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## ELCO & WHALY PARTNER ON GREEN COACHING BOAT

If there's one thing that's greener than a boat with a state-of-the-art Elco electric outboard, it's one where the hull is made from 100% recycled material. Elco has partnered with Whaly Boats to create an eco-friendly coaching boat for Fort Lauderdale-based SAIL LAST.

The coaching platform is based on the Whaly 455R. Designed as a multipurpose work and rescue vessel, the 14' 9" center console is made from UV-resistant recycled polyethylene. Incredibly robust and virtually indestructible, it's the ideal match for Elco's EP-50 electric outboard and paired lithium batteries. With performance equal to a 50 hp gasoline engine, the combination powers the 455R for up to eight hours, with bursts up to 8 knots to keep pace with the sailboats.

Dedicated to creating sustainable sailing opportunities for youth, SAIL LAST never considered a traditional gasoline engine. "We selected the Elco outboard for its simplicity of operation, ease of maintenance and zero emissions," said Tom Hansen, SAIL LAST executive director. On shore, the 455R's batteries are charged via solar panels to reduce the organization's carbon footprint further. SAIL LAST's website is [www.saillast.com](http://www.saillast.com).

"We've partnered with Whaly Boats on numerous projects," said Dean Heinemann, Elco general manager. "But SAIL LAST is unique in that beyond the benefits of introducing young people to sailing, it invests 50% of its efforts into teaching STEM skills."

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