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SAIL magazine today announced its Top 10 Best Boats for 2025, after editors test sailed and reviewed nearly two-dozen new models that builders launched over the course of 2024, or, in some cases, were able to introduce to a U.S. audience for the first time.

SAIL's review team—composed of four of the magazine's editors—were pleased to see a fresh crop of relatively small yet surprisingly spacious boats that bring more accessible price points to the market, as well as the expanding trend to offer electric or hybrid propulsion as an option on nearly all models. And, in the ever-popular multihull realm, designs continue to evolve in creative ways that are making these choices more intriguing and expansive by the year.

The *SAIL* Top 10 Best Boats of 2025 are:

Allures 59.1
Hanse 360
Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 350
J/40
Leopard 46
Nautitech 48 Open
Outremer 52
Seawind 1370
Windelo 54
Xquisite Solar Sail 60

Special Mention: Boréal 70

“Sometimes, when we’re out testing boats, my fellow review team members and I will joke that ‘It’s a tough job but somebody’s got to do it,’ ” says *SAIL* Editor-in-Chief Wendy Mitman Clarke. “But the truth is, it’s never easy deciding which boats rise to the Top 10. We put a ton of time and thought into this process, always coming at it from the concept that we are sailors just like our readers. So we’re working to find the ways that builders are coming up with fresh ideas to make sailing better, no matter what kind of sailing that may be.”

SAIL's review team considers every model that debuts at an American boat show during that calendar year. Rather than comparing boats to each other, we consider how well each model fulfills its own design brief, with an acknowledgement to its impact on the overall market. This makes testing fairer and more nuanced than trying to compare apples to oranges in such a diverse design landscape. Instead, we can focus on the best innovations, smartest details, and most impressive executions of ideas.

For more on *SAIL*'s Top 10 Best Boats for 2025, read the January/February issue of *SAIL* magazine, on newsstands Jan. 2, 2025, and visit sailmagazine.com for full reviews of these boats.