



Hunt Yachts News Release

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Surfhunter 29 Added to Hunt Yachts Line

Boston & South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, USA -- The initial and ongoing success of the Surfhunter 25 which has resulted in thirty orders since Hunt's re-introduction of the boat last year has surpassed everyone's expectations- customers and builders alike! This level of interest is testament to great design and sensible boat building which, when combined has produced a fresh yet classic Hunt at a reasonable cost. Along the way many people have asked for a larger version in the spirit of the original 25 and Hunt has answered with their all new Surfhunter 29, the first three are already sold with hull # 1 due for launch in the early summer of 2003.

The Surfhunter 29 remains a fun and practical boat for day use with an interior that places overnights and weekends within easy reach. She has the same superb Hunt deep-V performance that has made her little sister one of the venerable boats in the rough waters of Southern New England. In the 29, the extra four feet of length is split between the cockpit and the interior. With that length and an additional foot and a half in the beam, there are more generous dimensions below and more move-around space on deck. Plus, the scaled up hull and cabin give additional, desired inches of headroom without impacting on the sleek Surfhunter profile and instantly recognizable "Hunt-style".

Standard power is a single Volvo Penta 5.7 SXI/XPD 320 HP Ocean Series gas engine with thru-hub exhaust and Ocean Series Composite Outdrive. Hunt anticipates 40 MPH speed, and a cruising range of 250 nm with standard 150 gallon fuel tank. Other power choices are offered, including diesel I/O, diesel inboard, and the option of water jet.

As was done in the 25, the Surfhunter 29's standard engine is connected to a Volvo composite stern drive using a jackshaft; this provides a flexible cockpit arrangement and excellent weight distribution. The cross-transom optional seating is removable for serious fishing, giving access to the entire transom where two fishwells are installed.

Half of the seating on top of the engine box faces aft; the forward-facing seating is part of an L-settee to port. A pedestal helm seat commands to starboard.

Visibility is superb for helmsman and guests behind the large swept-back windshield and side windows. And the hull design so effectively deflects running spray that those sitting aft will stay dry while cruising at speed.

At the foot of the 3-step companionway, there is a galley counter to Port with stainless sink, fridge and single-burner butane stove. To starboard, there is a fully enclosed stand-up head with shower, sink and marine toilet with holding tank.

Forward is a V-berth beneath a Lewmar opening (and screened) deck hatch. There is a small hanging locker, shelves and a forepeak locker. The V-berth table converts this space to a saloon cabin. All four Lewmar portlights open and are screened.

While many will be content with the standard details, Hunt offers a range of options and is well known for customization.

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