

# FIND YOUR CENTER

*Large, small or in between,  
center consoles make boating fun.*

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If ever a boat was built to do it all, it's the center console. Center console hulls are built to ride smooth in rough water, yet also offer high performance at cruising speeds for fast access to fishing grounds 100 miles away or more. That combination of power and performance makes a center console the perfect family boat for towing kids around in tubes, and the interior roominess means you can haul a lot of gear. In most cases, cleanup is easy due to a center console's fiberglass interior, waterproof dash panel and durable helm and bench seats that are made to be washed with soapy water and hosed down.

For more than half a century, center consoles have been a favorite of boat enthusiasts exploring the Florida Keys or taking to the Gulf Stream in pursuit of billfish, dolphin and tuna. Owners of larger vessels often have a smaller center console for the ease of movement they offer. Because the helm is positioned in the center, the bow and stern have open areas for casting and fighting fish, while the port and

starboard gunwales are at the ideal height to keep passengers safe while still allowing access to the water. Some gunwales are padded to allow anglers to lean against the side while fishing, and the decks offer insulated and non-insulated compartments for storing fish and gear.

The center console designs have expanded and the lines are blurred regarding a "pure" center console and a walkaround. Suffice it to say it is a gray area but one that benefits the customer. Today's top builders offer center consoles in lengths from 15 to 47 feet and larger. Four-stroke outboards are the engines of choice, offering greater reliability, improved fuel economy and less harmful emissions than ever before. The ability to customize and accessorize center console boats

has grown with options such as rod holders, heads, berths, galleys, outriggers, baitwells, electronics, hardtops, and T-tops.

Here's a look at some of the top center console boats that cater to the flexibility boat owners want when taking to the sea.



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## Albury 27

Willard Albury's handcrafted hull provides the legendary ride customers have come to expect in the Albury 27 (27' LOA, 9'6" beam). Built at the company shop on Man-O-War Cay, Abaco, Bahamas, the Albury 27 tops out at 53 mph with a pair of twin 250-hp outboard engines while still being able to stay on plane at 17 mph. The Albury bottom design yields a softer ride and a more gentle motion in rough seas, and spray is controlled with a fitted rail that runs from the stem to amidships. The bottom design also makes the 27 extremely

stable at rest. The 27's interior volume—due in part to the wide beam—compares favorably with boats three feet larger. That makes the boat easy to walk around, with excellent visibility over the center console dash and lots of cockpit space. The head area is roomy, and the ergonomic forward seats are comfortable. The aft bulkhead is raised and features a livewell and walk-through incorporated with a new, pleasing transom shape that's functional for swimming, fishing and diving.

[alburybrothers.com](http://alburybrothers.com); (561) 863-7006

## Belzona 277 WA

With an overall length of 27 feet and beam of 9'4", Belzona Marine's 277 Walk Around offers a pleasing balance of form and function. The 277 WA is a scaled-down version of the Miami builder's 327 Walk Around and features a cabin with separate enclosed head offering privacy and comfort. For anglers, two optional 25-gallon livewells, port and starboard fish boxes and four rod holders are fine additions to create the perfect fishing day. For day cruisers, a sunpad at the bow provides a comfortable location to relax and bask in the sun.

Families will appreciate the traditional-style transom in the 277 WA and its comfortable three-person bench seat. A dive door on the starboard side allows easy access to any dock and is perfect for pulling in big fish. The 277 WA is the third boat in the Belzona line with the 395 Center Console set to debut in 2017. Powered by Mercury twin 225-hp outboard engines, the 277 Walk Around tops out at 55 mph with a cruising speed of 35 mph. [belzonamarine.com](http://belzonamarine.com); (305) 512-3200



## Bluewater 355

The Bluewater 355 (35'9" LOA, 10' beam) is designed with the offshore angler in mind. The focus on space allocation for fishing features and storage is on par with the needs of the most demanding owner. Bluewater's proven hull design offers a generous beam and an underwater shape that calms the sea and provides a dry, smooth ride. The engineering behind the ride begins with a one-piece molded stringer grid incorporating the fish boxes, fuel tank areas and storage boxes. The grid provides incredible strength and rigidity.

Once the stringer grid is bonded into the hull it is filled with foam to provide insulation and sound reduction. Forward, the large, macerated and insulated fish box will hold your big tuna catch, and a 90-gallon in-floor livewell and 60-gallon transom well (which easily converts to two 30-gallon wells) provide all the bait. The 355 includes built-in tackle storage for 12 Plano trays and a choice of four leaning post/tackle stations. The aft cockpit is among the largest in this class of boats, and the three-piece construction offers plenty of toe space and gunwale height for safety. Equipped with twin 350-hp outboard engines, the 355 cruises at 38 mph with a range of 400 miles. [bluewatersportfishingboats.com](http://bluewatersportfishingboats.com); (772) 464-3735

## ***Boston Whaler 330 Outrage***

The cutting-edge Boston Whaler 330 Outrage (33'1" LOA, 10'2" beam) delivers a remarkably soft, safe and dry ride as well as a comfortable and intuitive user experience. The 330 Outrage features a precision-engineered variable-deadrise V-hull, with full-length hard chines and lifting strakes, creating a noticeably smoother ride and predictable handling. With twin 350-hp engines, the 330 Outrage tops out at 52 mph. The boat is well equipped for both fishing adventures and offshore cruises. In the bow, a large forward-facing lounge with flip-down armrests is a prime perch while underway. Lift the seat to reveal cavernous storage below with room for large items such as buckets, fenders and dive tanks. Plush bow seating opposite the lounge makes for a terrific social zone and conceals extra storage space for PFDs, ropes and towels. Anglers will appreciate the bow's gunwale-mounted rod holders, too. In the cockpit, an aft-facing couch converts to form a leaning post and houses an optional 40-gallon livewell. Another standout feature in the cockpit is a new portside dive door, which provides easy dock access or, with the removable ladder in place, makes entering and exiting the water a breeze. [bostonwhaler.com](http://bostonwhaler.com); (877) 294-5645



## ***Carbon Marine Paragon***

The Paragon (28' LOA, 8'4" beam) is the first fully exposed carbon-fiber hull delivered by Carbon Marine Inc., a Canadian boatbuilder based in Stouffville, Ontario. Its 4,500-pound weight (with engine), makes the power-to-weight ratio excellent for speed and efficiency. Powered by a 627-hp Seven Marine outboard, the Paragon hits a top speed of 81 mph with a cruising speed of 51 mph. With her 25-degree entry deep-V hull, the Paragon runs well in rough water, and its architecture sculpts an unforgettably sleek silhouette. The dash is modern and uncluttered with two large MFDs. The helm features LED illuminated switches and an Italian-designed tilt steering wheel with paddle shifters for the tilt and trim of the engine. An angled radar arch with a Bimini top provides shelter from the sun. The spacious bow converts from comfortable bench seating with storage space to a full sunpad, and the console houses a porcelain head. Anglers will appreciate the three large in-deck coolers (a livewell, baitwell and cooler) and the flush-mount rod holders and rod locker. Other details include ample storage, LED lighting throughout, retractable boarding steps, Armstrong engine bracket with swim platform, and integrated 3-step swim ladder as well as a freshwater transom shower. [carbonmarine.ca](http://carbonmarine.ca); (416) 432-6300

## ***Century 2901 CC***

Century's 2901 CC offers the versatility and ride that today's center console buyers demand. The 2901 CC (29' LOA, 8'6" beam) is packed with standard equipment and also offers plenty of optional upgrades to tailor the boat to any specific need. The 2901 CC combines fishing, performance and luxury family amenities for offshore on Friday, the sandbar on Saturday and ready for dinner on Sunday. Century Boats, based in Zephyrhills, Florida, offers a tradition of excellence in boatbuilding that spans over 90 years. The 2901 CC's deck provides plenty of walkable space and room for floor storage—two insulated 277-quart fish boxes and a 62-gallon baitwell system with two Power Stream Venturi Aerators. The boat also features six gunwale rod holders, an enclosed electric head, freshwater shower at transom, and a four-battery management system. There's also an adjustable entertainment table forward as well as ample forward and aft seating with plush cushions. A fiberglass hardtop with spreader lights, rod holders and Fusion speakers complete the standard and optional features of this family fishing machine. Powered by twin 300XCA Yamaha outboard engines, the boat runs to a top speed of 54 mph. [centuryboats.com](http://centuryboats.com); (813) 236-8879







## **Cobia 261 CC**

The 261 CC is the latest offering from Cobia and puts a premium on style, fishing performance and family comfort. The 261 CC (26'1" LOA, 9'3" beam) is ideally proportioned with every inch maximized. The boat has plenty of cockpit space (83.5 total square feet), whether behind the deluxe tackle station with premium helm seating or in front of the forward entry console with huge step-down head area. Split bow seating with optional forward-facing backrests allows for access all the way forward to chase those big ones that head for the horizon or to easily

retrieve the anchor, and the deck is level from stern to stern. Additional smart, practical features include trouble-free access to the batteries under the helm seats and a huge bilge entry door that lifts electronically with the touch of a button. All hardware is backed with laminate plates, and there is generous bilge access with electric lift assist. The easily deployed rear bench seat makes converting from a fishing machine to a party boat as easy as stowing the rods in the ample rod storage. Powered by twin Yamaha 150-hp outboard engines, the 261 CC runs to a top speed of 50 mph. [cobiaboats.com](http://cobiaboats.com); (772) 460-5258

## **Dusky 33 XF**

The Dusky 33 XF (33' LOA, 10'10" beam) is a center console specialized for fishing that offers plenty of room for the entire crew. The 33 XF's standard package includes VHF radio, GPS/depth finder, audio entertainment system, underwater lighting, dive ladder, trim tabs, and everything else needed to get onto the water. The Dania Beach, Florida-based builder engineered the 33 XF with a ventilated stepped hull with 35-, 25- and 20-degree distinct deadrise angles, making for a smooth ride in any kind of seas. The boat's 100-percent composite construction assures a long hull life, and the boat is equipped with the Dusky Drive, a unique fiberglass outboard bracket with integrated swim/dive platform that improves maneuverability and stability while allowing a full transom for safety. The 33 XF's hand-laminated heavy-duty hull is built with stringers glassed within for strength and rigidity. In addition, the hull and deck are bonded together both physically and chemically with fiberglass. Other standard features include 260-gallon fuel tank, 40-gallon transom livewell, fuel/water separator, twin batteries, and a T-top. The 33 XF is available with inboard diesels or outboard motors with 900 maximum horsepower. [dusky.com](http://dusky.com); (954) 922-8890



## **EdgeWater 262CC**

Designed to perform with twin engines, the EdgeWater 262CC (26'5" LOA, 9'3" beam) is equipped with Yamaha F200 or F250 four-stroke outboard engines and runs to a top speed of 51 mph with the twin F250s. An all-new deep-V hull design gives the EdgeWater 262CC superior performance, handling and ride. The new 262CC features EdgeWater's most ergonomic and sophisticated deck design to date along with the builder's advanced Single Piece Infusion hull construction. The helm area and integrated hardtop with "Clear View" windshield are recent

innovations. The 262CC's aerodynamic design eliminates the use of vision-impairing aluminum tubing. The 262CC also incorporates some of the best design elements from EdgeWater's high-tech 368CC. The result is a boat that combines all of the comforts of a dual console model with the performance and fishability of a center console. The 262CC has luxurious wraparound bow seating with integrated, forward-facing backrests and lockable rod storage. The forward entry console opens to a spacious and well-appointed head compartment with generous storage space. The leaning post is a new, modern design available in many different configurations; options include a premium cooler, grill, sink, storage, and cutting board. A starboard-side dive door is standard for added convenience and accessibility. [ewboats.com](http://ewboats.com); (386) 426-5457

## ***Everglades 360LXC***

The 360LXC makes her debut as Everglades' official luxury cruising model. While the 360LXC (37'8" LOA, 10'8" beam) is more passenger focused than the Edgewater, Florida-based builder's other models, the features customers enjoy from the brand are evident at first glance—the signature Everglades silhouette and the superior ride of its RAMCAP hull. Everglades honed in on extravagance and relaxation for this 36-foot overnighter while maintaining its signature fit and finish. Guests can relax in the spacious 100-square-foot lounging area, which features an

L-shaped lounge that serves as a dining area or sunbed. The 360LXC comes standard with a 32-inch retractable flat-screen TV in the lounge area, an electric stovetop and outdoor cockpit cooking area. The boat also offers abundant cooler storage (three refrigerators and an icemaker) and a fully equipped wet bar and mixing station. Its massive aft bench seat comfortably seats five people, while the redesigned helm features ergonomic captain and companion seating with room for three. The boat sleeps five to six passengers, and both the cabin and the cockpit lounge area are independently temperature controlled to keep you comfortable in any weather conditions. When powered by triple 350-hp outboard engines, the 360LXC runs to a top speed of 58 mph. [evergladesboats.com](http://evergladesboats.com); (877) 902-6287



## ***Glasstream 360 Pro-XS***

The new 360 Pro-XS (36' LOA, 10' beam) is the latest offering from the Panama City, Florida-based builder, and her innovative dual-inverted variable geometry hull was designed by A.L. Kirkland, Jr. The design reduces surface tension and hydrodynamic drag while simultaneously creating a controlled surface tension on the rear part of the planing surface, meaning this rig runs smooth and fast on top of the rough stuff. The Glasstream 360 Series Hull runs faster with less power and is extremely stable during wave transitions, resulting in a much smoother ride during higher sea states. With twin 300-hp Mercury Verado outboard engines, the

360 Pro-XS runs in the low 70-mph range and cruises at 48 mph, with a fuel economy at cruise of 2.5 mpg. The boat is loaded with amenities for both hardcore fishing and a day cruising with the family. A full-size walk-in head with sink and shower, and electrically reclining sun lounges in the optional forward seating and stowage area make her comfortable. For anglers, full-size insulated fish boxes, tournament-style baitwells, tackle centers, rod lockers, rocket launchers, and prep stations are standard in the Tournament Series, which also offer top-shelf Garmin electronics as an option. [glasstream.com](http://glasstream.com); (877) 822-2628

## ***Hunt 26CC***

The Hunt 26CC (25' LOA, 9' beam) is a sporty center console that doesn't skimp on sophistication. With plush social seating for 12 guests and ample storage for gear and food, the 26CC is made for fishing at dawn, cocktails at sunset and everything in between. Specifically designed and engineered to handle three different types of propulsion—inboard gas, inboard diesel and outboard gas engines—the 26CC can run up to 43 knots depending upon the chosen power. The 26CC's teak swim platform with stainless steel ladder and transom door makes

boarding a breeze, and a spacious interior features 6 feet of standing headroom with a shower, sink and head. Deluxe ergonomic helm seats with adjustable bolsters ensure the ride is comfortable, while the single-level walk-around cockpit is safe, secure and simplifies maneuvers like docking and anchoring. The 26CC's sportfishing features include an insulated forward fish well, in-transom livewell, insulated fishbox in port bow locker, insulated under-seat cooler, ample rod storage and optional lockable fly rod storage. In addition to a wide choice of power, options include a T-top, aft stern seat, windlass, outriggers, rocket launcher style rod holders, bow thruster, and full electronics package. [huntyachts.com](http://huntyachts.com); (401) 324-4201







## Intrepid 475 Panacea

Intrepid's 475 Panacea (47'6" LOA, 13'8" beam) is a wave-crushing offshore machine that handles both fishing and cruising with luxury and style. Power choices include either triple or quad outboard engines ranging from 350-hp Yamaha F350s to 627-hp Seven Marine engines. Equipped with four F350s, the 475 Panacea will top out over 60 mph, and with four 627s she runs over 72 mph. The 475 Panacea's signature transverse-stepped hull is designed

to maximize fuel efficiency and stability. Effectively creating two separate hulls, the boat is supported on plane at twice as many points as conventional hulls, providing a smooth, dry ride. Bow rise is minimized, pitching and heeling are reduced and range is significantly increased. The big 475 Panacea weighs approximately 28,000 pounds—depending upon the power package—which flattens waves while being surefooted enough to maintain speed and comfort when other boats are throttling back. The Panacea's helm features a state-of-the-art platform for electronics, fold-down armrests, footrests, LED lighting, and a convenient cooler. An expansive cockpit features rear seating and fish boxes/storage lockers. An oversized sunpad and wraparound forward seating create a versatile VIP lounge that converts to an alfresco dining area. The cabin features a roomy head with a shower, vanity and sink, and is well equipped for overnighting with a spacious V-berth. The galley includes hard-surface countertops, a refrigerator, sink, and high-end cabinetry. [intrepidboats.com](http://intrepidboats.com); (954) 922-7544

## Invincible 39 Open

Invincible Boats 39 Open (39'2" LOA, 11' beam) runs on a Michael Peters-designed hull form with the patented SVT design, which provides an exceptionally low drag coefficient that aids in the boat's overall excellent seakeeping ability. When powered with triple 350-hp outboard engines, the 39 Open runs in the low 70-mph range and achieves excellent fuel efficiency at a cruise of 45 mph, getting 1.2 mpg. The Opa-Locka, Florida-based builder's 39 Open features amenities for both anglers and families, all designed for a great day on the water. The side-entry console provides ample room below for the head/shower combination as well as many custom additional seating possibilities. The helm area and dash is more than large enough for just about any combination of electronic equipment, and is configured custom for each client. The hull-side dive door with built-in ladder offers easy boarding and debarking for sandbar days or when diving and also aids when boarding the boat at the dock. The flush-mounted windlass system is a great option that doesn't affect the sleek lines of the 39 Open. An optional bow thruster gives the operator additional confidence in tight docking situations. Each Invincible 39 is built to the customer's exact specifications, giving every boat its own individual identity. [invincibleboats.com](http://invincibleboats.com); (305) 685-2704



## Jupiter 30HFS

Jupiter's new 30 Hybrid Forward Seating model (29'6" LOA, 9'4" beam) combines the best of a serious fishing machine with all the amenities of a luxurious cruiser. The 30HFS comes equipped with Yamaha's 300-hp F300 four-stroke outboards, runs to a top speed of 57 mph and cruises at 35 mph. The 2016 design provides the ability to comfortably fish or stand all the way forward without giving up bow seating. New on the 30HFS: freshwater sink in the head, larger lockable rod lockers, updated console face, and a newly designed dash switch panel. Fishing

features include a 45-gallon sky blue lighted livewell with a clear lid to keep baits pressurized while enroute to the fishing grounds. Flush-mounted cabinets with tackle drawers to port and removable Plano boxes to starboard keep everything within arm's reach. In-deck lockable rod storage on either side of the console can house up to four rods each to keep the cockpit clutter free. The console has room for twin 16-inch MFD screens and a dedicated spot for a VHF command mic. A 120-gallon macerated fishbox in the cockpit provides plenty of room for the day's catch. The Hybrid Forward Seating area can be converted into a fully-cushioned sunpad with optional filler pieces and removable backrests. [jupitermarine.com](http://jupitermarine.com); (941) 729-5000

## ***Mako 334 CC***

Mako's new 334 CC (33'4" LOA, 9'10" beam) is designed for anglers seeking advanced design and sportfishing features as well as creature comforts and state-of-the-art technology. With a ring-deck design, a port tuna door, massive amounts of storage, and a triple-outboard capacity of 1,050 horsepower, the 334 CC was built to be an offshore predator. Mako is part of the Tracker Marine Group, and the 334 CC features an aggressive deep-V hull with notched transom and high-speed raw-water pickup. The console comes with Mercury Joystick Piloting, Garmin electronics and a Fusion UD750 stereo. Other features include a forward cushioned seat with a cooler, a folding aft bench seat, walk-in freshwater head, leaning post with freshwater sink, port and starboard aft fish boxes with Gulper Macerators, an aft port tuna/dive door and stowable dive ladder, and two 34-gallon pill-shaped baitwells. The innovative design is available in two models: the Bluewater Family Edition and the Sportfish Special Edition. [mako-boats.com](http://mako-boats.com); (855) 804-8402



## ***Midnight Express 43 Open***

Midnight Express' 43 Open (43' LOA, 12'6" beam) features a true twin-stepped hull that produces minimal bow rise while getting on plane. Built with Midnight Express' exclusive infusion-molded and cored structure across the entire boat, it allows for a lighter and faster yet stronger and more fuel-efficient vessel. Enhanced by an Integrated Spray Reduction system, the 43 Open stays drier because the new shape at the bow catches spray and pushes it back down. Power options range from quad 300- to 667-hp outboards and even up to five 400-hp outboards with top speeds between 72 and 100 mph depending upon the power.

The Miami-based builder's innovative design extends beyond the performance to the accessories and usability as well, with a 100-percent carbon-fiber infused hardtop and side dive door with an integrated ladder, and a cabin loaded with comfort features and a fully digital control system powered with Garmin touchscreens. The entire digital control system is operated with wireless remotes to allow the user to select different lighting modes or to turn the battery switches on and off without climbing into a tight space. [midnightboats.com](http://midnightboats.com); (954) 745-8284

## ***Nor-Tech 340 Sport Open***

The newly redesigned 340 Sport Open (34' LOA, 10' beam) debuted in late 2015 with even more new features than her wildly successful 2012 predecessor, the 34 Sport. Starting at the bow, forward seating has been added and redesigned with improved storage access. The sun lounge has been shortened to accommodate new seating and has a fold-down armrest and grab rails built in, and steps are built in along the midship gunwales. The console dash panel is now designed to accommodate two 17-inch screens or multi-function displays, a 7-inch engine monitor and stereo on the dash panel. A Garmin 7616 electronics package is commonly installed. Nor-Tech utilizes

the C-Zone system that eliminates most of the standard toggle switches, and the functions can be controlled electronically on the Garmin displays. Under the console, a spacious cabin is equipped standard with a double berth, lighting and sink, and options can be added such as head and shower and air conditioning. A new, stylish port light has been added along with a skylight over the head compartment, while the T-top frame has a new swept-back look with fewer pipe obstructions. Triple 350-hp Mercury Verado outboard engines power the 340 Sport Open to top speeds over 80 mph. [sofloperformanceboats.com](http://sofloperformanceboats.com); (954) 232-6389







## Promarine 400 SFS

Promarine's new 400 SFS (39'11" LOA, 10'11" beam) is offered with a max propulsion package of triple 557-hp Seven Marine engines. That's more than enough muscle to power the boat on a twin-step ventilated hull bottom and get anglers to their favorite fishing grounds for an early morning bite. The Fort Lauderdale-based builder constructs the hull of hand-laid fiberglass with high-tech composites throughout. To add to the construction

strength, the hull and deck are chemically bonded, mechanically fastened and fiberglassed together for a superior ride in rough water. Anglers will enjoy two large fish boxes built into the 400 SFS to store their catch of the day, and can utilize two 50-gallon oval livewells (colored blue inside with LED lighting). For convenience, one livewell is located near the tackle station and the other is in the center of the transom. The center console cabin is composed of a fiberglass inner liner that offers 6'6" of headroom with a sofa, convertible bed, storage, sink, countertop, and head. To add to the fishing features, Promarine builds the 400 SFS with a self-bailing cockpit, fiberglass hardtop with spreaders and LED lights and rocket launchers. The 400 is also built in a Grand Touring Series for families and a Sport Cabin Cruiser series for overnighting. [promarineboatsusa.com](http://promarineboatsusa.com); (954) 769-1807

## Pursuit S 408

The Pursuit S 408 (42'10" LOA, 13' beam) offers a true center console footprint with the added benefit of the builder's Sport line of amenities. That makes the choice of moving up to a 40-foot Pursuit easy and rewarding. The S 408's stout helm, rugged hardtop, large cabin space, and varied seating choices around the cockpit deliver utility and comfort. Powered by triple Yamaha 350-hp F350 outboard engines, the S 408 runs more than 51 mph at top speed and cruises most efficiently at 32.7 mph at 4,000 rpm. Fishing features include eight stainless steel rod holders, lockable rod storage, a lighted Oceana Blue 44-gallon circulating livewell, and two port and starboard insulated 61-gallon fish boxes with overboard pumps in the cockpit. There's also an aft cockpit prep center that has a 47-gallon insulated fish box with refrigerator/freezer coils, sink with hot and cold water, cutting board, 240V/60 cycle electric grill, and four tackle storage drawers. The cabin features a forward seating area that converts to V-berth with storage underneath. A porcelain head, air-conditioning, 28" flat-screen TV, refrigerator, microwave, sink with hot and cold water, and Corian countertops round out the package. [pursuitboats.com](http://pursuitboats.com); (800) 947-8778



## Regulator 23

Whether the plan is for an offshore run or a casual day closer to shore with family and friends, the Regulator 23 offers unbelievable stability and comfort with the fit, finish and ride that Regulator is known for. Boasting an overall length of 27'6" with Armstrong bracket and engine (8'6" beam), the Regulator 23 fishes and rides like a much larger boat with its deep-V entry and 24 degrees of deadrise at the transom. Regulator's soft ride is a direct result of how the hull was designed using Regulator's signature grillage

system and a rugged molded fiberglass stringer system that adds an enormous amount of strength to the hull. The Regulator 23 is built in Edenton, North Carolina, powered by a single Yamaha 300-hp F300 outboard engine, runs to a top speed of 46.9 mph, and has a cruising speed of 29.8 mph. Big-game fishing benefits include a 23-gallon livewell, 120-quart transom fishbox and 350-quart in-deck fishbox, along with a convenient rigging station and plenty of storage. Luxuries include abundant forward seating, a built-in 55-quart insulated cooler in the console seat and an optional head with holding tank. [regulatormarine.com](http://regulatormarine.com); (252) 482-3837



## Rossiter 17 CC

The Rossiter 17 CC (17'4" LOA, 7' beam) is built with a spacious, versatile cockpit area that offers comfortable seating for seven people. Anglers will order the optional fishing package which includes a bait well, rod holders and below gunwale storage. A variety of tops are available, and custom colors and hull-side treatments are standard. The 17 CC is built on a hand-laid fiberglass hull with a molded, foam-filled stringer grid. Structural closed-cell foam cores are used where needed to provide the necessary panel stiffness in liners, decks and transoms. Liners are bonded to the stringer grid, topsides and transom, independent of the deck assembly, which is glued and bolted to the sheer. This method provides a very solid feel to the boat and enhances the ride delivered by the hull shape. The company is so confident of the quality built into each and every hull, Rossiter's Limited Lifetime Warranty ensures owners years of low maintenance fun. Built at company headquarters in Markdale, Ontario, Canada, the 17 CC is powered by a 90-hp outboard engine and is quick to plane for cruising or water sports. When fully loaded the 17 CC has a range of 100 miles at 30 mph. Step up to a 115-hp engine and run past 48 mph at top speed. [rossiterboats.com](http://rossiterboats.com); (866) 251-3280



## Scout 195 Sportfish

Scout Boats' 195 Sportfish (19'5" LOA, 8'6" beam) runs on the builder's revolutionary NuV3 fuel-efficient, high-performance hull design. The 195 Sportfish's extra-wide gunwales and hull depth help make the boat a truly seaworthy vessel. Stainless steel hardware and cup holders, ample rod and tackle storage, a leaning post aerated bait well, and a convenient removable 94-quart cooler in front of the console complete with cushions are among the standard features available. Four stainless steel, flush-mount rod holders, rod storage under the gunwale, and room for four more rods at the console offer plenty of rod storage for you and your crew. An optional

T-top comes with rocket launchers as well. In addition, other standard features include two stern jump seats, a 12-volt plug, compass, glove box, console storage compartment, and swim platform for easy boarding from the water. Optional equipment on the 195 SF includes a JBL AM/FM stereo with iPod jacks, hydraulic steering, Bimini top, bow cushion, leaning post backrest, a folding back rest seat with ski tow, and choice of four hull colors. Powered by a Yamaha 150-hp F150 outboard engine, the 195 Sportfish runs to a top speed of 49.1 mph and cruises at 25 mph. [scoutboats.com](http://scoutboats.com); (843) 821-0068

## SeaVee 340Z

The new SeaVee 340Z (34'9" LOA, 10' beam) features the patented twin-stepped, cross-ventilated hull incorporating multiple lifting bodies and unique geometry for a fixed trim angle throughout a wide range of speeds. That provides the captain a clear view of the horizon, maximum fuel efficiency, more speed, and safe predictable handling when making hard turns. Capable of planing at only 16 mph, the 340Z handles rough seas with ease. The Miami-based builder offers the 340Z with twin or triple outboards ranging from 600 hp to 1,050 hp, which enables the 340Z to run more than 70 mph at top end. A newly designed larger bow with reverse chines redirects spray downward for a dry ride. For fishing, the 340Z can carry up to 42 fishing rods neatly tucked away under the deck, on the sides of the console, in the T-top, and on the back of the leaning post. Up to three pressurized livewells facilitate the fishing experience. The 340Z features a dedicated console designed to maximize deck space and plenty of interior room. Sea Vee also offers a variety of towers, cold storage and rod holder configurations. Families seeking additional amenities can choose from a variety of comfortable forward and aft seating, sunpad options as well as shower and head. [seaveeboats.com](http://seaveeboats.com); (305) 759-6419





## Southport 272

Southport's new 272 (26'6" LOA, 9'6" beam) was designed to be a soft-riding and dry offshore center console from the builder's facility in Augusta, Maine. Improvements on the 272 include fit and finish, layout and usability of the original Southport hull with value engineering that has become more affordable than ever. The 272 marks the second generation of the 26'6" Southport hull and continues to be an able offshore performer. When equipped with twin

250-hp Yamaha F250 outboard engines, the 272 runs to a top speed of 55 mph and cruises at 26.7 mph. That's enough speed to reach bluewater fishing spots and even outpace a few bigger boats on the way. The 272 combines the benefit of a beamy hull with sharp entry forward, a modest deep-V at the transom and lots of flare to ensure a stable and dry ride. On deck, the 272 series takes advantage of the beam by creating wide-open cockpit spaces, wide side passages and ample storage for fish and gear, all with the creature comforts and yacht-like finishes Southport is known for. In its Tournament Edition (TE) layout, the 272 includes all the features needed including macerated and insulated coffin box, large livewell and rod storage. [southportboats.com](http://southportboats.com); (207) 620-7998

## Striper 270 CC

The new 270 CC (27'2" LOA, 9' beam) takes its shape, lines and contours the brand introduced in 2012 from the launch of the popular 22-foot series, including an aggressive bow flair, deep freeboard, tall gunwale cap, and a broad and assertive stance. Built with the Little Falls, Minnesota-builder's one-piece Fibercore™ hand-laid composite stringer system, the 270 CC runs solid on the V-Trac™ hull design. This allows for maximum steering control while minimizing shaking or porpoising. The 270 CC is powered by twin engines ranging from 300-500 horsepower in total—enough muscle to take anglers offshore. The 270 CC was designed to fish. Large port and starboard 34-gallon in-floor fish boxes come standard and are flanked by two 12-gallon, blue-painted, aerated livewells found in each corner of the cockpit. The cockpit can be rigged for comfort and the possible long cruise to the "spot" with optional fold-down bench seats port and starboard. The helm is protected from the weather with a standard fiberglass T-Top with rocket launchers, spreader lights and flat spots to add optional outriggers. The center console pod offers 73 inches of standing room, a lockable storage compartment and room for a porcelain head. [striperboats.com](http://striperboats.com); (320) 632-5481



## Stuart Boatworks 27

Stuart Boatworks' new 27 Center Console was built after the success of the improved Stuart 26. After building 22 of the company's 26 models, the design team went back to the drawing board, combined customer feedback with its own research, added new features and developed a new, larger head console with plenty of storage. Based in Stuart, Florida, the builder added two rod locker hatches in the rear with more than 10 feet of optional storage outboard of the stringers. Stuart Boatworks can custom

design the space for different needs, ranging from rod storage, pole spears, gaffs, mops, and dive tanks. All the way forward, the new 27 design adds nearly a foot to the overall inside area, which provides more room in the bow and forward seating area. Moreover, about five inches was added to the overall shear from midship to the bow area resulting in a more attractive profile. The 27 Center Console achieves a top speed of 45 mph with a single 300-hp outboard engine but can be outfitted with twin 150- to 300-hp outboard engines. [stuartboatworks.com](http://stuartboatworks.com); (772) 600-7121





## **Wellcraft 242 Fisherman**

The 242 Fisherman (24'4" LOA, 8'6" beam) is available with three distinct packages and seven color schemes to meet any fisherman's tastes and needs. Built in Cadillac, Michigan, the base 242F includes a host of standard features, including six gunwale-mounted rod holders, aft rod holders, gunwale rod storage, leaning post, and port and starboard bluecoat baitwells/livewells with lights and timers. Ample storage in the 242F's bow includes port and starboard fish boxes. There is an enclosed changing room with a head in the console pod for convenience. Add an

optional fiberglass T-Top or deluxe T-Top to complete the package. For comfort and enjoyment for the entire family, opt for the Family Package: a bow table, forward facing backrests, bow backrests and cushions, bow fill-in cushion, and aft backrests. For the ultimate fishing machine, there's the Scarab Offshore Package: an upgraded leaning post and interior, helm floor pad, eye-catching Scarab Offshore graphics, and an aggressive Tri-Tone Gel Coat scheme. Powered by engine packages ranging from a single 250-hp to twin 200-hp outboards, the 242F reaches top speeds of 53-56 mph and cruises at 32 mph with a range of 400 miles. [wellcraft.com](http://wellcraft.com); (231) 775-1351 📞

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