



Hunt Yachts News Release

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Hunt Launches Inboard Model of Surfhunter 29

South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, USA -- In response to an experienced yachtsman based in Bermuda, Hunt Yachts has built and delivered to him the first Surfhunter 29 with pure inboard propulsion. All previous Surfhunter 29s employed inboard engines with outdrive or jet options. This project completes Hunt's original concept and design brief for a hull that could be built with an owner's choice among three propulsion systems (sterndrive, waterjet or inboard with prop and rudder) without altering the basic layout of the boat or affecting its performance.

"Lily Pad II" mounts her 24-valve 315 HP Yanmar turbo-diesel (one of several engine options) in the same midships engine location as other Surfhunter 29s, an arrangement that keeps the transom end of the cockpit open for seating or fishing. A shallow prop-tunnel permits the straight conventional drive shaft and reduces draft to just 36 inches, a design approach for the famous Hunt deep-V that has already been well proven in the Surfhunter 33 and in numerous, larger custom Hunt yachts.

On builder's seatrials, "Lily Pad II" exceeded her designer's projections, achieving an easy 28-knot cruising speed and 32 knots wide open. The staff of C. Raymond Hunt Associates, the famous firm which has designed all of the Hunt Yachts, expressed pleasure over the feel of this model and commented on how quick, quiet, dry and responsive she felt, and how comparable she is to her sisterships using the other propulsion options. As with the other versions, "Lily Pad II" rose onto a plane swiftly, with little bow rise, at just 12 knots. This assures her of a wide range of efficient cruising speeds.

The midships engine placement creates a large and useful cockpit. The optional cross-transom seat is removable, giving access to the full width of the transom, a feature especially appreciated by fishermen. The protected bridgedeck contains helm and companion seating and a comfortable, raised L-settee. Below, there is a galley, huge head and comfortable overnight accommodations. These attractive features are common to all Surfhunter 29s.

"Lily Pad II" highlights Hunt Yachts' ability to deliver a range of choices comparable to a custom boat project, but at semi-custom pricing, remarkable for a built-to-order boat. This further demonstrates the capabilities of the unique relationship here, where the boatbuilder is both owned by and intimately tied to a renowned yacht design firm.

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