



**MOTOR BOAT  
OF THE YEAR  
AWARDS 2012**

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# The Finalists

The 2012 shortlist for the coveted **Motor Boat of the Year Awards** has been announced. After intense debate, the technical teams of Motor Boats Monthly and Motor Boat & Yachting have narrowed down hundreds of craft to a handful of potential winners. As ever, these finalists are not limited to boats launched in the last 12 months, but include any new boat on sale today that we have tested and published no later than December 15th 2011. Because these awards are for you, we will only ever include boats that you have had the chance to read about.

The winners will be announced at the London Boat Show at ExCeL in January, and published exclusively in the February edition of Motor Boats Monthly.

To nominate a company for the  
Garmin Europe Ltd  
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## STARTERBOAT

Unassuming but with a mighty role to play, these are the craft that fuel the motorboat market. They should entice people out on to the water and look after them while they are there. Starterboats should be fun, affordable and dependable.

**Sessa Key Largo One**  
**Cobalt A25**  
**Glastron GT 160**  
**Quicksilver Activ 645 Cabin**  
**Sea Ray 260 Sundancer**  
**Larson Cabrio 857**  
**Quicksilver Activ 675**

## WHEELHOUSE AND WALKAROUND

These multitalented craft often undertake far more intrepid voyages than their size suggests. They need to be capable sea boats, practical, and keep their crew safe and snug in any weather.

**Minor Offshore 28**  
**Sabre 40 Sedan**  
**Nimbus 31 Nova S**  
**Cockwells Duchy 27**  
**Jeanneau NC9**  
**Botnia Targa 32**  
**Linssen Range Cruiser 450 Sedan Variotop**

## PERFORMANCE AND SUPERBOAT

These boats have to stir the soul with style, desirability and craftsmanship. They still have to deliver as boats, but they must also deliver a smile to the face and generate respect among fellow boaters.

**Art of Kinetik Hedonist**  
**Riva Iseo**  
**Wider 42**  
**VanDutch 40**  
**Hunton XRS43**  
**Scorpion Strike 9m**



## SPORTSCRUISER UP TO 45FT

The judges look for a demanding combination of practicality, handling and performance, wrapped in a sharp design and served up at the right price.

**Marex 270 Estremo**  
**Windy 31 Zonda**  
**Sessa C35**  
**Sealine SC42**  
**Bavaria Sport 34HT**

## SPORTSCRUISER OVER 45FT

These boats must have it all: glamour, good handling and performance, and exemplary deck spaces that satisfy the needs of cruising types or day-trippers. The judges also reward brave design and new ideas.

**Prestige 500S**  
**Princess V72**  
**Atlantis 48**  
**Sessa C54**  
**Arcoa Yacht 62**  
**Fairline Targa 50 Gran Turismo**  
**Sealine C48**  
**Princess V52**

## TRAWLER YACHT AND AFT CABIN

Impressive accommodation and generous stowage are key elements here but the judges also look for solid, rough-weather seakeeping, and the kind of sound engineering necessary to undertake long-legged cruising.

**Broom 370**  
**Bénéteau Swift Trawler**  
**Linssen Grand Sturdy 43.9**  
**Nordhavn 56 Motorsailer**  
**Privateer Trawler 60**  
**Westwood A390**

## CUSTOM YACHT

In this broad church, the judges are not only looking for boats which satisfy their target audience most successfully, but also those that innovate and deliver ground-breaking ideas on style, design and accommodation.

**Benetti Delfino**  
**Azimut 88**  
**Moonen 97**  
**Vicem 72**  
**Pershing 108**  
**Darwin 86**  
**Danish Yachts Aerocruiser 38**  
**Custom Line 100**

## FLYBRIDGE UP TO 55FT

These boats may be used as weekend retreats or serious family friendly cruisers, so the judges look for versatile accommodation coupled with practical cruising comforts and good seakeeping.

**Azimut Magellano 50**  
**Prestige 500**  
**Azimut 45**  
**Prestige 350**

## FLYBRIDGE OVER 55FT

These cruisers typically cost upwards of a million pounds, so the judges look for a no-expense-spared feel coupled to luxurious accommodation that make life on board a genuine pleasure, however long the voyage.

**Azimut 64**  
**Ferretti 720**  
**Princess 64**  
**Numarine 78 Fly**  
**Sunseeker Manhattan 63**

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## GARMIN OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Good personal service creates a bond between a boater and the hobby; bad service can destroy it in an instant. The winner must show commitment to customer

satisfaction, not just the minimum that is expected. To this end we are asking readers to nominate companies they have had dealings with and which they feel have gone above and beyond the normal call of duty. The judges will cross-check entries to ensure they are genuine and choose a winner.

*10 days left to vote!*

The Garmin Europe Ltd Outstanding Service Award is the most prestigious award in the industry for excellent customer relations – and who better to judge it than YOU, the boating public? If you've had great service from a marine company, email your nomination and the reason why they should win to [ybw.com@ipcmedia.com](mailto:ybw.com@ipcmedia.com). Voting closes on 23 December 2011.