

After Eight Poised to Splash Northern Marine Set to Launch 151-Footer



Northern Marine of Anacortes, Washington, made final preparations last fall to launch its first 151-foot (46-meter) tri-deck motor yacht. The yacht, called *After Eight*, was moved in December from the company's main building facility across the small town for fairing, paint and interior fit-out in anticipation of a February launch. The company reported that the yacht could be seen from most of the town. She has five staterooms including a main-deck master, elevator access to all levels and crew quarters for 12. The builder says her twin Caterpillar 3512B diesels will give her a top speed of 22 knots and a 20-knot cruise. Founded in 1995, Northern Marine had launched 25 boats prior to *After Eight*. Originally a builder of displacement expedition yachts, the company in recent years expanded its scope to include series-built semi-displacement yachts. Two more 151s are in the build pipeline. □

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Superyacht Cup Arrives in the Caribbean

WHERE IN THE WORLD do you go in December when you need enough wind power to drive five of the world's finest luxury sailing yachts around a racecourse for three days? The answer is the Caribbean, where the trade winds generally are up to the task. The inaugural Superyacht Cup in Antigua saw a small, but extremely polished field dicing in the azure waters off the Caribbean island. The field included the likes of *The Maltese Falcon*, *Kalikobass II*, *Sojana* and *Velacarina*. A superior performance in the last race saw the overall regatta win go to Don Smith's *Patient Falcon*. The event followed on the heels of the annual Antigua Charter Yacht Meeting, a major charter industry trade show. It is modeled after similar events held in Palma, Mallorca, that have grown steadily in popularity. The organizers of the Palma events established the Antigua regatta to give owners of the yachts in the charter show an opportunity to test their vessels against their rivals. □

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