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HUNTER MARINE CORP. AND ELCO MOTOR YACHTS COMBINE TECHNOLOGIES TO EARN "BOAT OF THE YEAR" NOMINATION

Athens, NY. The entertainment industry is currently honoring its finest performers with Golden Globe and Oscar nominations. In a similar vein, the marine world's equivalent, nominees for the prestigious 18th annual Cruising World "Boat of the Year" awards, are also receiving worldwide recognition.

Elco Motor Yachts of Athens, NY, America's oldest producer of electric propulsion systems, is extremely proud of the nomination received in the "Best Small Cruiser – 30 Feet and Under" classification by the Elco powered Hunter 27E, the only zero-emission boat in the competition. Nominated along with the Presto 30 and eventual BoY award winner Beneteau First 30, the sleek craft, fabricated by Hunter Marine Corporation of Alachus, FL, will be reviewed in the January issue of Cruising World along with the 18 other boats nominated in the competition's three classifications.

Award winners were chosen by an independent panel of boating experts following the U.S. Sailboat Show in Annapolis, MD after both extensive dockside inspections and competitive sea trials.

"Diversity and innovation were evident in almost every category, but the Small Cruiser grouping may have been the most interesting," offered observer Bill Springer. "It was comprised of three very different boats that accomplished their stated design briefs in very different ways."

While the 27E has all the attributes of Hunter's line of high quality boats, it is unique in that the Elco Motor Yachts powerplant is a 100% electric system and not a hybrid design. The craft's batteries may be charged by connecting to shore power or through optional solar or wind powered generators and allow 6-8 hours of normal-use run time. Another unique feature of the Elco installation is a "Power Boost" button that generates speeds above the normal 6 knot speed in short bursts.

A truly "green" design, the electric propulsion system replaces the craft's normal 14 horsepower diesel engine and produces no emissions, noise, vibration, heat or fumes and is considered by many industry observers to be an advance look at the future of pleasure boating.











