



## **Azimut 45 wins the award “Barca dell’anno 2011”**

The **Azimut 45** has won the coveted 2011 Boat of the Year award from the magazine Vela e Motore, which was presented during the gala ceremony in Genoa on the evening of October 5. For ten years, this award has been given to the stars of the new boating season, conferring internationally important recognition on the winners.

Once again, the Azimut brand, a part of the Azimut Benetti Group, has proven to be the market leader through the innovative spirit and unique design distinguishing its boats. In particular, the Azimut 45 model stood out for its functionality and design creativity; indeed, the most striking of these aspects are the modular flybridge, the offer of 2- or 3-cabin versions, the extraordinary galley with a length of 3.2 linear metres, and a VIP cabin amidships, whose size and the inclusion of a magnificent panoramic window make it a veritable second master cabin.

The award comes on the heels of numerous recognitions recently accorded to models of the Azimut Benetti Group. The latest were those received at the Cannes Boat Show at the start of the season as part of the “World Yacht Trophies Award 2011”, which starred the **Azimut Magellano 50**, winner of “Best Innovative Design”, and two models from **Benetti**, which backed up its moment in the spotlight with **Told u So**, a Benetti Vision 145’, which took the title for “Best Interior Design”, and **Nataly**, a 65-metre Benetti Custom, which was awarded “Best Design for Boats over 50 Metres”.

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