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ARGOS NAUTIC 396 MAKES FLIBS DEBUT

Argos Nautic, builder of semi-custom luxury tenders, is debuting its newest model at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, Nov. 1-5. The Patrizio Facheris-designed 396 is a 13' RIB that marries sumptuous comfort, elegant appointments and heart-quickenning performance. The boat will be on display at Lime Zone AB 610-612.

From any angle, the 396 is unrivaled. Its graceful, yet modern lines display a confident, unfaltering aesthetic that draws upon deep nautical traditions. Contrasts abound, such as classic teak and holly flooring, and custom signature stainless steel fittings.

Like all Facheris designs, the amount of space on board the Argos Nautic 396 is unexpected. With a 6.8' beam, it has lavish seating with generous legroom for five. Storage is ample, convenient and surprisingly hidden.

Different from production boat manufacturing, building a 396 is still very much a hands-on process. Truly a bespoke vessel, Argos Nautic works with the customer to select the exact colors, finishes and textures desired, whether to match the mother vessel or the latest trends. Each becomes as unique as its owner.

Select, premium quality components are chosen for the 396, such as Isotta tilt steering wheels and Fusion audio systems. Nothing is overlooked

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in delivering a tender that thoroughly exceeds expectations.

From the 396's crafted console, the boat comes alive. With its single 40-70 hp outboard, it's sure-footed when turning and breaking through the chop. And when it's time to throttle back and head to shore for dinner, it delivers a refined, elegant ride.

At 925 lbs., the Argos Nautic 396 is easily hoisted onto davits or craned up onto a deck. Because of its compact size, it's the perfect tender to store in a yacht garage.

The Argos Nautic 396 starts at \$35,000.

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Editor's note: Visit Argos Nautic at FLIBS this year, Lime Zone AB 610-612, and be sure to ask owner Ignacio Vadillo how the company came to be. It's an astounding back story that rivals a thrill novel and one that will almost certainly engage your readers.