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Photographer Jeffrey Milstein leaned out of helicopters and scaled bridges to capture seaborne

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villages, speedboats, and skiffs, casting these vessels in a new and visually arresting light.

Tiers of swimming pools, mini-golf courses, and twisting waterslides—cruise ships like the Carnival Sensation (top) and Royal Caribbean Freedom of the Seas are decked out in amusement park attractions. And the thrills keep getting bigger and zanier (see page 56).

Choose your horsepower: Retro woodies are perfect for idle cruising, while sleek racing trimarans catch the whip of the wind. 1. Fiberglass open-bow runabout. 2. Vintage mahogany runabout. 3. Aluminum pontoon boat. 4. Fiberglass trimaran.