

Statement to be attributed to Andrew Doole, President of U.S. Boat Shows with Informa Markets

“The 2025 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS) opened yesterday, welcoming exhibitors, visitors, elected officials, and community leaders from Broward County, the City of Fort Lauderdale, and around the world. Now in its 66th year, FLIBS continues to be the largest in-water boat show in the world, spanning seven locations and showcasing vessels of every shape and size, including a record number of catamarans.

This year also marks a special milestone with the reopening of Pier Sixty-Six, a historic waterfront destination that once again serves as a centerpiece of the show. For the first time, the Honours Awards were held in Fort Lauderdale, an event traditionally hosted in Monaco, celebrating global contributions to ocean and yachting stewardship. This year’s honourees were Angela Abshier, founder of Sail to Shelter (USA); Francisca Cortés Solari, founder of Fundación MERI (Chile); and Rosie O’Donnell, project lead for Yachts for Science (UK). Each received The Bowspirit Award for their leadership and efforts to connect yachting with global good.

From the world’s most luxurious superyachts to family-friendly boats, innovative marine technology, and vibrant waterfront experiences, FLIBS truly offers something for everyone. We invite families, industry professionals, and marine enthusiasts alike to experience it all. A 2-day ticket is the best way to see the full show, from the Broward County Convention Center to Superyacht Village and beyond.”

Secure your tickets in advance at flibs.com, as on-site ticket sales are unavailable. Visit the FLIBS website for complete information on parking and transportation, including convenient Water Taxi service for seamless navigation. The 2-day pass allows guests to explore all seven locations and check out the latest products.