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## Sailing Boat of the Year - Buizen 48

Founded more than 30 years ago, Mastercraft Marine provided the industry with a previously unobtainable level of quality and finish in boat interiors.

In just four short years the company has become Australia's largest manufacturer of production motor-sailers.

In response to a growing market demand in the late '80s, Eddy Buizen started to plan a new vacht that had live-aboard comfort and was capable of extensive offshore passage making.

The years of collaboration with naval Architect Paul Stanyon culminated in the launch of the first Buizen 48 in 1991.

From the outset the Buizen 48 was conceived as being the ultimate in Australian offshore pleasure cruising.

Eddy Buizen's vision was for a state-of-theart pilothouse yacht, which would deliver the best of both worlds - sail and power.

It was to be a craft, which despite its size, could be easily handled by a couple without

Over the years the Buizen 48 has been refined and updated and finished to a world

class standard. The judges said: "The Australian designed and built Buizen 48 is an outstanding vessel by

world standards. "It is a tribute to the vision of Eddy Buizen, naval architect Paul Stanvon and the Mastercraft Marine design team who have produced a yacht of quality and style.

"The state-of-the-art pilothouse yacht delivers offshore pleasure cruising under sail and power.

"As well as being luxurious, the Buizen 48 has been designed to tackle serious blue water passages safely.

'It is strong and fast under sail, with a sleek, modern medium displacement type hall that performs well under a wide range of conditions.

"The Buizen 48 is a tribute to Aussie boat-building, know-how, skill, technology and experience."

The judges also made special mention of the South Australian-built Theodore 720 Offshore and awarded it a Special Commendation saying: "The Theodore 720 Offshore is a worthy contender for Boat of the Year and delivers a bull full of innovative and clever touches for the serious fisherman.

"It's built with the harsh Australian fishing environment in mind, but still manages to incorporate plenty of passenger comfort into its layout.

"A large and well-laid-out cockpit will be welcomed by anglers, while build quality and attention to detail are hard to fault.

"And its ride, handling and range will be appreciated by those who venture wide in search of that clusive trophy winning fish."

There were also two other special awards. The Judges' Award for Innovation went to

the Oueensland-built Brava 45. They said it was: "A very clever boat that incorporates a lot of innovative thought in the hull design, construction and layout.

'In particular, the judges were impressed by the use of composites and overall attention

And the Judges' Excellence in Bout Building Award went to another Queenslandmanufactured boat - the Powercat 3000 Sport Cabriolet.

They said: "This is a boat that excels in just about every aspect of bout building.

"Finish and attention to detail are nothing less than superb.

"Whether it's wiring, plumbing, upholstery, surface finishes or accessories fitment, the Powercat 3000 Sport Cabriolet is a worthy winner."

## The other categories

· Fishing Trailerable - Fibreglass-GRP under 6m

Winner: PM Marine Manufacturing, Revolution 550 Platinum

· Fishing Trailerable - Fibreglass-GRP Winner: Theodore Marine, 720 Offshore

Commendation: The Haines Group, Signature 675F

· Fishing Trailerable - Aluminium under 6m

Builders. Winner: Evolution Boat Evolution Outsider 520

Commendation: Stacer, 459 Barra pro-· Fishing Trailerable-Aluminium over 6m Winner: Quintrex, 670 Offshore SDD Commendation: Goldstar Boats, 7600 Excalibur Centre Cab

\* Fishing Non-Trailerable up to 10m Winner: Leisurecat Australia, 8000 Sportafisher

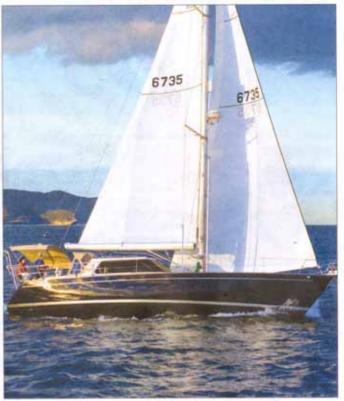
· Fishing Non-Trailerable over 10m Winner: Maritimo, Maritimo 550 Offshore Convertible

· Cruiser Trailerable Fibreglass-GRP Winner: Whittley Marine Group, Whittley

2806 Cruiser Commendation: Theodore Marine, 720 Soft Top Coastal

• Cruiser Trailerable-Aluminium over 6m Winner: Kirby Marine, DV8 1m Naiad

 Cruiser Trailerable-Aluminium under 6m Winner: Brunswick Boat Group, Savage 540 Beachcomber SD



The Buizen 48 is the ultimate in off-shore pleasure cruising

· Cruiser Non-Trailerable up to 10m Powercat Marine, Winner: Sports Cabriolet

 Cruiser Non-Trailerable over 10m Winner: The Riviera Group, Riviera 4400 Sport Yacht Commendation: Brava Marine, Brava

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 Imported Fishing Non-Trailerable Winner: G4 Marine, Grady White Express 305

• Imported Fishing Trailerable Winner: Marine Network, Seafax 206CC · Imported Trailerable Cruiser

Winner: Cobalt Boats Australia, Cobalt 222 Commendation: Blakes Marine, Campion Allante 825

 Imported Non-Trailerable Cruiser Winner: Boats International, Horizon 65 Flybridge Commendation: The Riviera Group, Grand

Banks Heritage 59 · Sailing Non-Trailerable over 10m Winner: Mastercraft Marine, Buizen 48

\* Imported Non-Trailerable Sail up to 10m Winner: Antill International Marine, Dufour D325 · Imported Non-Trailerable Sail over 10m Winner: Antill International Marine,

• Imported Trailerable Sail Cruising Winner: Multihull Yacht Sales Australia, Corsair Sprint 750

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Winner: Performance Marine, bouts RX22

Commendation: The Haines Group, Super Air Nautique 210

Commendation: Matrix Marine, Matrix MVS 08

· Dayboat

Winner: Theodore Marine, 720 Open Coastal Commendation: Quintrex, Quintrex 530 Freedom Cruiser

· House Boat

Winner: Houseboat Concepts, Absolute

· Innovative Product

Winner: Walter Peter Wright, Boathook-Mooring system

Commendation: Marine Protection, System Grounding Strap