

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
The Newport International Boat Show
Newport, Rhode Island

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Newport Boat Show Award Nominees Named Still Time to Enter

Newport, RI, July, 2009...Entries are arriving fast and furious at the Newport International Boat Show for its *Newport For New Products* awards program. The selection of Best New Sailboat, Best New Powerboat and Best New Boating Product are highlights of this major U.S. show, scheduled this year for September 17 –20. The program recognizes the best boat and the best product being introduced at the Show for the coming model year. Entries may be sent in up to September 14th to be eligible for the judging process on Thursday, September 17th.

As of the first deadline that has been met for publicity purposes the following boats/product have been accepted:

SAILBOATS 30' AND OVER

Grand Soleil 54
Island Packet Estero
J-Boats J/95
Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 33i
Morris M52

POWERBOATS 30' AND OVER

Fjord 40 Cruiser
Hunt 52
Minor Offshore 31
Sabre 40

OPERATIONAL PRODUCTS

Edson Satin Finish Power Wheel
Edson Multi-Mode RSC™ Remote Steering Changer
Karver KBO Lashing Blocks
Side-Power SR Retracting Thrusters
Westerbeke 17.0 EDE D-Net™ Diesel Generator
Westerbeke 65A Four Marine Engine

SAILBOATS UNDER 30'

Rustler 24
The Landing School LS-30
Third Coast Composites eKo 6.50
YUM K650

POWERBOATS UNDER 30'

Admiral's Tender
Flanders Bay HL27C

NON-OPERATIONAL PRODUCTS

AnchorSuit™
Awl-Grip Awlfair LW Fairing Compound
Copper Coat Anti-Fouling Paint
ding-EZ Boarding Aid
Edson Horizontal GPS Mount
Forespar E-Z Board Handrail
Gibraltar Bi-Color Dome Light
Gobius Tank Level Indicator
Select Plastics Vacuumount

To broaden involvement this year, Show organizers have announced the introduction of new divisions under each of the main award categories. In both the Best New Sailboat and Best New Powerboat categories, selections will be divided by boats under 30 feet and those 30 feet and over. In the Best New Boating Product category, separate divisions have been established for Operational Products, such as engines and navigation devices, and Non-Operational Products, such as lighting and safety equipment. Divisional winners will be recognized and one main winner in each category will be announced.

In the past, as many as sixty products being launched at the Show have taken part in the judging. In 2008, the Sea Spirit Passagemaker 60 motoryacht, the Santa Cruz 37 crossover sailboat and the Paroloc Rigging Line all took first honors in the competition. To be eligible, the boat or product must have been introduced between April and September prior to the Show and make its official debut at Newport. Foreign boats may have been launched earlier but will be making their U.S. debut in Newport.

Newport For New Products spotlights the new boats and boating product that make the most significant contribution to the experience of recreational boating. The program recognizes the Newport show's unique place as the first United States boat show of the new model year. Judging is done by an independent panel of boating experts and awards are given based on innovation, value to the consumer and aesthetics.

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