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## Making a Splash

Be the envy of the Riviera this summer with these cool day boats and tenders that James Bond would approve of.

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In the 1965 film *Goldfinger*, Pierce Brosnan sped out of Monaco's Port Hercules driving a Riva Aquarama. The iconic scene epitomised the good life in the Riviera, and a wooden Riva became an instant must-have for the region's scathing style connoisseurs. Nowadays, there are myriad boats to choose from, with beautiful classic and modern options making full use of the latest marine design and technologies. From day boats for elegant coastal cruising to the coolest tenders to arrive in style at your favourite beach club, here's how to ooze James Bond style on the Côte d'Azur waves this summer.



### RIVA EL-ISEO

Best for: eco-cruising

Riva is renowned for its sophisticated wooden boats, and the *iseo* is one of its most iconic. Mixing innovation with heritage, the Italian shipyard has released its first full-electric runabout, a sustainable version of the 8 m *iseo*. Named *El-iseo*, the modern tender features the same classic style as its namesake, but is powered by emissions-free batteries.

Penninged by Mauro Micheli and Sergio Bertetta, founders of Officina Italiana Design, the design has been updated in line with contemporary tastes. The hull design remains the same but what was once a dark

hue is now California Sky Blue – a novel colour for the brand. The deck and cockpit have been opened up, providing more space for guests to relax, and while the brand's signature polished mahogany still runs throughout, the wood is now complemented by stainless steel detailing and white and blue soft furnishings.

The *El-iseo* is fitted with a full-electric engine and high-powered lithium battery pack so owners can rest assured that swapping from conventional to sustainable propulsion doesn't mean sacrificing speed and power.

### J CRAFT TORPEDO

Best for: power and performance

As its name suggests, the J Craft *Torpedo* is no wallflower. The 12 m boat is deceptively powerful – from the exterior, she looks like a classic cruiser with a wooden exterior and comfortable seating for reclining and relaxing, but under the polished hull is an engine to a reckoned with.

The solidly built boat from Swedish shipyard J Craft is stable, splash and speedy, reaching speeds of up to 47 knots. She looks effortlessly elegant while cruising slowly along the coastline but take her into deeper water to test out her high performance and see how she gracefully cuts through the waves at speed.

Guests can enjoy a comfortable outdoor lounge or head inside where there's a secondary lounge and a wet room for freshening up. The model is also customizable, with various colours and furnishings to pick from, allowing owners to put their own stamp on their *Torpedo*.

