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## EVO 43

Something Cool  
Comes to Miami

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I've always been intrigued by land-cruisers and their RVs with slide-outs. I often wondered why this idea hadn't yet been designed into a yacht. Now, my wait is over with the debut of the Evo 43.

"The Evo 43's sexy European profile makes a statement at the dock or at sea," says the brochure. "The Evo 43 combines the latest new technologies with Italian-made elegance; it features cutting-edge design and exclusive details with the highest standards of quality and safety and all the dependability that comes with really knowing the sea."

I admit it; I'm a big fan of elegant tech. Companies like Apple come to mind. Take beautiful Italian style and design, and combine that with functionality and high-tech like Apple offers, and voilà - you have the Evo 43!

Designed by Studio Tecnico RIVELLINI in Naples and built by Sea Engineering, the Evo 43 is true to its Italian pedigree with beautiful attention to detail and clean, angular lines. The straight bow V-hull with 18-degree deadrise cruises effortlessly even in rough water. Teak deck and curved teak helm exhibit fine craftsmanship while cubed seating options provide customization. This is a very clever combination of functional flexibility and luxurious design.

**How High-tech?**

The Evo 43's expandable properties combine to make this vessel a performance boat with the yacht-like amenities of a much larger vessel. As the brochure reads, "Technology plays a major role in EVO design and construction. From its touch screen controlled "Xtension" borders, broadening the beam of both the aft deck and swim platform at the touch of an iPhone or iPad, to its foldaway cleats, anchor and fender hook, Evo Yachts incorporated many useful technological applications for user-friendly ease."



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As the rear deck expands 40% to 270 s.f. in 30 seconds, recessed lounges rise from the floor and steps drop to offer water access without danger from engines or propellers. A lower, stable step, the “Transformer” can rotate, support people, lower water toys or equipment into the water or be raised to create a dive platform.

The engine compartment and electrical panels have easy access from the deck where large storage and cooler areas are located beneath the wet bar with 2 Kenyon grills. Twelve people can easily cruise, enjoying sun pads, chaises, swim platform, entertainment spaces and privacy below.

Clear Plexiglas steps (which light up at night) offer futuristic descent to the air-conditioned lower deck with a 46” LCD 3-D TV, disguised as a mirror, two large cabins, a designer head and shower. For the U.S. model, a leather storage locker in the salon becomes a column housing a microwave and refrigerator, creating a mini galley; the dining area can seat 12 around a teak table, which then recesses to the floor or can become a king-sized berth. To port, another double cabin invites friends for overnight stays.

Power options provide leisurely cruising with three, Volvo Penta IPS 500 (740 HP) or 600 (870 HP) engines; a performance option offers a Cummings 550 straight shaft engine with 1100 HP.

EVO Yachts announced its new partnership with Miami, Florida-based G Marine, at the recent Cannes Yachting Festival. The Evo 43 made its U.S. debut at the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show in November. ■

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