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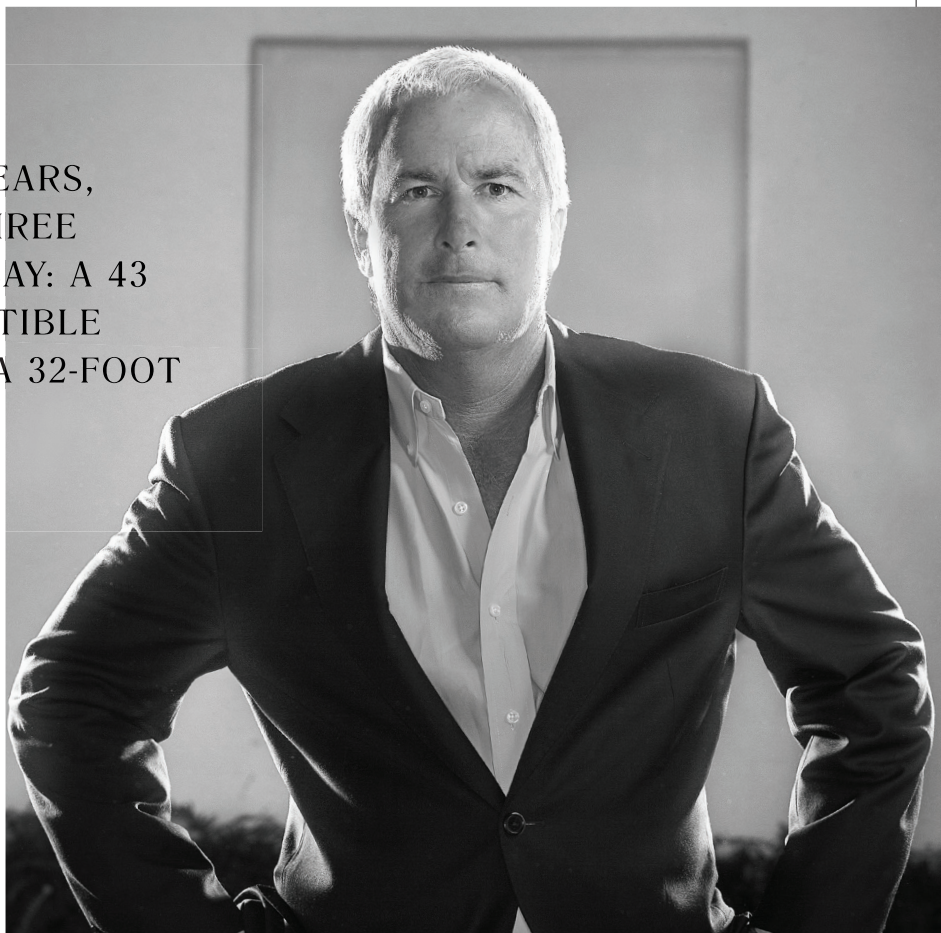
STRANGE FACTS

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE SOMEONE BUILDING A CUSTOM BOAT?

If you're going to build a boat, you should really know what you want. You have to be patient; it's a process. I love it. And if you're involved in the process, it really is yours.

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO FISH?

It's out of Morehead City, North Carolina. I like to meat-fish a lot, and blue-marlin-fish too. On most days, we'll catch some meat fish and put out the lures the last two or three hours for marlin. Blue marlin fishing has been hot here the last few years.



FROM TEE TO SEA

By Patrick Sciacca

GOLF LEGEND Curtis Strange is widely regarded for his exploits on the links, but this two-time U.S. Open champion's passion off the green is being on the water, chasing fish. Strange got started on boats when he was about 21, after making the PGA tour and duck hunting from a johnboat during golf's off-season. "I gravitated to the outdoors," he says. Soon he was chasing freshwater bass too, and eventually saltwater species. Strange graduated from johnboats to sport-fishermen ranging from a 25-foot Grady-White to a 58-foot Monterey. He says he wanted to head farther offshore to chase bigger game. A move to Morehead City, North Carolina (the hometown of his wife, Sarah), brought him into contact with noted custom sport-fish builder Jarrett Bay Boatworks. During the past 11 years, Strange has built three boats with Jarrett Bay: a 43 Express, a 53 Convertible and, most recently, a 32-foot center-console, all named for his wife. "When you put your wife's name on it, it's never coming off," he says, laughing. He's also a board member for the area's charity-focused Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament. Strange has loved all his builds and is a hard-core owner-operator who likes to catch fish, as well as hit the Beaufort waterfront for dinner by boat. Strange says boating is something he'll always do. He often has green under his feet, but there's some serious salt in his blood too. ♡

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