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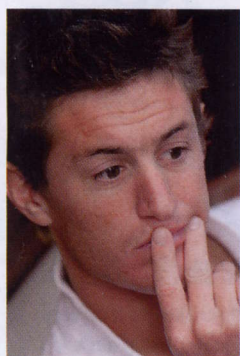


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First of the Eurostars



Toby Hodges selects his three stand-out boats so far from among the yachts shortlisted for this year's European Yacht of the Year award, after testing half the contenders in Holland

There are 20 boats on the shortlist for this year's European Yacht of the Year. Half were tested by a panel of judges in the Netherlands during the first week of September in a spicy easterly wind that ranged from 15-35 knots. The remainder will be trialled in Barcelona in November (see *Yachting World*, January 2011).

So far I have been particularly impressed by three performers; the First 30 and JPK 1010, in particular, aptly demonstrate a current resurgence in 30ft performance cruisers.

Most of the other candidates tested in Holland were in the Luxury Cruiser category and I also give you a run down on these.

The winner of the European Yacht of the Year will be announced at the Düsseldorf boat show in January.

European Yacht of the Year shortlist

Performance cruisers

Trialled in Holland:

- First 30
- JPK 1010

To be trialled in Barcelona:

- Azuree 40 (*Yachting World* test November 2010)
- Dehler 32
- Elan 350 (*Yachting World* test September 2010)

Family cruisers

Trialled in Holland:

- Bavaria Cruiser 45 (*Yachting World* test October 2010)

To be trialled in Barcelona:

- Bénéteau 58 (*Yachting World* test January 2010)
- Comet 26
- Hanse 445
- Sun Odyssey 409

Luxury cruisers

Trialled in Holland:

- Contest 57CS (to feature in a forthcoming issue)
- Nordship 360DS
- Sirius 35DS
- Sunbeam 42.1
- Xc 38

Special yacht

Trialled in Holland:

- Saffier 23
- J/95 (*Yachting World* test May 2010)

To be trialled in Barcelona:

- Corsaire 750 Dash
- Knierim P33
- M34

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