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Scout Wins 2016 NMMA Innovation Award at Miami International Boat Show

SUMMERVILLE, SC— Scout Boats, Inc. was honored at the Miami International Boat Show with an illustrious **2016 National Marine Manufacturer's Association (NMMA) Innovation Award** in the *Center Console Fishing Boat Category* for its unique and innovative design of the **5 N 1 Performance Leaning Post** aboard the company's flagship model 420 LXF luxury sportfisher.

The NMMA Innovation Award winners were announced during the show's annual "state of the industry" breakfast. There were 77 product entries across multiple categories that were independently judged by eight members of Boating Writers International, an organization comprised of seasoned and respected marine journalists. According to the judging panel, Scout's innovative design set the bar in its category.

"We're honored to accept this Innovation Award on behalf of all of our employees at Scout," said Scout Founder/CEO Steve Potts. "We're proud of our hard work and out-of-the-box thinking that continually moves the marine industry forward through innovation, and it's an honor to be recognized for it, especially by what most consider the top innovation award in our industry. We're humble mavericks of our accomplishments and trendsetting ways, and we're always thankful to be recognized for what we do."

Scout's 5 N 1 Performance Leaning Post – **developed by Stevie Potts, son of founder Steve Potts and the company's chief designer / director of product development and engineering** - is a cleverly designed second-row-seating option available on its flagship, with room for five forward-facing crew members, and an aft-facing sixth seat ideal for sportfishing. This sixth seat is bookended by a sink and tackle compartments, and can fold down to allow room for the spring loaded sliding pop-out grill. Along with smart use of storage on both sides of the leaning post, plush upholstery, armrests and footrests, there's also convenient, safe access to the upper station flybridge (now an available option on the 420 LXF).

Scout builds center console and dual console sportfishing models, along with flats and bay boat models, ranging from 17' to 42'. Since its founding over 25 years ago, Scout Boat's goal has been to manufacture the best-built boats in its distinctive sportfishing niches. Each Scout hull is a true original, as the in-house research and design team works closely with engineering to take concepts from blueprint to production more efficiently, growing the company's world-class reputation for quality, strength, durability and value.

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