



The winners of the 2017 Motor Boat Awards

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## Motor Boat Awards: Winners of 2017 Motor Boat Awards Announced

*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017, The Rosewood London Hotel*

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017** - The prestigious annual Motor Boat Awards was celebrated last night at a gala dinner hosted by Time Inc UK, the publishers of *Motor Boat & Yachting* magazine, and sponsor Pantaenius Sail and Motor Yacht Insurance, at one of the capital's leading hotels, Rosewood London.

An audience of over 250 international guests saw the 2017 Motor Boat Awards presented to winning boats in eight categories ranging from Sportsboats and RIBs to 100 foot plus Custom Yachts. A further four boats were highly commended by the judges.

The Awards presentation was hosted by *Motor Boat & Yachting's* editor, Hugo Andreae, and deputy editor, Jack Haines. A panel of five highly experienced marine journalists were responsible for sea-trialling all 47 finalists before selecting the winning craft. The international nature of the event was reflected with winners from Scandinavia, Netherlands, Italy and the UK.

The Finnish-designed **Axopar 37** won the 'Sportsboats and RIBs' category, and was described as: "A boat with dazzling performance, effortless seakeeping and cutting edge style with a choice of deck layouts at a price that never ceases to amaze us."

From Norway, the **Marex 310** took the award for the 'Sportscruisers up to 45ft' category. Jack Haines commented: "This boat combines sociable deck spaces with clever detailing and a bright, roomy interior."

Editor Hugo Andreae presented the award for 'Sportscruisers over 45ft' to the British designed and built **Princess V58** for "delivering a truly intoxicating mix of style, sophistication and speed with a party boat deck layout".

The 'Wheelhouse & Cockpit Cruiser' award went to the outstanding **Boarnstream Elegance 1300**. This Dutch built cruiser was said to have a stylish and practical deck design with a cool, clean interior that takes the best of Dutch steel boat building and gives it a modern twist.

The category for the best 'Passagemakers' was presented to the Italian built **Azimut Magellano 66**, a boat that encapsulates everything wanted from a passagemaker: masses of storage space, a safe deck layout and a hull that is comfortable across a wide range of cruising speeds.

The 'Flybridges up to 55ft' category was won by the British built **Sunseeker Manhattan 52** for "a spectacular interior, rakish looks and a strong performance. A boat bristling with inventive design".

The British boat builder Princess collected a second award for its **Princess 75**

**Motor Yacht** in the ‘Flybridges over 55ft’ category. It was described as “a boat that doesn’t put a foot wrong in any department, with a genuinely entertaining driving experience and a top speed of 35 knots”.

*Motor Boat & Yachting’s* Custom Yacht specialist, Alan Harper, presented the ‘Custom Yachts Award’ to the Italian built **Riva 76 Perseo**, commenting: “This is a yacht that combines exquisite detailing with effortless performance and a near perfect blend of cutting edge features and timeless style.”

This year the ‘Outstanding Service Award’, sponsored by Lombard, was presented to **Landau UK**. This category is based on direct feedback from *Motor Boat & Yachting* readers who said the company stood out for its concern for customer needs and its technical knowledge which helped customers enjoy their boating experience to the full.

The final award of the evening was the ‘Judges’ Special Award’ which for the first time went to an entire category of people, **the 28,000 RNLI volunteers** who deliver a world-class emergency service without cost to the end user or the tax payer, for no reward and often at great risk to themselves. Hugo Andreae commented: “The skill, bravery and dedication shown by these volunteers in the most demanding circumstances is truly remarkable.”

The 2017 Motor Boat Awards Pre-Dinner Drinks Reception was sponsored by International Paint while after dinner guests enjoyed a celebratory drink at the Motor Boat Awards Post-Dinner Bar, sponsored by Lumishore.

## **WINNERS OF THE MOTOR BOAT AWARDS 2017**

### **Sportsboats and RIBs**

Winner: Axopar 37

Highly Commended: Invictus 240

### **Sports Cruisers up to 45ft**

Winner: Marex 310

## **Sports Cruisers over 45ft**

Winner: Princess V58

## **Wheelhouse and Cockpit Cruisers**

Winner: Boarnstream Elegance 1300

Highly Commended: Seaward 42

## **Passagemakers**

Winner: Azimut Magellano 66

Highly Commended: Leopard 43 PC

## **Flybridges up to 55ft**

Winner: Sunseeker Manhattan 52

## **Flybridges over 55ft**

Winner: Princess 75 Motor Yacht

Highly Commended: Azimut 72

## **Custom Yachts**

Winner: Riva 76 Perseo

## **Outstanding Service Award**

Winner: Landau UK

## **Judges' Special Award**

Winners: The RNLI Volunteers

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### **About the Motor Boat Awards**

All boats currently available for sale in the UK are eligible for a Motor Boat Award provided they were tested and published by *Motor Boat & Yachting* prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017. Boats do not need to be entered; eligible craft are automatically considered.

Boats are judged by a panel of experienced professionals with decisions based on sea trial experience of each vessel. On average, over 70 boats are tested each year.

### **About *Motor Boat & Yachting***

*Motor Boat & Yachting* is Europe's best motor boat magazine. MBY's boat tests are acknowledged as the most authoritative in the business and its technical coverage is without equal. Core editorial coverage focuses on quality boats from 35ft to 135ft.

### **About Pantaenius**

Founded in 1899, Pantaenius is one of Europe's most respected providers of yacht & motor boat insurance with over 35 years' experience in this specialist market. The hands-on cruising experience of key staff, combined with specific training in insurance, ensures that owners' requirements are handled with professionalism and understanding.

Pantaenius is supported by a network of experienced surveyors and a 24-hour emergency claims help-line manned by its own staff. The Pantaenius products are unique to the Company and provide flexible and comprehensive cover for yachts and motor boats. For more information visit [www.pantaenius.co.uk](http://www.pantaenius.co.uk) and its sister Group company [www.yachting24.co.uk](http://www.yachting24.co.uk)

## **About International Paint**

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