**CUSTOM YACHT**

**Delta 80**

Whatever yardstick you chose to measure the Delta 80 by, it emerges as a clear winner. During our test this 78ft boat romped to a top speed of 38.2 knots despite packing a relatively modest 2,700hp. Its lightweight carbon fibre hull is so efficient that even at 26 knots it can eke over 500 miles from its 6,000-litre tank. And it does all this with such effortless ease and refinement that you’re barely aware the engines are even running.

Then there’s the design of the boat, which, love it or loathe it, makes every other 80-footer seem instantly outdated. It’s a look that marries perfectly with its cool, minimalist interior and feels far more special than the outwardly more lavish offerings of its rivals. Fast, efficient, cool, classy and perfectly in tune with the forward-looking owners it is aimed at, this is a boat fit for the 21st century.

**JUDGES’ SPECIAL AWARD**

**Steve & Linda Dashew**

Steve and Linda Dashew are a true boating phenomenon. They met racing small catamarans in the 1960s and are still cruising together over 40 years and 250,000 miles later. In that time they have challenged every preconception going, designing and building a new breed of long range sailing yachts before making the switch to power and doing the same all over again with a new generation of motor boats. Along the way they have literally rewritten the rule book for blue-water cruising (they have authored eight books on the subject), launched a hugely successful website for fellow adventurers, and inspired countless other boating enthusiasts to follow their cruising dreams. Somehow they have also found time to circumnavigate the globe on **Windhorse**, a wave-piercing 83ft aluminium motor cruiser that was the template and the inspiration for the hugely successful range of FPB boats.

**OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD**

**Clipper Marine**

This award relies on nominations from readers and website visitors motivated by the service they received as customers. All of our finalists received multiple commendations from customers who wrote in to pass on their heartfelt appreciation for the service they had received, but one company stood out, not just for the number of nominations but also for the depth of gratitude shown, often in difficult circumstances. Peter Keats from the Hamble office and Ben Nichols from the Swanwick office came in for special praise from a number of customers, but the award goes to the whole of the Clipper Group.

**FINALISTS**

- Landau UK
- Sealine Owners’ Forum
- Berthon
- Fairline Menorca
- Penton Hook Marine Sales
- Boats.co.uk
- Bates Wharf