



MOTOR BOAT OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2012

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The winners

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After hours of deliberation, heated debate and wonderfully personal stand-offs, the winners of the 2012 Motor Boat of the Year awards are exclusively revealed over the next five pages.

The Judges

- **Carl Richardson** MBM editor
- **Mark Turley** MBM technical consultant
- **Hugo Andreae** MBY editor
- **Dave Marsh** MBY technical editor
- **Jack Haines** MBY technical writer

The Rules

- The awards were open to all new boats on sale today, not just new launches.
- To be eligible for the shortlist, every boat had to have been tested by a journalist from MBM or our sister magazine, Motor Boat & Yachting, prior to January 2011.
- Every finalist shown here is an outstanding vessel that we would happily recommend.



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CATEGORY
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Finalists

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PENTON HOOK MARINE SALES

WESSEX MARINE

VAL WYATT

SUNSEEKER LONDON

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Essex Boatyards

A good year for boat sales groups with hundreds of testimonials sent in by some very satisfied customers. However, by sheer weight of numbers, Essex Boatyards takes the honours for 2012.

Turn to page 88 for more on Essex Boatyards.

“These guys live for what they do and their professionalism, expertise and friendly attitude made me feel I could really count on them.”



CATEGORY
STARTERBOATS

Finalists

Sessa Key Largo One

Quicksilver Activ 675 Sundeck

Cobalt A25

Glastron GT 160

Sea Ray 260 Sundancer

Larson Cabrio 857

Quicksilver Activ 645 Cabin

Quicksilver's new Activ line-up has been the sportsboat success story of 2011. Offering a sophisticated mix of simple yet immensely intelligent design, the sundeck-style 675 we tested back in April 2011 was impressive, but the 645 simply blasts its way to the top of its class with an incredible amount of dayboating and weekending ability.



So why so clever? Well, if anything this is a more conventional cuddy design, but every inch of its 20ft frame works, ensuring it is as practical as can be. This is not only achieved thanks to good overall design work, but also in minor details, like supplying beackets to hang fenders from.



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