

[Cannes Yachting Festival 2018](#) continues to attract a large number of visitors, who come to visit 542 exhibitors, including leading yards such as the Ferretti Group, Sanlorenzo, Azimut /Benetti Group, Princess Yachts and Cantiere delle Marche. Running from the 11th of September to the 16th, this year's edition welcomes 638 boats, ranging from 2.4 metres to 50 metres in size, with 219 new boats being presented, including 122 world premieres.



One of the most innovative world premieres to take place during Cannes Yachting Festival was the debut of the Silent 55, the first transatlantic solar-electric production catamaran. Developed by Silent-Yachts, the Silent 55 is powered by electric propulsion for minimal vibration, no noise or fumes. The Silent 55 can cruise efficiently for up to 100 miles a day for weeks without the need of fuel to power a generator, as it takes a holistic approach to energy usage. *"The generator is only used to recharge the batteries in the rare case when a higher speed is required for longer periods of time or if the weather is bad for several days,"* said Michael Köhler, CEO of Silent-Yachts during a press conference at Cannes earlier this week. *"Under normal, average holiday conditions, the boat is self-sufficient with unlimited range without burning fuel."*