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of **2009**

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## Elliott 1650 Tourer *celadon*

In a field of quality cruiser-racer yachts, the Elliott 1650 Tourer *Celadon* was our panel's choice by a narrow margin.

Scoring well across all criteria, *Celadon* was universally acclaimed for her good looks, and her excellent build quality and finish.

*Boating's* reviewer praised her stylish interior, clever sail management systems, impressive windward performance and easy-going nature.

"She is a delightful, easily-handled performance cruiser, built to a high standard that makes her easy to operate inside and out."

The panel also felt that *Celadon* offered

fair value for money, given her overall performance, and build quality. They also liked the boat's versatility, and her ability to be sailed short-handed thanks to her sophisticated sail handling arrangement, and the latest navigation aids.

Her chic but practical interior and large galley also scored points with the judges, as did her suitability for family cruising, thanks to generous communal areas in the saloon, and comfortable, well-appointed berths.

The Elliott 1650 Tourer *Celadon* is a large, fast, well-built custom cruising/racing yacht, ideally suited to her dual racing-cruising role.