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**Hornet Marine President David Hartmann
Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2011 New England Award
Finalist**

Bristol, Conn. (May 24, 2011) – Hornet Marine today announced that the company’s president, David Hartmann, is an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2011 New England Award finalist. According to Ernst & Young LLP, the awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on June 15, 2011 at the Boston Renaissance Waterfront Hotel.

Hartmann was selected as a finalist for his success as president and CEO of Tiger Claw, Inc., as well as president of Hornet Marine. “I am honored to be chosen as a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® Award and share this recognition with the teams at Tiger Claw and Hornet Marine,” said Hartmann. “Tiger Claw’s success would not have been possible without everyone’s commitment to innovation and personal development. I now look forward to continuing this focus on turning great ideas into reality with the ambitious and highly motivated team at Hornet Marine.”

Along with business partners Dave and Don Martel, Hartmann founded Tiger Claw in 2001 with the goal of forever changing the deck building industry through their innovative deck fastening system. In the last ten years Tiger Claw has done just that, becoming the market-leading brand for hidden deck fastener systems. This success made Tiger Claw stand out as an attractive purchase for OMG, Inc. The Agawam, MA based company acquired the business and assets of Tiger Claw, Inc. earlier this year for its FastenMaster division.

Along with business partners Dave Martel, Jason Bolas and Erik Schubert, Hartmann started Hornet Marine in late 2009 with the intention of transforming yet another industry: the marine business. Based in Bristol, CT, Hornet Marine manufacturers customizable high performance powerboats. With a unique business model and growing dealer network, Hornet Marine has already begun creating a name for itself in the competitive boat manufacturing business.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 140 cities and more than 50 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Award. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur Of The Year overall National Award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 12, 2011. The awards are the culminating event of the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum[®], the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies, which will be held November 9–13, 2011.

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Founded and produced by Ernst & Young LLP, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards are pleased to have the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation as a national sponsor.

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About Hornet Marine

Hornet Marine was established in 2009 to fulfill the need for a high quality and customizable boat. Located in Bristol, Connecticut, Hornet Marine currently manufacturers the Hornet 17, a customizable 17-foot sport runabout. Along with providing excellent customer service and strongly valuing its dealer network, Hornet Marine aims to deliver the most fun and safest experience on the water today. For more information on Hornet Marine, visit www.hornetmarine.com.

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