

Team Fishes 2005 Prize Boat to 2nd Victory In '06 OLN Reality Series

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. – It was the gift that kept on giving. Pro-Line Boats, a major sponsor of the Outdoor Life Network's (OLN) "Shark Hunters: Ultimate Tournament" series, awarded Capt. Steve Quinlan a new Pro-Line 29 Super Sport in 2005 for winning the inaugural series.

One year later, after fishing the 2006 series in his Pro-Line prize boat, Quinlan and his Team Strike Zone captured a second consecutive Shark Hunters title. Pro-Line will present Quinlan with another boat – the new 23-foot Sport with a 200-hp Honda engine on Tuesday, September 26, 2006 in Marina Del Rey, Los Angeles, CA.

Pro-Line General Manager, Johnny Walker lauded Quinlan's back-to-back titles and sees the angler's 2006 victory as a major feather in the company cap. "Capt. Steve is clearly one of the world's top big game anglers and we're thrilled to have him fishing from a Pro-Line. There's something very rewarding about having your product tested in such a high-stakes scenario and seeing it come out on top."

Walker added: "Our sponsorship of the Shark Hunters series is a great venue for promoting the rugged performance and hardcore angling aspects of our boats. We were very enthusiastic about presenting Capt. Steve with his prize boat last year, but for him to turn around and win this year's competition in a Pro-Line was truly an honor for us. That's the strongest affirmation of our product's quality and dependability that we could ever hope for."

The 2006 Shark Hunters series comprised two qualifying tournaments for 10 East Coast teams and two for 10 West Coast teams. The top five teams from each coast fished for two days in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and then concluded the series at the Grand Finale in Marina Del Rey.

Quinlan, who hails from Long Beach, California, fished the 2006 Shark Hunters series with Brad Dela Cruz and Josh Hendricks, both of Marina Del Rey. The team sealed their victory on the evening of August 25 by catching a massive Mako shark weighing 819.8 pounds.

This year's prize boat, the Pro-Line 23-Sport boasts an 8 ½-foot beam, a 125-gallon fuel capacity and 86 square feet of fishing-friendly cockpit space complemented by two 30-gallon fish boxes. Standard options include an 18-gallon baitwell with raw water washdown and light, casting deck with storage box, rod holders and cockpit rod racks, stainless steel grab rail and windshield. For family boating, a stainless steel bow handrail, enclosed head, drink holders, dive platform and ample seating ensure a comfortable day on the water.

A National Marine Manufacturers Association-Certified boat builder, Pro-Line has led the industry in design and production standards since 1968. Pro-Line Boats is a division of American Marine Holdings, LLC located in Sarasota, Florida. Along with Pro-Line Boats, American Marine Holdings owns and operates Donzi Marine and AMH Government Services. Pro-Line offers a broad selection of stylish and dependable vessels from 17-foot Sports to 35-foot Express models. For a complete listing of Pro-Line products, visit www.prolineboats.com.

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