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The HISWA Amsterdam Boat Show is the biggest boat show in the Netherlands, that has been organized for almost 50 years in Amsterdam RAI. Every year the HISWA symbolizes the start of the water sport season in the Netherlands. Over 400 exhibitors present hundreds of boats and thousands of maritime products and services.

As a good tradition of the boat show, every year the organizers hand over a special Award called "Gouden Waterhoen" (Golden Moorhen) to someone who has played an important role for the boat show and the water sports industry in the Netherlands in general. Until last year the Award represented a glass statue, but the organizers have chosen for a more 'maritime looking' Award. For that reason they have asked Franco Costa to design the "Gouden Waterhoen" for the coming year. It is still a secret who will receive the Award this year, as this will be announced during the opening of the HISWA Amsterdam Boat Show on 17 February 2004.