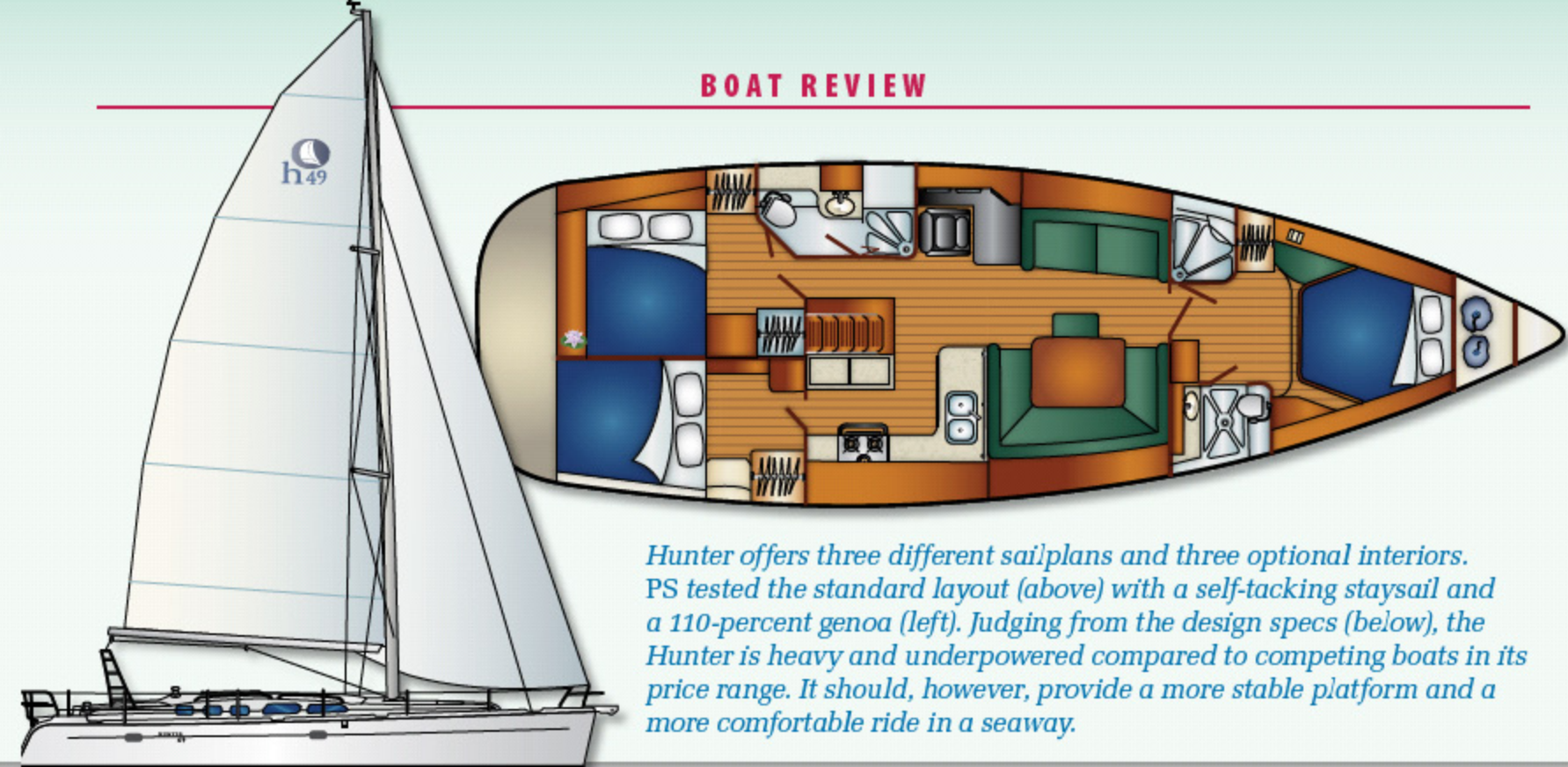


BOAT REVIEW



Hunter offers three different sailplans and three optional interiors. PS tested the standard layout (above) with a self-tacking staysail and a 110-percent genoa (left). Judging from the design specs (below), the Hunter is heavy and underpowered compared to competing boats in its price range. It should, however, provide a more stable platform and a more comfortable ride in a seaway.



HUNTER 49 IN CONTEXT

	HUNTER 49	BENETEAU 49	JEANNEAU SUN ODYSSEY 49	BAVARIA 50
LOA	49' 11"	48' 5"	49' 1"	49' 2"
LWL	43' 10"	43' 8"	42' 3"	44' 2"
Beam	14' 5"	14' 9"	14' 8"	14' 9"
Draft	5' 6"/7' 0"	5' 9"/6' 9"	5' 5"/7' 0"	6' 1"/6' 11"
Displacement	32,813 lbs.	26,500 lbs.	28,661 lbs.	27,720 lbs.
Ballast	12,544 lbs.	9,000 lbs.	9,040 lbs.	9,240 lbs.
Sail Area (100%)	1,003 sq. ft.	988 sq. ft.	928 sq. ft.	1,112 sq. ft.
Engine	75 hp (100 hp option)	100 hp	72 hp	75 hp
Water	200 gal.	150 gal.	185 gal.	200 gal.
Fuel	150 gal. (220 gal. option)	63 gal.	63 gal.	85 gal.
SA/D ratio	15.62	17.75	16	19.38
D/L ratio	173.76	142.02	158	143.56
Base Price	\$320,000	\$289,900	\$330,000	\$341,000