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SAIL Magazine Announces 2018 Best Boats Awards

SAIL Magazine has announced its 2018 Best Boats Awards on page 22 of the December issue. For online coverage, including editorial video of some of the winners, visit sailmagazine.com.

According to SAIL's executive editor Adam Cort, if there's a single word that sums up the Best Boats class of 2018, it would have to be "performance," not just in terms of pure boatspeed, but in terms of what this year's winners have to offer by way of comfort, safety and ease-of-use in general—although SAIL's judges did execute their editorial prerogative to create a third performance-specific category to accommodate three great new speedsters.

"Whether it's in our cruising categories or in those categories orientated toward racers, every one of our winners exhibits some kind of insight or innovation specifically designed to enhance life afloat," says Cort. "As always, congratulations not just to this year's Best Boats winners, but to an entire industry that simply refuses to rest on its laurels. I'm already looking forward to seeing what's next!"

This year's team of Best Boats judges included systems specialist and SAIL contributor Nigel Calder, SAIL's executive editor Adam Cort, SAIL's cruising editor Charles J. Doane, veteran boat-reviewer Tom Dove, and SAIL's charter editor Zuzana Prochazka.

The winners of SAIL's 2018 Best Boats Awards are as follows:

- Best Large Monohull 50ft and above: **Hanse 588**
- Best Large Multihull 50ft and above: **HH66**
- Best Monohull Cruising Boat 40 to 50ft: **Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 440**
- Best Multihull Cruising Boat 40 to 50ft: **Fountaine Pajot Saona 47**
- Best Multihull Cruising Under 40ft: **Maine Cat 38**
- Best Performance Boat Over 40ft: **ClubSwan 50**
- Best Performance Boat 30 to 40ft: **J/121**
- Best Performance Boat under 30ft: **Foiling UFO**
- Best Daysailer: **RS Zest**
- Best Systems: **Reverso AIR**

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