

## Canadian Fire Boat Wins Workboat Award

MetalCraft Marine of Kingston, Ontario was awarded the prestigious "Boat of the Year" award from WorkBoat Magazine at the International Work-Boat Show, in New Orleans, on December 1, 2010.

The recognition came for the design and craftsmanship of MetalCraft Marine's FireStorm 70 fire boat, built for Jacksonville Fire/Rescue. A principle member of the design team was Westlawn alumnus Ryan Hunter, who had an important role in the development of the 2009 version of this vessel, the first Firestorm 69 (also recognized as a "Great Boat of the Year" by Marine News Magazine in 2009). In 2010, the MetalCraft design team modified this to the Firestorm 70, with Ryan Hunter overseeing Westlawn Elements of Technical Boat Design graduate, Rami Laitila, who made the necessary changes for the new project.

Boating Industry Canada magazine featured MetalCraft Marine and a detailed walk-through of the Firestorm 70 in the October 2010 issue that can be read by clicking the "Read Online" button at [www.boatingindustry.ca](http://www.boatingindustry.ca)