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Richmond Yachts Delivers the Big Boat

***Sun Chaser*, the yard's largest build to date,
will debut at the Fort Lauderdale show**

Vancouver, BC, Canada: Richmond Yachts delivered its flagship, 142-foot *Sun Chaser*, to its owner, an Arizona businessman. The new tri-deck, with a hull pulled from the same mold as 138-foot *Status Quo*, is hull number three in the series and the yard's first 142-footer. Built to A.B.S. class and M.C.A. code *Sun Chaser* features exterior styling by Ward Setzer. The yacht will leave Vancouver on her own bottom to be in Fort Lauderdale by the end of August for the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.

The layout, similar to *Status Quo*, includes the bridge-deck VIP suite that completes the desirable six-stateroom interior and there are lifestyle enhancing details made possible by the 142's added length.

The main-deck master stateroom and bath are two feet longer. The galley is five-feet longer and two-feet wider, providing enough space for a integral dinette. The ceiling throughout the bridge deck is four-inches higher, but the added height is most noticeable in the coffered ceiling of the skylounge.

The aft main deck is five-feet longer, due to the additional four feet of length and shortening of the swim step; an additional two feet have been added to the main salon.

All the aft deck areas benefited with additional space, but those who found the flybridge/spa deck impressive on the 138 will find *Sun Chaser's* longer deck and its equipment even more appealing. A large seven- by eight-foot Jacuzzi is convenient to the half-moon shaped bar with five stools. The bartender can serve forward to the stools and aft to the hot tub. Thoughtfully, a dayhead was added on the spa deck, reducing traffic flow below on sunny days.

Powered by a pair of 2,000-hp MTU 16V2000 engines *Sun Chaser* is expected to have a top speed of 19 knots and cruise comfortably at 16 knots.

Sun Chaser will be on display at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show slip 15 on the face dock at the Bahia Mar.

Additionally

Status Quo sells and the yard has two more boats in build.

Brokerage

Status Quo, Richmond's 138-footer, and the first yacht produced with the Richmond nameplate, recently sold to an Australian businessmen through the efforts of Grant Torrens International Marine in Australia.
Grant and Sharon Torrens are the brokers of record.

Under Way

Hull #4, a 142-footer is under construction, and has a deal pending.
Richmond started hull #5, its third 142, on spec and it is available. There is still plenty of room in the schedule to allow for the owner's creative input. Launch dates are pending.

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