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AWARDS SEASON HONORS CONTINUE FOR REVOLUTIONARY HUNTER 27E - POWERED BY ELCO

Athens, NY The good news continues to roll into the Athens headquarters of Elco Motor Yachts, as the recently introduced Hunter 27E motorized sailboat has been named the Green Award Winner by Sail magazine.

Built by the Hunter Marine Corporation of Alachua, FL, the 27E is powered by a "totally green" system provided by Elco Motor Yachts, the nation's oldest supplier of electric propulsion systems for marine use. The prestigious Green Award marks the second major honor bestowed on the craft, as it was recently named one of three finalists in the Cruising World "Boat of the Year" competition in the "30 Feet and Under" class.

The Elco company introduced its line of electric boat motors at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893 and while it has not manufactured electric boats continuously since that time, the firm is now considered the industries' technology leader as potential customers concerned about the environment seek out boats with no carbon footprint.

"This is a true electric boat," said Sail magazine in announcing the award. "There is no generator on board, so if the batteries are discharged, the boat is solely dependent on its sails for propulsion. Though the range under power is limited, we think it is adequate for most weekend sailors. When motoring, the boat is virtually silent. There is absolutely no maintenance and shore power can in fact recharge the batteries more efficiently than a fossil -fueled engine.

"A pair of solar panels and a wind generator keep the batteries topped off when shore power is unavailable. If its power source is 'green,' this boat has no carbon footprint. Congratulations to Hunter for having the courage to take the plunge into purely electric propulsion."

Introduced at the 2010 Annapolis, MD Boat Show, the Hunter 27E uses a 10 horsepower, 72 volt Elco system powered by six 210 Ah AGM batteries wired in series. At a speed of 6 knots, the craft has a range of around 20 miles or three hours, with a greater range at slower speeds, and represents the future of the industry.





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