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(Below: two sets of photos and one large photo from the Newport International Boat Show and the Newport Brokerage Show)

<p><i>Another look at this past weekend's two shows in Newport Harbor</i></p>  <p>Thursday morning minutes before the gates were opened at the 42nd Newport International Boat Show, exhibitors made final preparations.</p>	 <p>The 17th Newport Brokerage Show was organized by Bruce Leffers of Northrop and Johnson in Newport and staged at Newport Shipyard over the same four days (Sept. 13 - 16) as the Newport International Boat Show. There were 80 boats on display, ranging from 40' to well over 100'. The fleet included a 90' Feadship, 70' Vicem, 64' Hatteras, 58' Trumpy classic, 123' Palmer Johnson, 118' Huisman, 77' Nautor Swan and a 67' Oyster.</p> 
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Among the free literature available at the Newport International Boat Show: brochures for Antigua Sailing Week (lower right)

There was a water shuttle between the Newport International Boat Show on the waterfront in downtown Newport and the Newport Brokerage Show at Newport Shipyard (photo). The Brokerage Show is sponsored by the AIM Marine Group and The US Superyacht Association. Admission is free.



Castaway Coastal Catering had the concession at the Newport Brokerage Show with lunch served from a lobster boat sitting high and dry inside Newport Shipyard.

(CBNS photos)



At the Newport International Boat Show a Herreshoff Buzzard Bay 18 (29' loa) replica built by Artisan Boatworks of Rockport, Maine was on display among the 18th century commercial buildings on Bowen's Wharf. Maine was well represented at the Newport show, including Portland Yacht Services which showed video of their new 1500-ton drydock.



As always the crowds at the Newport International Boat Show were huge, with the show spread over the Newport Yachting Center, Oldport Marine, Bannister's Wharf Marina and Bowen's Wharf. The show is produced by the Newport Exhibition Group, the same company that hosts the Newport Charter Yacht Show in June.



A boat show is an opportunity to meet new customers and sell a few boats, and for four days at the Newport International Boat Show that's what scores of brokers did.



In past years attendees at the Newport Boat Show have braved rain and wind. No need for that this year with temperatures in the low 70s (69 on Sunday) and the sun shining 95 % of the time. (CBNS photos)



More than 35 boats and boating products made their official U.S. Debut at this year's Newport International Boat Show, including the J-70 (photo). The boats and products were identified by clusters of red and blue balloons. (CBNS photo)

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