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NMMA Innovation Award is latest accolade for the Hunt 52

The new Hunt 52 from Hunt Yachts commanded attention from consumers and the press when introduced at Fall shows in 2009. Since then, this handsome and speedy semi-custom motoryacht has been tested and profiled by many of the most influential marine journalists, who unanimously have noted that she is bristling with useful, clever, innovative and appealing features and details. That assessment was recently confirmed by NMMA, which bestowed one of its prestigious 2010 Innovation Awards on the Hunt 52.

Naval architects, C. Raymond Hunt Associates, renowned for the original concept and continuous refinement of the deep-V hull form, strategically designed the Hunt 52 to deliver outstanding performance and comfort under the widest range of sea conditions, classic lines, the liveability of an unbroken/single-level main deck from helm to stern seating, the capability to be enjoyed by many yet handled with ease by a single couple. All of these facets in her design have since been proven in use.

The 2010 Innovation Award recognizes one in a long list of features, most of which are unique in a yacht of this size. In partnership with Man Ship of Taiwan, several of the furnishings are mechanized to easily convert from cruising to entertaining; this convenience is found in such features as the aft and interior tables which adjust by flick of their switches from cocktail to dining height. The double-wide companion helm seat, also mechanized, drops and reverses to complete a U-shaped settee. Man Ship Machinery and Hardware CO; Ltd. is a well-known and respected manufacturer of chandlery and hardware for the international boatbuilding industry since 1982. Peter Van Lancker, President of Hunt Yachts, commented, "our relationship with Man Ship has added significantly to our ability to offer innovation and meticulous detailing which exceeds much of the marketplace in luxury and convenience."

Hunt 52's stern swim platform is generous enough for seating. Just forward, the face of the transom is hydraulically opened for access to a dinghy "garage," and Hunt has designed an optional v-hulled high-performance tender for those who prefer something more distinctive and fun than an ordinary dinghy. The salon ceiling includes a large power sunroof that makes fair-weather cruising similar to auto-touring in a luxury convertible.

Hunt 52's layout provides the feeling that you are aboard a much larger yacht with natural flow of space through the open, bright salon to the aft deck. Sliding aft glass doors open to create a single continuous space from helm to transom. Even when inside, the view is spectacular with low sills for the large side windows. From the helm station, the view is unobstructed through 360 degrees, ideal for operating this vessel at speed or in close quarters, maneuvering and docking.

Such luxury and refinement often yields a yacht which is unsuitable for open ocean voyaging; however the Hunt 52 shares much in common with the deep-V commercial pilotboats and patrol vessels from the same designers. Hull layout, using infusion techniques and rugged scantlings, insures a very tough and reliable structure, executed by designer and builders who understand extreme roughwater demands.

Finally, Hunt recognizes that owners of yachts of this caliber bring considerable experience and their own personal requirements. Consequently, the Hunt 52 is produced on a semi-custom basis with encouragement given to each owner to let Hunt express their individual desires with customization. No two Hunt 52's therefore are exactly the same and each owner enjoys the special feeling of their uniqueness.

Had there been more categories in their awards program, the NMMA could easily have recognized far more in the Hunt 52 for their Innovation Awards.

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