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2008 Boat of the Year
I took us hours of nifty infighting to narrow our choices for Boat of the Year down to two, and then the phone rang. “Stop the presses, throw out what you’ve got, here’s the winner!” After what we’d gone through? Not likely. If we were going to change our minds at this point, it would have to be for a boat that exceeded our standards of breaking new ground or redeeming a category. It had to be something special.

And this boat is. Which is why, for the first time, a last-minute candidate has been chosen as Boat of the Year. A boat so new, its test hadn’t appeared yet in the magazine. So here’s the review, and our reasons why the Chaparral 400 Premiere is the 2008 Boat of the Year.

This year’s boat outdoors was a big challenge, as was selecting a winner. In the past, we’ve narrowed our choices down to two and then let the jury figure things out. But this year, we didn’t want to take that luxury away from the boat builders. So ABYC recommended not installing battery chargers directly above the batteries—Chaparral says it’s an install a shield to correct the problem. Costs should be installed on the alig edge of the swim platform.

The bow isn’t the only reason to cheer the 400 Premiere. It has a coupe top with an integral windshield. Unique interior design is lavish and tasteful. The use of uncommon finish materials in the cabin’s interior design blows away the competition. While the cabins I’ve seen on some 45’ cruisers. What I say is that with the boat is a well-designed cruiser. Everything else on this boat, which is why it’s our 2008 Boat of the Year.

The helm deck is on one level, which I like better as a well-designed cruiser. Everything else on this boat, which is why its our 2008 Boat of the Year.