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INTERNATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION – CONCEPT BOAT - ANNOUNCES WINNING ENTRIES AT THE LONDON BOAT SHOW

Connell Daino, from Newquay, has won both the Overall 1st Place and the Pure Concept category of this year's prestigious annual international design competition, run by the British Marine Federation and supported by the Royal Institute of Naval Architects, with his design 'Silvacat'. As well as winning the top £3000 prize, a model prototype of his design will be on display for the duration of the London Boat Show.

Other winners included **Richard Dryden**, from Newton Abbot, who won his category - Concept & Design – and sailed off with a £2500 prize. Argyll man **David Hitchin**, from North Connel, reached 2nd place in the Concept & Design category and **Chris Challoner** from St Albans, has been named as a runner up in the Pure Concept category.

- Connell Daino's overall winning entry, 'Silvacat' brings together the principals of sailing and windsurfing creating a new exhilarating approach to sailing. Designed with speed junkies in mind, it was inspired by design guru, R.J. Mitchell who designed the famous Spitfire plane. Ideal for travelling, Silvacat breaks down into six pieces to fit into a case that can be strapped to the roof of a car. The judges commended his efforts and fresh and innovative look at sailing.
- Richard Dryden, winner of the Concept & Design category, won a £2500 prize with Flèche - a recreational sailing craft designed for families to enjoy sailing together. The arrow shaped boat can carry two adults or a parent with child and there's even room for a dog. Available in kit form to reduce cost and is easily transportable by car and provides a stable platform for boarding and crew movements during sailing. The judges commended Richard on creating a very intriguing concept with great potential for a new racing programme.

- Runner up in the Concept & Design category David Hitchin, from North Connel, won a £500 prize for 'Emergency Aid Boat', inspired by last year's Boxing Day Tsunami. A lightweight, stable, multi-purpose craft that is easily transported by air, sea or land and has been specifically designed to help people in underdeveloped coastal regions in the event of a disaster. It can operate in both shallow and open water whilst being able to transport hefty cargo. The judges commended David's design on providing a well-considered solution to the problem of disaster relief deployment.
- Runner up in the Pure Concept category Chris Challoner, won a £500 prize for '8 by 4 Challenge', which combines the fun of boat building and racing by providing a kit of all the materials needed to construct a sailboat for one, with the finished design left up to the creativity of the builder. The designs are then entered into a regatta where the boats can compete against each other. The judges commended Chris on his simple, classic design that makes use of readily available, and inexpensive materials while teaching basic boat design and building.

This year's competition was fronted by cult designer Wayne Hemingway, founder of Red or Dead with the theme 'Boating for all', which challenged entrants to design a recreational craft to appeal to as many people as possible. Wayne Hemingway and the other judges looked for original cutting edge designs that create a safe, usable yet stylish vessel of the future.

Commenting on the winning designs, James Gower of the British Marine Federation said, "We've been really impressed by the high standard of designs from this year's entrants, selecting the 16 finalists was an extremely hard task."

Wayne Hemingway, judge of Concept Boat 2005 added, "I have been really encouraged by the enthusiasm and creativity demonstrated in the entries. What's really impressive is that as well as thinking about the style, physical appearance and buildability of their design, entrants are also considering how they can protect the environment and conserve energy."

The theme of Concept Boat 2006 is entitled 'Tow A Boat' and shortlisted entries will be revealed at a special event at the Southampton Boat Show on the 15th – 24th September 2006.

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A winners table, images and interviews with the short listed designers are available upon request.

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The winning Concept Boat prototype will be exhibited at the London Boat Show from 6th-15th January. For further details visit www.londonboatshow.com

Notes to editors:

The Concept Boat 2005 competition is organised by the British Marine Federation and Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA). Entries to design a concept boat of the future were welcomed from all people interested in small craft, whether professional or amateur. The winners are announced in January 2006 at the London Boat Show. For further details visit www.conceptboat.com.

The Show will be open daily from 6-15 January 2006 from 10am until 7pm (6pm Sunday 15). Thursday 12 is late night opening until 9pm. For more information visit www.londonboatshow.com or call 0870 060 0246 to order your Show tickets.

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Judges Comments

Overall winner 25 Daino Silvacat

A very exciting and intriguing concept with great potential for a new racing programme using an attractive and exhilarating approach to sailing

1st prize D&C 19 Dryden The Fleche

An exciting concept providing an exhilarating boating experience using a low cost and easily managed craft with good visual appeal

2nd prize D&C 2 Hitchen Emergency Aid Boat

A topical and well considered solution to the problem of disaster relief deployment and sustained self-sufficiency

2nd prize PC 29 Challoner 8 by 4 Challenge

A simple, classic design that makes use of readily available, and inexpensive materials while teaching basic boat design and building

Commended 10 Zimmerlee The Versatile Cat

A very adaptable craft for a wide range of activities

Commended 30 Gilles Courlis

An attractive and appealing craft for introduction to sailing, rowing and general camaraderie

Commended 14 Watson Triumph

An excellent effort as a school project teaching boat design with consideration of minimising costs of manufacture

Commended 46 Eziquiel-Shrir JetSail

Perfect combination for river and coastal cruising using an elegant and innovative design

Commended 61 Allan Aqua Sphere

A very exciting concept with potential multiple uses, visually appealing and well thought through to make ideal for beach sports

Commended **22** **Monteath** **Swift Skiff**

Stylish and well thought through - with an eye to alternate propulsion methods

Media interest **39** **Tiamthara** **Activity Boat**

Intriguing proposal with potential to inspire

Media interest **5** **Marini** **Venezia**

A novel approach to underwater tourism with many areas of technology considered to achieve the concept

Media interest **21** **Loh** **Demon Fly**

A very futuristic craft that could provide a new racing concept

Media interest **34** **Fernandez** **Gaia 7.50m**

An excellent and topical concept, providing sensible craft for tuition and basic boat handling skills

Media interest **48** **Algar** **Oshi**

A recurring popular theme with the added dimension of ecologically friendly tourist accommodation

Media interest **59** **Bishop** **Revolutionary Rower**

Novel concept to introduce youngsters to rowing, making use of lost cost materials and readily available locations