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Manari Yachts closes in on delivery of custom chase boat for new megayacht

- *A fully custom Manari 52 has been commissioned as a chase boat for a megayacht under construction at one of the world's leading shipyards*
- *Painted and finished to match its future mothership*
- *Set to be launched in August*
- *European debut at the Cannes Yachting Festival 2026, before reuniting with the megayacht at the Monaco Yacht Show 2026*
- *Marks Manari Yachts' entry into the chase boat market*

Manari Yachts is a young company, but it hasn't wasted any time. In barely two years, the Miami-based brand has gone from world debut to commissions most builders spend a decade working towards. And its latest special project is among the most ambitious yet.

The 16-meter **Manari 52** making its European debut this year was commissioned as a custom chase boat for a megayacht currently under construction at one of the world's leading shipyards. Painted in the same livery and finished with the same detailing as its future mothership, it is designed to read as a continuation of that larger vessel, built to the same superyacht standard.

The new Manari 52 will launch in August, then head straight to the Cannes Yachting Festival (8-13 September) for its European debut, before travelling to the Monaco Yacht Show (23-26 September) to be presented alongside the megayacht it was built to follow.

A different kind of chase boat

Chase boats have come a long way from purely functional support vessels. Today's best examples are yachts in their own right. The Manari 52 sets out to lead that category rather than simply join it.

Built around a fully custom layout and beach-club sensibility, this model offers something the category rarely does, a genuine lifestyle aboard a support vessel, rather than a fast hull with seating. Folding balconies open the aft platform directly onto the water, an expansive wet bar anchors outdoor entertaining, and the layout has been reconfigured for this specific owner and the way they intend to use the boat — whether shadowing the mothership at sea or hosting guests independently at anchor.

Performance to match the brief

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For owners and captains, confidence on the water is non-negotiable for a chase boat — there's no room for hesitation when the mothership is waiting. Sea trials confirmed exactly what the brief demanded. Even in unsettled water, the Manari 52 held its composure — stable, dry and precise underway, with the kind of seakeeping and ride comfort that matter when speed has to be sustained over distance. The efficient Volvo Penta IPS platform delivers immediate response and precise directional control, while low-speed handling, managed through joystick control, proves equally confident. This maneuverability matters as much in a crowded marina as it does shadowing a megayacht offshore.

A European first, on its own terms

Cannes will mark the first time this particular Manari 52 is shown to the public. Monaco, weeks later, will be the most telling moment — when the yacht is finally seen next to the megayacht it was built to match, and the scale of the project becomes clear. Built for one owner, to one exacting brief: crafted for those who know.

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