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April 19, 2005

Dear Hunter Owner:

GREAT NEWS!

In regards to our previous communications dated February 11, 2005 about some rudder failures primarily resulting from operator events, i.e. striking objects in the water including in offshore conditions, you were advised of Hunter's desire to help our customers by providing ongoing education through our various corporate communication vehicles, and through exploring the possibility of providing a pre-manufactured back-up rudder system for boat models including the Hunter 450,456, 46, 460 and 466.

We're very pleased to announce that our brand new back-up rudder system is now available and ready for your installation!

This new rudder system is designed specifically for back-up purposes only, and not for normal usage, similar to a "spare tire" on your automobile. In keeping with this analogy, your spare tire may also go flat and should be used only as a "temporary fix" until you can promptly replace your tire. Likewise, your back-up rudder system is for short-term usage only, to assist you in slowly returning your boat back to the nearest port of call should your original rudder be incapacitated for any reason.

As a service to our valued customers, Hunter has developed and tested this back-up rudder system and is making them available to you directly at its cost of \$750, plus freight. In addition, other commercial suppliers offer similar systems. We encourage you to conduct your own analysis to determine which alternative option best suits your needs.

As a final reminder, Hunter once again strongly encourages all skippers to be fully trained and prepared to sail without a rudder and to carry whatever materials and provisions are necessary to construct a makeshift rudder if circumstances demand such an alternative. By developing and offering this alternative system, Hunter supports safe and responsible sailing and encourages our owners to take the same approach. For further details, please visit our website at www.huntermarine.com and be sure to check out 2004 and 2005 Safety Tune Ups, including the article on "Rudderless Sailing."

If you'd like to order the back-up rudder system from Hunter, call the Customer Service Department at 800-771-5556 or (386) 462-3077. You may also fax your order to (386) 462-2862 or email customerservice@huntermarine.com. Visa and MasterCard are available. Most orders ship within 10 days.

Sincerely,

Hunter Marine



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Photographs of the Hunter Backup Rudder System installed on a Hunter 46

