



## BENETTI LAUNCHES 328-FOOT, YACHT-COMPLIANT MOTORYACHT

Benetti has launched FB272, the second in a trio of super-size yachts the Italian shipyard has been producing. At approximately 328 feet (100 meters) in length, FB272's design was designed in collaboration with her owner. Built in compliance with the Yacht Code, she has a displacement of 5,500 gross tons. She has a hybrid propulsion system with diesel-electric engines and two Azipod propulsion units connected to a battery pack that the owner provided to the shipyard to ensure silent navigation. The six-deck motoryacht is a collaboration among Benetti, Benetti Naval Architects, Burgess Technical Services, Raymond Langton Design and Jakubowski of Zaniz Interiors. At the launch ceremony, Paolo Vitelli, president of Benetti, said, "This iconic project has had a huge impact on our local industry and represents more than 2 million hours of skilled work from over 100 suppliers." He added separately, "We can truly pronounce her as a wonderful achievement for Benetti and the 'Made In Italy' ethos as a whole." [benettiyachts.it](http://benettiyachts.it)



## Solo Transatlantic Crossing to Support Ocean Conservation

Dan Lenard, a principal in the design firm Nuvolari Lenard, embarked on a daring solo, winter transatlantic crossing aboard a 33-foot (10-meter) sailboat of his own design with no engine and no electronics (except a phone only to be used when he arrives). An experienced sailor, he is not even using a compass or a sextant, but is relying on cues from the sun and stars for navigation. His intention is to use the purity of sailing to highlight the plight of the seas. The sloop, called *Scia* (Italian for wake), was assembled using recycled parts from five boats, including a 10-year-old, carbon-fiber hull and deck, and a mast from an abandoned sloop. Lenard made first landfall in Antigua after nearly a month at sea before carrying on to Fort Lauderdale, his final destination. "Sailing unattended for so long on such a light boat is very challenging," Lenard said. "You realize you are really the architect of your destiny. Every maneuver costs effort because everything moves. You have to program everything." *Yachts International* will be doing an in-depth follow-up with Lenard to be published in our next issue. [vela-code.com](http://vela-code.com)