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1970 Since 1970, The Duffy Boat Company of Newport Beach, Orange County, California, USA, has built and sold more than 30,000 of luxuriously appointed 16 – 22 ft electric dayboats, of which more than 3,500 locally, but exported to customers around the world. In 2000 alone, Duffy delivered over 15,000 boats. For a number of years they organised “The Great Electric Boat Race” around Newport Harbour.

Duffys are primarily for harbours, bays, rivers and small lakes, so their boats are very capable of handling winds up to 40 mph in protected waters. While not designed for use in heavy seas, the Duffy 22 completed a 100 mile trip in southern California seas around Catalina Island on April 19, 2013 in 25 knot winds. Their sales brochure states “A Duffy is not just a boat, it's a lifestyle.. Once you experience your first Duffy cruise you'll understand exactly what that really means. Our motto - Unplug, Untie and Unwind...it's that simple.”

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Duffy boat interior

2008 In 2008, the Duffy 22 Cuddy was launched, Over 9 feet wide, the boat has the largest interior of any previous Duffy by 50%, so designed to give more space to the elegantly upholstered seats and tables for “sunset meals” afloat.

In 2014 he was elected the City's Mayor and implanted 20 new EV charging stations alongside the existing infrastructure for marinas of hundreds of Duffy boats. More recently he has invented fiberglass SafeHuts for the homeless sleeping on the local piers. In 2020,

2020 Duffy celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Marshall Duffield's contribution to Newport Beach has gone further than just boat production. Alongside Torqeedo electric outboards (100,000 sold since 2006), the Duffy Case History exemplifies the great potential of inland waterways fleet transition.