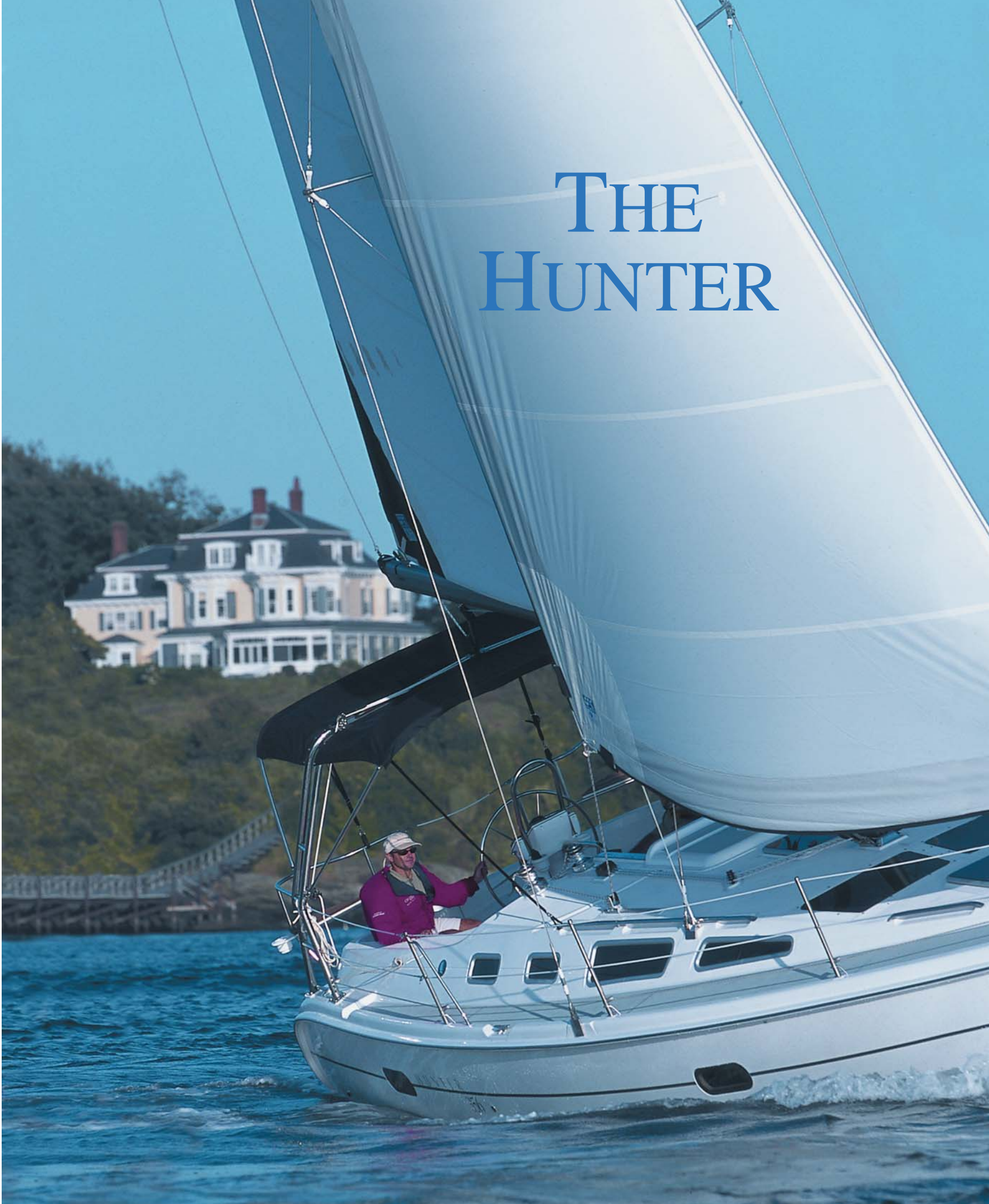


# THE HUNTER





The Hunter is a strong seaworthy boat, designed, built and equipped to be as safe and comfortable as possible. Hunter Marine, though founded in 1973, is born of a maritime heritage begun in the early 1800's. The Luhrs group is one of the largest privately owned boat building companies in the world. In the 1930's, Henry Luhrs admired Henry Ford's mass production success in automobile. He adopted the idea of an efficient production process that is consistent in performance to produce a product of quality. His son, Warren Hunter, the current chairman of Hunter, through his personal offshore cruising and racing experience, brings design and performance innovations to the Hunter sailboats. The end result is a sailboat loaded with features that can be appreciated by a wide range of sailors who will derive years of enjoyment from their boat. For example, Hunter is the first to introduce the backstay-less B & R rig and fractional sail plans to the cruising sailboat world. Other innovations, such as cockpit arches, increased interior lighting and ventilation, and single line reefing set Hunter apart from its competitors and provide performance, safety, comfort, value, and style.

While the Hunter's construction features highlight strength and durability, the deck features are the main attribute in making life on board a Hunter so pleasurable. Hunters of 36 feet and above have double anchor rollers so that two anchors can be mounted off the bow for convenience and safety. The anchor roller holds the anchors away from the hull and deck to avoid dings and scrapes. This also helps keep the hull looking good and free of damage.

All Hunter keelboats are equipped with deep anchor lockers that hold plenty of chain and rode. The ground tackle, while protected from damage by



the sun and sea, is always ready to go at a moment's notice. A large drain means that the mud from a raised anchor can be rinsed off after everything has been recovered on board.

There are numerous advantages to a reliable jib furling system that can make sailing easy and more enjoyable. The Furler jib furling system makes headsail handling easy and safe since the sailor never has to leave the cockpit. The headsail can even be partially furled (reefed) from the safety of the cockpit to reduce its area during a squall or on an extremely windy day. All Hunter models lead the halyards directly back to the large cockpit. Halyard bins make it easy to keep halyard tails off the cockpit floor. Anyone who has ever had a mess of halyard tails in the cockpit will appreciate this feature!

Once the sailor and crew have reached the anchorage or dock, the large cockpit becomes a comfortable entertainment center with plenty of space for friends to socialize and relax at the end of the day. The cockpit seats are ergonomically designed to make long distance sailing easy on the back. They are often referred to as "the best seats in the house!"

One of the most compelling features about Hunter's keelboats is the walk-through transom with integrated swim platform and telescoping swim ladder. If anyone just wants to dangle his feet in the water, or put on snorkel or scuba gear, the swim platform provides a comfortable seat. The deep ladder makes it easy to get in and out of the water, even for people with poor upper body strength. Groceries or fuel are easy to transfer to and from the dinghy using the swim platform. It is easier for most people to step into and out of a dinghy at the transom rather than having to climb up the side, and no one will have to wrestle with installing and storing a side boarding ladder.

The interior of Hunter boats are designed to be functional and comfortable. Today, roomy and light interiors are usually the preferred features in any sailboat. People often remark about the warm, "homey" feeling of the Hunter interior. Scotchguard upholstery, decorator fabrics, fine furnishings, Corian countertops, deep stainless sinks, accordion window shades,

cedar lined lockers, and quality hardware are among the features down below in every Hunter. On models 38 feet and up, innerspring mattresses are standard and certainly appreciated after a long day on the water! The list of options is endless. The discerning sailor today uses the boat for recreational purposes, but also as a "floating condo." Therefore, many people



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opt for air conditioning, generator power, refrigeration, and TV/DVD/BOSE surround sound systems. The high-tech electronic age provides options such as radar, GPS/chart plotters, auto-pilot systems, and many navigational electronics.

The Hunter is also one of the most seaworthy sailboats designed. All Hunters have the Community of Europe (CE) certification. This means each boat meets or exceeds all current International Organization for Standardizations (ISO) standards in effect at the time of manufacture. Any Hunter of 33 feet or over is rated at Category A, Ocean Certification. This, the highest certification awarded, means the craft has been designed and constructed for extended, largely self-sufficient voyages where conditions exceed wind force 8 on the Beaufort scale (40 knots) with wave heights greater than four meters (13 feet). In addition, the National Marine Manufacturers Association has determined that all Hunter boats are in compliance with applicable federal regulations and the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) standards and recommended practices in effect at the time of manufacture.

With an excellent reputation, a solid warranty and great customer service, Hunter may be America's most popular cruising sailboat. Its market share in 2003 was measured at 23%, three percent higher than any other brand.

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