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Hunter Marine Corporation Announces New MotorSailor

Alachua, FL (June 10th, 2008) Company officials today announced the launching of their newest model, theEDGE. This new boat is both a powerboat and a sailboat, appropriately named for its cutting edge in engineering; for its leading edge performance; and its ability to transgress the edge between sailing and power boating. Hunter Marine's Vice President of Sales and Marketing, John Peterson states, "Hunter has created a boat to cater to both motor boaters and sailors alike. theEDGE is the perfect solution for motor boaters who want to try sailing and for families who cannot agree on what type of boating is best for them at this stage of their lives. theEDGE gets people out on the water, having fun, and enjoying boating at a remarkable introductory price."

theEDGE comes equipped with everything needed to sail away from the dock and has an additional premium option package modeled after the Hunter Mariner Packages that will upgrade theEDGE into a mini cruiser. The spacious interior, 8'2" wide with 5'11" head room, has plenty of ventilation and natural light that makes it comfortable even on the warmest of days.

Other highlights of the features on theEDGE

An oversized, double hinged Easy Entry sea hood that makes transiting below deck a snap. No more bumped heads! Open it halfway and converse with the crew below, or all the way to take advantage of the cool breeze. Constructed to be sturdy and low maintenance the Easy Entry sea hood is one of the engineering marvels. The uniquely designed hybrid hull, at a length of 28'6" with motor, is large enough to have a cabin with all the amenities of comfortable cruising with the convenience and safety of positive flotation and trailer-ability. The aft of the hull is 8'4" and allows it to be responsive in turns and provides stiffness while sailing. The water line length is 24'2" and the draft is only slightly over a foot. The dimensions will not only allow theEDGE to be trailered, with a total towing weight of less than 5,000 pounds with the standard aluminum trailer and optional 50HP engine; but will also allow it to handle up to a 75 HP motor. Evinrude's test results from 5/20/08 reveal a top sustainable speed of 19.9 MPH (reference #PE629 engine#E75DSLSCS)
theEDGE utilizes a kick-up center board and single-lifting rudder that retracts when sailing and almost disappears when motoring. At high motoring speeds, through this design, we have eliminated the drag of the centerboard and rudder. Hunter has teamed up with Evinrude to provide an engine, the new E-TEC that is lightweight, fuel efficient, and has the torque and horsepower to drive the motorboat side of theEDGE.

The enhanced features of the E-TEC give a longer range and a faster acceleration to plane. This is the recommended engine; however, theEDGE will accept most engines available on the market today. With over 330 square feet of standard sail area and almost a ton of ballast theEDGE has the power and stability to sail in most conditions. Biggest feature is fun with standard hook-up for tow ropes for skiing, wakeboarding or tubing and sails for sailing.

Designed by the Hunter engineering team utilizing the experience of the Luhrs Marine Group powerboat engineers; theEDGE will provide our customers with a versatile, easy to sail, easy to motor, comfortable, and environmentally friendly boat. After testing theEDGE Glenn Henderson, Hunter's Director of Engineering, remarked, "The performance of this boat is unbelievable. I have been fortunate enough to have the experience of trying out many 'new' boat styles through the years; and although I was skeptical at first, this boat amazed me. The design, distinct from all existing designs, includes a hull shape that is stable, safe and a blast to sail. The cockpit is extremely comfortable, and the deck systems are easy to use. Other features, such as the single VARA rudder, fathead mainsail, and the multi-morph hull, also contribute to the enhanced performance. This boat is easy to use and I believe many people will enjoy their time in it."

Peterson closed out the introduction by stating, "One of the most versatile features of theEDGE is its adaptability to all boating situations. The boat will give the sailor an increased range to get to those breezy sailing grounds quick enough to enjoy them. Whether it is down a long river, through a channel, wakeboarding, or just a fast cruise to the next harbor, theEDGE's motoring ability will get you there fast. It is just plain fun to operator and be on. If you ever wanted or wondered about owning a boat you owe it to yourself to check theEDGE out."

theEDGE will be available at selected Hunter dealerships late this summer with a national introduction at the majority of the fall boat shows.

Hunter Marine Corp is the premier sailboat manufacturer in North America, and part of the Luhrs Marine Group, an employee ownership company. Hunter distributes sailboats from 14 to 49 feet in 46 countries throughout the world. For more information on Hunter visit Hunter at www.huntermarine.com.





