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SAIL Magazine Kicks Off its 2019 Best Boats Contest

The fall boat show season is officially upon us, and later this week, at the Newport International Boat Show, *SAIL* magazine will launch its 2019 Best Boats awards program. This past spring, *SAIL* sent out a round of solicitations to boatbuilders large and small, in the process initiating the most comprehensive boat evaluation program in the industry—one which strives to survey every new boat making its U.S. debut, whether it be a dinghy or 65ft flagship.

As in years past, *SAIL*'s 2019 Best Boats nominees were featured in the September issue (pages 26-33), online at sailmagazine.com and in the Under Sail newsletter. As part of the program, a team of *SAIL* editors and judges will review this year's class of new boats by studying their lines, examining their construction details, interviewing builders and designers, and taking boats for a sail. The result is the most complete snapshot of the current state of boatbuilding and design in the entire industry.

Winners of this year's Best Boats awards will be featured in *SAIL*'s December issue, with videos of the winners also available for viewing online at sailmagazine.com.

SAIL's editors and judges will focus on 10 different categories:

Flagship, Monohull	(51ft and larger)
Flagship, Multihull	(51ft and larger)
Cruising Multihull	(41 to 50ft)
Cruising Monohull	(41 to 50ft)
Cruising Multihull	(31 to 40ft)
Cruising Monohull	(31 to 40ft)
Small Cruiser	(less than 30ft)
Performance Boat	(greater than 31ft)
Performance Boat	(less than 30ft)
Daysailer	

As in years past, *SAIL*'s judges also have the option of making special awards for exceptional design and execution in accommodations, systems, decks, cockpits and other areas.

For details on the Best Boats program, please contact *SAIL*'s executive editor, Adam Cort at acort@aimmedia.com.

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