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A painting of a wooden boat on a dock. The boat is in the foreground, and two ducks are visible in the background. The scene is set in a rustic, wooden structure, possibly a cabin or a shed, with a window looking out onto a landscape. The overall style is impressionistic and warm, with a focus on light and shadow.

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*for Angling & Hunting  
Gear in 2025.*

## GRAY'S BEST

GRAY'S BEST awards are anticipated by long-time readers of *Gray's Sporting Journal* and coveted by hunting and angling manufacturers. The reason? GRAY'S BEST carries the weight of authentic sincerity. Many sporting magazines publish an end-of-the-year roundup of new products. Gray's publishes a distinguished selection.

Our editors cover areas of expertise and experience—Angling, Shooting, Apparel, and Accessories—and select gear that not only makes good first impressions, but also satisfies during repeated use. We make choices of our own volition, absent encouragement and incentive from the manufacturers. Further, GRAY'S BEST winners deliver on the claims of their makers but also have an extra attribute, an extra something that triggers a tenor of feel, remembrance or aesthetic, and can be defined only as...satisfying. Much like Gray's itself.

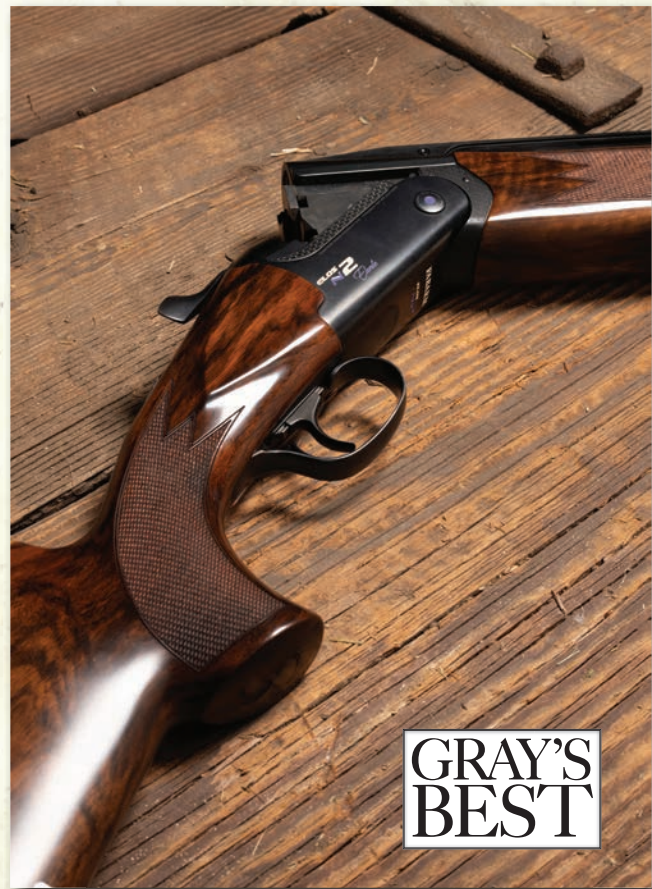
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BUILD ME A BOAT FOR TWO, BY ROD CROSSMAN

## SYREN ELOS N2 ELEVATE (TRAP COMBO)

As fun as the challenge of acquiring “the right tool for the job” can be, my dad sparked in me an admiration for the Germanic attitude that seeks to find the right tool for many jobs. Think, for instance, of the three-barreled drilling and its capacity to serve as a rifle or a shotgun. Or the versatile German Shorthaired Pointer and its relative, the Weimaraner, both of which are bred to point and retrieve on land and water. Though Italian, not German, the Syren Elos N2 Elevate Trap Combo (\$5,675) seamlessly joins this gang of all-purpose all-stars. This is a shotgun designed for lady shooters dedicated to the discipline(s) of trap, Skeet and/or sporting clays. Though it’s touted by its maker, Caesar Guerini, as customizable in “all critical specifications,” I found the gun to be fine-tuned right out of the box. The Elos fit like a glove and made my confidence soar with every broken bird; there were a lot of them, and the very few I did miss were diagnosable to human error. This shotgun for all seasons is a pretty little thing (7 lbs., 11 ounces) with walnut grain, and the only subtle clue that it is a lady’s gun is found in a few tiny touches of periwinkle on the receiver. This adaptable, versatile firearm is all the sporting woman needs. [www.syrenusa.com](http://www.syrenusa.com) - TM



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