International Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo, Empire South Pass Tarpon Rodeo and the New Orleans Invitational Billfish Tournament. "You can go fishing anywhere, but you catch fish in Louisiana," said Billy Nungesser, Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana.



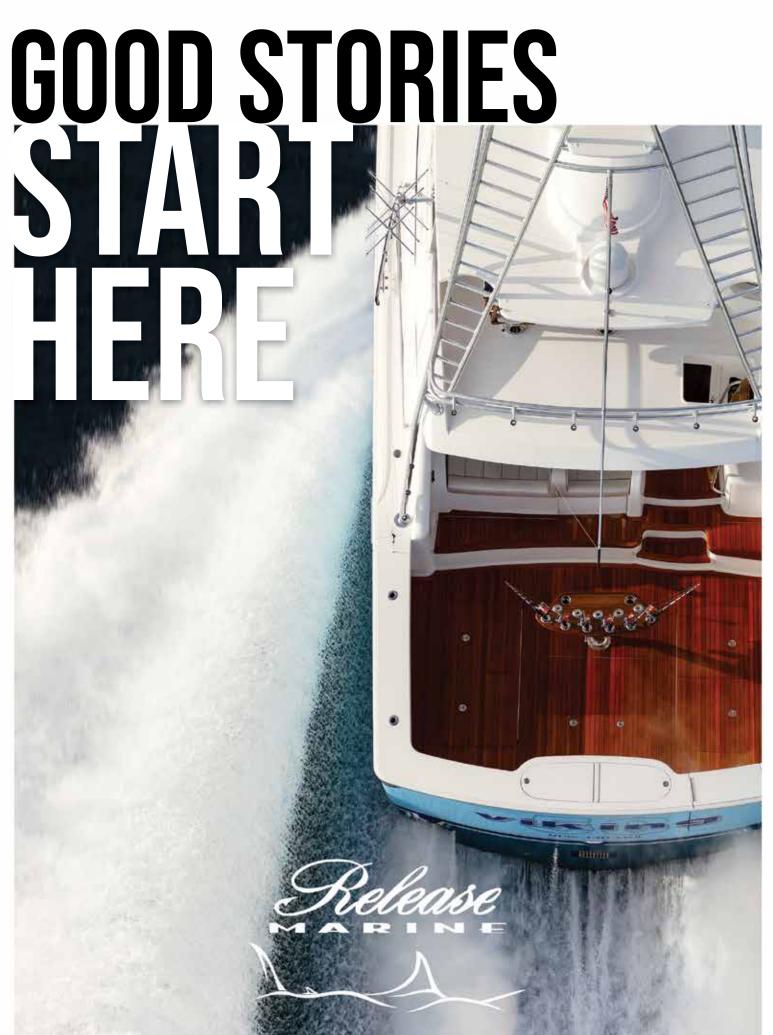
## Mobile Big Game Fishing Club Labor Day Invitational

Mobile, Alabama – August 29 - September 2, 2024

Devotion, a Viking 60, released three blue marlin to claim 2nd Place Release Boat and 3rd Place Overall Boat at the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club Labor Day Invitational. The Heaviest Tuna, 82.2 pounds, was hooked by William Gaston fishing on the Viking 66 Fat Chick.



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# BACKATIT

Vikings have excelled in the prestigious Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown. Our boats have captured the crown four of the past five years, with Team Galati winning three times fishing a different Viking (a 62, a 58 and a 64) each year. In 2023, the Viking 72 Rum Runner came out on top, and last year the Viking 64 Fish Tank took 2nd Place Overall.

Follow the action in the *Viking View* digital newsletter and through social media as we cover all three legs. We also look forward to the Ladies Only Tournament, which is part of this exciting annual event. Tight lines to all teams!



# DEALER NEWS The Best in the World



With more than 40 years of experience, Artemisa Yachts knows boating on Venezuela's Caribbean coast. They began in 1982 as Phoenix of Venezuela and in 1996 Bill Healey welcomed them to the Viking family.

In 1999 the company rebranded as Artemisa Yachts and remains the exclusive Viking dealer for Venezuela. Today, the team continues to provide the very best in

sales and service, personally guiding customers through the process of buying a vessel with ease – and making sure service needs are met in a timely manner. Their goal is to elevate their customer's boating experience.

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The past year brought a lot of excitement for the Bluewater Yacht Sales team, including

multiple deliveries, a busy event schedule and quality time with customers and friends. The summer was especially memorable as they competed alongside customers aboard their Viking 64 demo *Bluewater*. They took *Bluewater* to the Outer Banks of North Carolina, for the Hatteras Marlin Club Tournament, as well as up to Ocean City, Maryland, for the Marlins for Mason

Billfish Tournament and the White Marlin Open. In addition to these tournaments, they represented Viking and Bluewater at the Virginia Beach Billfish Tournament and the Pirates Cove Billfish Tournament.

As the summer season transitioned into fall, they welcomed two new Valhalla models – a V-29 Hybrid and a V-41 – to their lineup. Those additions, alongside Mack Boring's 48 Viking *Mack Attack*, provided them with an excellent selection of boats to showcase at the Annapolis Powerboat Show in October.

Bluewater also had the pleasure of delivering multiple new Valhalla models, including a V-33, V-37 and a V-41. Furthermore, they expanded their Viking family with the delivery of a new Viking 48 Convertible to a family in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. With two additional Viking 58 Convertibles currently under construction, they are eagerly anticipating their completion in Spring of 2025. As Bluewater moves forward, they remain committed to showcasing the exceptional quality and performance of Viking and Valhalla boats to a wider audience.

BlueWaterYachtSales.com



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Sales continues
its commitment
to sales and service for Viking
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Viking Marine Group. Many CFR Viking customers attended fishing tournaments in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic this past summer. Once again CFR Yacht

Sales and Viking Yachts sponsored the International Billfish Tournament (IBT 71) held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in August. Congratulations to Jose "Joche" Valdes owner of the Viking 66 *Lady Abbi* who claimed 2nd Place Angler.

In May, the White Marlin Tournament in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, was held. Juan Puig, fishing on the Viking 64 *Picara*, was the Top Overall Angler while Miguel Barlette's Viking 68 *Ambar* took 2nd Place and Miguel Ricard 's Viking 54 *Malcria* won was 3rd Place in the Sonar Category.

CFR completed its office remodeling and additional facilities upgrades offering customers with excellent sales and service space. CFR appreciates its customers for trusting the Viking Marine Group products and services throughout the years.

**CFRYachtSales.com** 



Galati Yacht Sales wants to express their gratitude to their valued customers and the Viking Yacht Company. The continued trust and support have made 2024 a remarkable success. Together, Galati and partners have celebrated innovation, growth and unforgettable moments.

An impressive selection of in-stock and onorder Viking and Valhalla center consoles is available through Galati for the 2025 season. This lineup reflects their commitment to delivering world-class sportfishing yachts

and high-performance boats, ready for your next adventure.

Their in-stock 64 Viking Convertible demo will take center stage at the Los Sueños Signature Triple Crown Series in Costa Rica. This premier event is known for its thrilling competition and record-breaking billfish releases. As a Diamond Sponsor, they proudly support this world-class tournament. Following the Triple Crown, the Viking 64 will be available for purchase. With its cutting-edge performance, luxurious amenities, and proven tournament pedigree, it offers an unbeatable opportunity to add a champion to the fleet.

Galati is thrilled to welcome Albert Elizondo to the team as New Product Quality Control Captain. Albert will oversee new Viking and Valhalla builds and interface with the sales team and customers throughout the process. To further enhance the experience for new Viking customers, they're launching a Builder Dashboard with updates and progress insights. This initiative reflects their commitment to ensure a smooth and engaging build process.

Looking back on an exciting summer, the Viking 68 Convertible made a statement along the Upper Gulf, appearing at top tournaments like the Orange Beach Billfish Championship, Emerald Coast Billfish Championship, Bay Point Billfish Open, Blue Marlin Grand Championship and Texas Lone Star. On display at each event,

it impressed attendees with its unmatched design, performance capabilities and sportfishing heritage. The tour concluded in its sale to a new owner in Texas.

In an exciting tournament season, Galati customers and friends Team Supreme were crowned Grand Champions at the Louisiana Champions Cup, releasing 14 blue marlin aboard their Viking 72, which also earned the Top Release Boat title. Captain Chase Lake and Team Supreme also secured their second consecutive Gulf Coast Triple Crown win, reaffirming their status as the best in the Gulf. The team released an impressive 42 blue marlin throughout the tournament season. Chase, alongside owners Allen and Lisa Krake, became the first team since the Viking Done Deal in 2012–2013 to achieve back-to-back titles. Adding to his legacy, Chase made history as only the third captain to win the Gulf Coast Triple Crown multiple times and was honored as the 2023 InTheBite Captain of the Year for the Gulf Coast Division.

Meanwhile, another valued customer, *Team Harvey*, made waves in the MONGO Offshore Challenge. Christian Sanchez, fishing aboard Shane Guidry's Viking 72 and guided by captain John Brumble, landed the heaviest blue marlin — a 649-pound catch — during the Atlantic City Quest for the Ring Championship Fish Week, securing the top title in the MONGO East Coast Division.

As Galati enters 2025, they're gearing up to showcase an exciting lineup of yachts, including the latest models from Viking and Valhalla, at the upcoming winter and spring boat shows. These events offer the perfect chance to tour top-tier yachts, connect with experts and explore new ways to elevate the boating experience. In January you can find them at the Naples, St. Petersburg and Houston boat shows, as well as the Dallas Safari Club Convention and Sporting Expo in Atlanta. February will feature the Miami International Boat Show and March holds the Palm Beach, Mobile, Pacific Coast Sportfishing, and Wharf boat shows. The Suncoast Boat Show is in April.

Since 1970, they have proudly served Viking customers across the Gulf Coast, Cabo, Costa Rica and more recently, the Pacific Coast. The shared commitment—to exceed customer expectations and Viking's dedication to building a better boat every day—ensure world-class products backed by expert support. They look forward to continuing this tradition of excellence in 2025. From helping you find your perfect yacht to providing top-tier service long after the purchase, they are with you every step of the way. Here's to another year of tight lines, tournament wins and unforgettable adventures on the water. Happy New Year from Galati Yacht Sales.

GalatiYachts.com



The 2024 year has been an exceptional one for HMY Yacht Sales as the company celebrates its 45th anniversary

in business and 32 years as an authorized Viking dealer. This milestone year was even more significant as the Viking Yacht Company marked its 60th anniversary. HMY continues its strong partnership with Viking, highlighted by a range of new deliveries to

customers in 2024, including the full lineup of Valhalla's from 33 to 55 feet as well as Viking models, starting with the 48 Convertible up to the first Open Bridge 82 Convertible and multiple 90 Sky Bridge Convertibles. It has been particularly exciting for HMY and its customers to witness Viking launch the 82 and 74 this year, with HMY playing a key role in the sale and construction of multiple units.

HMY was once again proud to represent the Viking Yacht Company at the 2024 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, showcasing an exceptional lineup of Viking Convertibles and Valhalla center consoles. The team looks forward to welcoming customers and friends at upcoming events, including the Viking and Valhalla VIP and the Miami International Boat Show in February, and the Palm Beach Boat Show in March. For a complete roster of new Viking yachts and Valhallas on display at these events, contact your HMY representative.

The winter sailfish season in South Florida is in full swing, and HMY is actively involved as a major sponsor of these exciting events.

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The season kicked off with the Dust' Em Off Sailfish Warmup. Since then, our Viking Product Specialists have attended the Pirates Cove Sailfish Classic and are looking forward to the Silver Sailfish Derby, Fish for Holly Annual Sailfish

Tournament, Annual Pelican Billfish Tournament and the Buccaneer Cup Sailfish Release Tournament.

HMY Yacht Sales extends its gratitude to each customer, friend and vendor who was

a part of our 2024. Additionally, they would like to thank the entire Viking team for another successful year. We look forward to seeing everyone on the water throughout 2025!

**HMY.com** 



Summer in the Great Lakes was nothing short of awesome for Team Jefferson Beach Yacht

Sales (JBYS) on many fronts! To start, they delivered hull No. 2 of the all-new Viking 82C which is a stunner, along with a 46 Billfish and a V-55, V-46, three V-41s and a V-37. And don't forget the grand Princess X80 delivery. JBYS enjoyed an unforgettable rendezvous at the exclusive Rattlesnake Island Club on Lake Erie in late June along with a host of boat shows. The team was also active in fishing tournaments, poker runs, and open houses across their many locations.

JBYS continues to grow as they've recently welcomed three new sales professionals and four additional service teammates. They are constantly building the strength and expertise of the team to assure delivery of the ultimate customer experience, which JBYS is known for. Getting you out and enjoying the water is a top priority at JBYS because there is no other place they would rather be themselves!

As they transition into 2025, they're gearing up for the next thrilling boat show season which spans across the Great Lakes Region to Florida and even Europe.

With over five decades of company heritage, multiple locations and a passionate team with over 900 years combined industry experience, JBYS is ideally positioned to service boaters throughout the Great Lakes Region and beyond. Recognized locally, nationally and globally for excellence, the JBYS team maintains the highest industry standards and delivers only the finest quality service and customer care. They will work tirelessly on your behalf throughout all stages of purchasing and building your new Viking or Valhalla. Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales takes great pride in cultivating an exceptional team of honest, hard-working professionals to deliver the boating lifestyle you deserve. Experience matters!

JBYS.com

MASPOR MARINE

Maspor Marine kicked off the tournament season with the El Salvador

International Tournament in November. Two recently delivered Vikings, a 64 and a 48, had great showing. The team heads down to Costa Rica in 2025 for the competitive tourney circuit. Look for Maspor at all the major boat shows in the upcoming year. And don't miss checking out new store in Guatemala.

**Maspor-Marine.com** 



Novey Marine had an outstanding summer and fall season, with strong demand

for both Viking and Valhalla models. They delivered a Viking 58 and Viking 68 and have several Valhalla center consoles on order. They're excited to see these top-tier vessels delivered to their eager owners. The Valhalla market is experiencing tremendous growth in Panama, as more customers recognize the performance, innovation and craftsmanship that Valhalla Boatworks brings to the water.

On the tournament front, they're proud to celebrate the success of clients during the 2024 tournament season. The Viking 38 Jet Lag, Viking 52 Tira y Jala and Valhalla 37 Teaser all secured multiple podium finishes, and the Novey tournament demo boat Viking 37 Day Tripper dominated the billfish category with five consecutive wins and over 125 billfish releases. Looking ahead, they are thrilled to announce the launch of the Panama Billfish Series, a three-leg tournament series starting in June 2025. Each leg will take place in a prime billfish location around Panama, promising an exciting and competitive event for all anglers.

As Novey closes the year, they look forward to celebrating it with a Viking and Valhalla Owners Banquet. It's a memorable event, where they gather with valued clients to celebrate the year's achievements and showcase the latest models, including a Valhalla 55.

Novey Marine is incredibly grateful to their dedicated team, loyal clients and the Viking and Valhalla teams for their continued support and partnership. As they prepare for the exciting year ahead, they wish all customers smooth seas, tight lines and unforgettable moments on the water.

NoveyMarine.com



Oyster Harbors Marine (OHM) enjoyed another eventful summer packed with tournaments including the Tri-State

Canyon Shootout, Big Game Battle, Bluefin Blowout and The Big 3 among others. Congratulations to *Scup Slayer*, a Viking 72 that spends her summers berthed at their Osterville, Massachusetts, location, for the team's 1st Place finish in overall points at the Big Game Battle on Nantucket.

It was a very busy summer for the sales and service teams as well. In just a few short

months, they were able to deliver a 48 ST, 58 C, V-33, V-37, three V-41s and two V-46s. At the end of the season, OHM also delivered their very first V-29 to a customer in Maine. He bought the boat sight unseen based solely on Valhalla's reputation, and they're happy to report that he's thrilled with how she turned out.

After Labor Day, marking the unofficial end of summer, attention turned to the Newport International Boat Show. The weather during the four-day show was perfect and the great turnout reflected that. Their next major local event will be the New England Boat Show, in January at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

The Oyster Harbors Marine location in Danvers, Massachusetts, recently

completed their move to a new location. To our customers in the area - don't worry. The OHM team is still in town, they only moved across the street. You can now find them at 115 Water St. Please drop in to say hello and check out the new digs. They'd also like to introduce the newest member of the crew at their headquarters in Osterville, Massachusetts. Myles Daley holds decades of experience as a sportfish captain and will work as a liaison between the sales and service departments. In addition to running boats and delivering them to customers throughout coastal New England, he'll be going over all the punch lists to ensure that every detail is perfect prior to delivery. Welcome aboard, Myles!

OysterHarborsMarine.com



PW Marine is proud to offer Bermuda's best

selection of boats, engines, parts and supplies. Their insistence on quality products is reflected in the world-famous brands they offer, such as Viking Yachts and Valhalla Boatworks.

Their highly experienced and professional service team is the best in the business.

Whether you need repairs, rebuilds, clean installs or existing maintenance, they make it simple for you. PW Marine is a one-stop-shop that does it all.

**PWMarine.bm** 



Viking's authorized dealer in Japan is Quay Side Marine, which was established 20 years ago. Located in Yokohama City, they offer a variety of amenities from sales and services to support. They pride themselves on their wide range of customization for performance, interior and exterior equipment as well as décor upgrades.

QuaySide.Co.jp



At Servicios Náuticos, they distinguish themselves with personalized attention and guidance to clients. They have offices in Puerto Vallarta, Merida and Veracruz, Mexico. With almost four decades as a family

business, they continue to provide their customers the yacht of their dreams.

**Servicios-Nauticos.com** 

SHORTMARINE

At Short Marine, their vision is to make boating easy and enjoyable. Owners Ryan and Sam Short want to enable people to create more memories and live better lives. Their mission is to deliver the best boating experience in the world. They build and maintain strong relationships with their customers, suppliers and fellow teammates.

shortmarine.com.au



A reference point for all fishing enthusiasts in Italy and the Mediterranean, SNO Yachts is considered a center of excellence in the boating industry with one of the largest and most modern shipyards in the world. The yard features a working area of over 80,000 square meters

and employs the use of an advanced Travelift with a capacity of 820 tons. Services range from storage to refits for yachts and megayachts.

**SNOYachts.com** 



South Jersey Yacht Sales, Viking Yachts and Valhalla Boatworks continue to excel in New

Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. The 2024 year marks another of significant interest in and Valhalla products. South Jersey Yacht Sales (SJYS) kicked off the tournament season with the SJYS Offshore Showdown. Poor weather kept boats dockside, but the fleet had a great time with friends and cannot wait for next year. The *Polarizer*, SJYS's Viking 64 demo, had a very successful summer. Team *Polarizer* finished as the top release boat in Cape May's Marlin Tournament, the Ocean City Marlin & Tuna Club's Offshore Open, and the Manasquan

River Marlin & Tuna Club's Offshore Open. The team also took home a daily during the White Marlin Open, and two dailies during the Ocean City Marlin Club vs Cape May Marlin and Tuna Club Challenge Cup. Their 2025 64' Viking is a proven fish-raising machine!

SJYS has made a significant contribution to the American Red Cross to support families impacted by Hurricane Helene and Milton. And are matching every dollar contributed by team members to further the efforts of their social responsibility. South Jersey Yacht Sales also contributed to Eric and Laura Trump's Curetivity Fund to combat pediatric cancer, as well as The Michael Strange Foundation, which provides support services for military families who lost a loved one in service to our country.

Looking ahead, the South Jersey Yacht Sales Viking 64 hull No. 30 is heading to Palm Beach for the winter. They plan on fishing a few sailfish tournaments before making their way to Marsh Harbor for Skip Smith's Shootout. Outside of the tournament circuit, you can find the SJYS team at the Miami International Boat Show, the Palm Beach International Boat Show and their favorite - the Viking and Valhalla VIP event. South Jersey Yacht Sales will be hosting a series of seminars and events at their new showroom in Somers Point, New Jersey, leading up to the Atlantic City Boat Show in February. They have had a very successful summer in the new building, and are looking forward to having another this winter.

SouthJerseyYachtSales.com



SI Yachts had a great summer season hitting the tournament circuit with their Viking 58 Convertible demo. The 2025 year will continue that momentum with Team SI Yachts' new 64 Convertible.

Save the date! Come say hello to SI Yachts at the New York Boat Show in January and visit the largest display of Valhalla Boatworks at the show. And don't miss

New York's biggest tuna tournament SI Yachts' own Montauk Canyon Challenge.

The dates are July 11 to July 19, hope
to see you there!

SIYachts.com



Valhalla Boat Sales is entering winter 2025 with exciting beginnings on the horizon.

Their 30,000 square-foot showroom is scheduled to open in early 2025, coinciding with the Viking and Valhalla VIP event in Riviera Beach, Florida. They look forward to continuing to provide customers with the

highest level of sales and service with this opening and beyond.

With the expansion of this space, they are also growing their sales and service team and strengthening their presence in the market. The new location will feature state-of-the-art display space, along with ample room for service.

In addition to the opening of the new showroom, they are eager to participate

alongside the Valhalla Boatworks V-55 demonstrator team throughout the winter season. The first tournament kicked off in November during the Sailfish Sweethearts tournament out of Palm Beach, Florida. They look forward to reporting the results as staff members learn about the V-55 product firsthand and use this experience to further assist clients.

ValhallaBoatSales.com

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- Common rail fuel system reduces noise
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# **BY THE NUMBERS**

### Viking 74 Convertible

We are so pumped about the new Viking 74 we decided to dedicate By The Numbers to this special girl. So check out some of the highlights of the newest member of the fleet.

3	74 options – Open, Enclosed Bridge or Sky Bridge

4 Lower accommodation plans

Inch elevated helm platform

10 Sold as of mid-November

**29** kW Generators (2)

40

Largest Seakeeper model available

45 Knots top speed

152 Fiberglass parts used to build the open bridge model

216 Square foot cockpit

**2630** Gallons of fuel (with optional tanks)

**5270** Total maximum horsepower

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## why viking is a better boat

We've listed the exact specifications that place Viking boats in front-running contention as the best in the industry. Perhaps you've noted that many features that are standard on a Viking are offered as optional extras by others. With a Viking, you'll get your money's worth. For two very obvious reasons. Viking boats are built under the personal scrutiny of the two owners who are avid boatsmen. Bill and Bob Healey. They run an aggressive, privately-owned company. No stockholder hassles. No conglomerate dictates by businessmen who never go down to the sea in ships. Real boatsmen call the shots at Viking.

Only experienced boatbuilders could design and build the hand laid-up fiberglass hull mentioned so often within this brochure. It's basically a modified deep vee with important differences that affect handling, speed and

fuel consumption.

There's a 17 deadrise at the transom with a flat keel section, about two feet wide, starting just forward of midship and continuing aft. Full length longitudinal lifting strakes are molded-in no more than nine inches between stringers. At the outboard sides, the bottom is radiused slightly to curve down into sharp chine sections. Just above the chines are longitudinal ledges. This



hydro-dynamic configuration not only provides spray deflectors for a dry ride, but more importantly, gives Viking initial lift for fast response and fuel economy.

The hull is ruggedly constructed, too. Cavities formed by the molded keel, lifting strakes and chine sections are filled in with a mixture of polyester resin and silicone sand in a liquid cement form. After hardening, it is glassed over. Inert and heavy, it absorbs shock, eliminates reverberations and adds strength.

The engines are mounted on structural steel beds to provide rigid support and perfect alignment. The sides, decks and cabin tops are all balsa cored for additional strength and sound insulation.

Other differences in Viking construction are more readily seen. For instance, individually hand-picked parts go into each Viking. If a manufacturer doesn't supply an item that matches Viking specifications, the Healey brothers manufacture it themselves. They make their own aluminum windows and doors with safety glass. As well as stainless steel railings and bridge ladders. They pay careful attention to details. The interiors are trimmed out with real teak and neatly hand-crafted. You won't find a rough edge or unfinished corner on a Viking.

The differences in boat construction are important when you are ready to

make a selection.

We don't hesitate to say that our Vikings are the most reliable, well-thought-out boats in the market today. And if you're seeking an uncompromising boat in the 35-foot and over class, we invite comparisons. Check out the others. See what they offer for your money. Then come aboard a Viking. And find out first hand, why we have a better boat.

