



Hunt Yachts 29 Surfhunter

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## Classic Designs

Hunt Yachts recently introduced a new 29-foot Surfhunter to complement its line of prestigious, deep-vee classic yachts. Hunt Yachts Inc., founded in 1998, was a dream of the designers at C. Raymond Hunt Associates of Boston — a chance to build the boats they designed, to market the concepts of classic New England looks and excellent performance for which all Ray Hunt boats are known.

Since its introduction, all of the new 29-foot Surfhunters have been powered with Volvo Penta 8.1Gi-DPs and 5.7OSXi-DP Ocean Series marine engines. At press time, Hunt Yachts has confirmed the specification of the first diesel 29 Surfhunter with the new Volvo Penta D6-310. Winn Willard, President of Hunt Yachts and Commercial Design Manager with C. Raymond Hunt Associates, comments on the selection of Volvo Penta power for this new model:

*"We chose Volvo as standard power for our new Surfhunter 29 mostly because of our experience with the 320 HP V-8 coupled to the composite IO in our 25. Virtually all our boats are used in salt water, so corrosion is foremost in the minds of our customers. Overall, the combination of good performance, serviceability, and great support from distributor and factory has made our life as a builder much easier. Also, we are building a boat for upscale consumers, a market segment where the Volvo name and reputation has clout. Many of our customers drive Volvo cars so a Volvo in their boat makes good sense to them."*

Hunt Yachts' Andrew A. Urquhart adds, "As the customer Service/Quality Control Advocate for Hunt Yachts, I have experienced that Volvo Penta has been attentive to our customers' needs and expeditious and fair with any warranty issues."

The Volvo Penta 8.1Gi-DP features electronic fuel injection and electronic control for faster engine response and safe starting in all weather. A truly robust design and an advanced monitoring system ensure high reliability.

The Duoprop drive with twin counter-rotating propellers delivers unbeatable acceleration and handling under all operating conditions.

The Ocean Series drive designed for the saltwater boating enthusiast is a revolutionary, new structural composite that provides exceptional impact protection, lower weight, greater fuel economy and a hydrodynamic profile with 10% less drive drag. This breakthrough design also requires fewer parts for increased reliability and provides increased exhaust area for reduced backpressure and improved engine performance.

Volvo Penta gasoline marine engines are supplied to Hunt Yachts by All Island Marine Power Center of Oceanside, NY, winner of the 2003 NMMA "Best Engine Display" award at the Norwalk International Boat Show. Diesel propulsion packages are provided by New England DDA of Wakefield,

MA. All Hunt Yachts are custom built to order at Hunt Boatbuilders Inc. in South Dartmouth, MA. For more information on the design, specifications and unparalleled sea-keeping ability of Hunt Yachts visit [www.crhunt.com](http://www.crhunt.com) or call, 508-994-2000.



5.7OSXi-DP

### Volvo Penta 8.1Gi-DP

Propeller Shaft Power	375 HP
Engine Speed	4,600 RPM
Displacement	496 c.i.
Number of Cylinders	V-8
Fuel System	MPI
Bore	4.25 in.
Stroke	4.37 in.
Compression Ratio	9.1:1

### Hunt Yachts 29 Surfhunter

LOA:	29'6"
Beam:	10'6"
Draft:	3'0"
Displacement:	8000 lbs.
Speed:	40+ MPH
Fuel Capacity	150 Gal
Cruise Range	250 NM