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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Best of Boats Awards to be presented at BOAT & FUN BERLIN 2014 for the first time**

**Berlin, 19 September 2014** – The Best of Boats Awards, also known as the BOB Awards, are the new international awards for motorboats.

The awards will be presented by an independent jury of international boat magazine journalists. Besides being vastly experienced boat testers they are especially interested in the everyday needs of boat users.

The BOB Awards highlight everything to do with motorboat use, and take into account forward-looking categories such as family worthiness and sustainability rather than conventional definitions such as type of boat, length and engine performance. In this way the BOB Awards clearly differ from other industry awards.

The 2014 BOB Awards are divided into the following categories: **Best for Beginners**, **Best for Family** and **Best for Fun**. Special awards in the **Best for Nature** category will be presented to the leisure boat entries representing sustainable, resource-saving and environmentally friendly concepts.

The jury will also honour the most remarkable boats in 2014 for the main European markets and sailing regions, a prize that takes both boat owners and manufacturers into account.

The BOB Awards will only be presented to boats that have been test driven under normal conditions. This year's jury comprises:  
Austria: Thomas Dobernigg (Ocean7, Klagenfurt)  
Finland: Jan Sjölund (Venemestari, Helsinki)  
France: Dominique Salandre (Youboat, Paris)  
Germany: Uwe G. Meiling (Bootshandel-Magazin, Berlin)  
Poland: Arek Rejs (Wiatr, Poznań)  
Poland: Stanislaw Iwinski (Żagle, Warsaw)  
Russia: Anton Cherkasov (Motorboat & Yachting Russian Edition, St. Petersburg)  
Switzerland: Stefan Detjen (Wave Magazin, Rancate)  
Slovenia: Julijan Višnjevec (Val Navtika, Ljubljana)  
Spain: Enrique Curt Iborra (Skipper / Neumáticas, Barcelona)  
Ukraine: Bogdan Parfeniuk (Farvater, Kiev)

Testing was carried out on 165 different boats from 18 countries representing the model year 2014. The finalists will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

The BOB Awards will be presented for the first time on 27 November 2014 in the German capital at BOAT & FUN BERLIN, one of Germany's leading exhibitions for motorboats.

**For more information visit: [www.bestofboats.com](http://www.bestofboats.com)**

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