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Catalina 445 Sails Away With Multiple Awards

LARGO, FL (January 5, 2010) – Two of the leading U.S. sailing publications, *Sail* and *Cruising World*, canvassed the docks at the United States Sailboat Show in Annapolis, Maryland this past October, to inspect in depth new model sailboats that will be seen on the water in 2010. The new Catalina 445, designed and built by Catalina Yachts in Largo, Florida sailed away with major awards from both publications.

When it came time for *Cruising World* to pick the **Best Full-Size Cruiser** between 40 and 50 feet, three boats in the running each brought unique features to the table. But in the end, the Catalina 445 was named the winner for each of the unique, individual features that came together as a whole. "This may partly be due to the fact that one man—Catalina designer Gerry Douglas—is responsible for all of the various elements of the design," reported Bill Springer, editor and sailing expert from *Cruising World*. "He's been Catalina's chief designer for years, and during our dockside inspection, he told us how he works to incorporate all of the lessons learned from previous designs with all of the owner feedback he's received," he said.

Cruising World's **Boat of the Year** award came right on the heels of the Catalina 445 winning *Sail* magazine's **Best Cruising Monohull Under 50 Feet**. "One encouraging trend that we have seen in recent years is a marked improvement in the overall design and construction of production fiberglass cruising boats," reported the collective team of judges at *Sail* magazine. "The best example this year is the new Catalina 445, which astutely balances the often competing dictates of comfort, convenience, performance and functionality."

In an industry-breaking record, Catalina's last three new models have all won Boat of the Year awards. The Catalina 309 won two awards in '07: The Best Small Cruiser and Domestic Boat of the Year. The 375 won Best All-Purpose Cruiser in '09. Now, in 2010, the 445 is the Best Full-Size Cruiser and Best Cruising Monohull under 50'. No other builder reportedly has a record of winning these awards for consecutive new models.

"This is a rare opportunity for Catalina," reported Ron Frisosky, sales representative for Catalina. "One boat winning awards from the two leading national sailing publications in a depressed economy means Catalina has a firm grasp on the market share in the 40-foot+ sailboat manufacturing industry," he said.

Catalina Yachts is in its 40th year of building the largest selection of honest, sturdy boats that hold up to real world conditions, perform well and cost less to maintain. For Catalina owners, this means lots of extra value and enhanced sailing pleasure, with the added bonus of excellent resale value.

Catalina Yachts, The Closer You Look, The Better It Gets!

Op de Hiswa Amsterdam 2010 worden de Catalina 309 en Catalina 375 tentoongesteld. U vindt ons aan de zeilsteiger, standnr 01.326. De Catalina 445 is beschikbaar voor bezichtiging in Lelystad. Bezichtiging op afspraak .

De Vaart Yachting is importeur van Catalina zeiljachten en van Broom, Nimbus, Storebro en Paragon motorjachten. De Vaart Yachting is gevestigd in Lelystad. Naast verkoop van nieuwe schepen zijn wij tevens actief als jachtmakelaar.

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