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Center Console Trends

What's new front and center

There is no simple answer to the question, "What is the prevailing trend in center console boat design." Some builders, fearing that they have been missing an entry-level market, are putting their effort into smaller models. Others, fearing a loss of customers to larger express boats, are upping the length of offerings and adding amenities (see side bar). Offshore center consoles and those in the bay boat category are adding amenities to make the boats more comfortable for all-around family boating. Venerable fishing boat manufacturer Stamas is one of the builders marketing to a wider audience by broadening the functionality of its boats. It's enjoyable to have a look at new models and draw your own conclusions.

Bluewater 355

Bluewater brings an all-new hull to the big offshore center console party with its brand-new 35-footer. With such items as fore and aft livewells, five large insulated catch boxes with gas strut lids, a dozen built-in rod holders, a locking rod compartment, and copious tackle storage, this boat is geared for the serious fisherman.

Add to that a 390-gallon fuel capacity and a transom rated

for 900 horsepower and you have one aggressive machine. Bluewater utilizes a one-piece stringer grid system incorporating all tanks and holds as well as structural members for strength and rigidity. All voids are filled with foam for flotation and insulation. An enclosed head is standard.

Bonadeo 34

This Bonadeo 34 is the first to be built on spec by custom builder Larry Bonadeo and features twin Mercurys pushing a light-blue hull that is just this side of white (Larry custom mixes all of his hull colors). Forward seating accents the spacious walk-around design. Details abound with a mahogany steering console and teak decking. Larry says interest in his 34s has spurred conversation about moving up in size. "We've got some people looking for low to mid-40 footers that can be set



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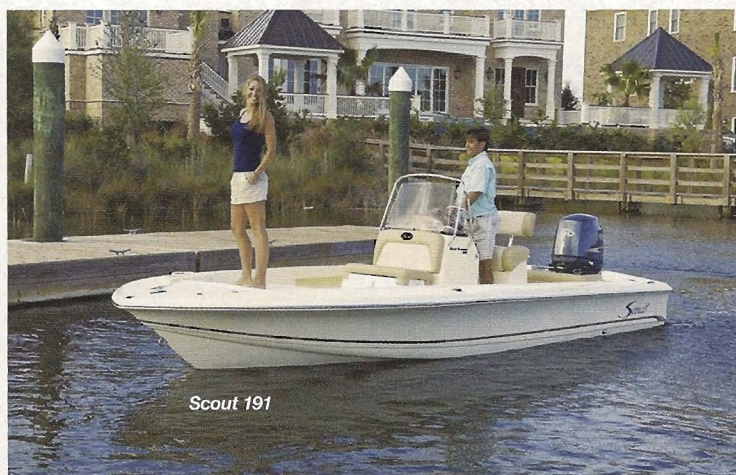


Scout 345 XSF

Scout Boats is moving in two directions at the same time. Following the debut of its 245 in 2008, a 345 XFS will join this South Carolina builder's line up this fall as the biggest boat in its center console field, while a 19 footer is filling in its line of successful bay boats. Unlike the rest of the sportfishermen in Scout's lineup, which utilize Scout's NuV3 varying-degree deadrise hull, the 345 XSF will have a stepped hull similar to that developed in conjunction with Michael Peters for the 350 Abaco Express but with a narrower beam. The 345 will feature an under-deck area with galley and lounge area, plus a separate head and shower. An aft systems room under the cockpit provides space for a generator. Various modules allow the boat to be customized for cruising with such features as a

built-in grill and sink at the transom or a 50-gallon live well and a fiberglass extension for the T-top to cover the cockpit. Standard power will be a pair of 350 horsepower outboards.

Scouts Bay Boats are center consoles designed for more



Scout 191

protected water. The new 191 is remarkable for its 10-inch draft and the fact that it planes in three seconds on a 90-horsepower engine, topping out at 34 knots.



Scout 345 XSF

"People want to do more with their boats," says Joan Maxwell, president of North Carolina's Regulator Marine, "With our thirty-four SS, we took advantage of every available inch inside the console to provide a place where people can find some comfort features



Boston Whaler 370

and extend how they use their boats." Regulator managed to add a berth where two people can lay down to rest, a microwave, a refrigerator, plus a sink with a mirror along with the traditional marine head. With the optional air conditioning, it is a pretty nice place to spend a little R&R when you're all tuckered out from battling offshore predators.

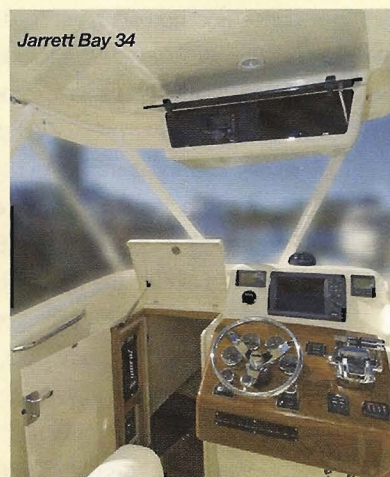
Boston Whaler's 370 Outrage takes the comfort concept and turns it up a notch. The folks at Whaler cleverly managed to double up on many cabin features so people could actually spend a weekend aboard. Entering the console, the starboard side of the cabin functions as a seating area and head combined. The seat folds up to reveal the toilet and a shower-wand mounted

above. A modicum of modesty can be attained with the wrap-around shower curtain. The cabinetry hides microwave and coffee maker and the double berth converts to seating for viewing the flat-panel TV next to the refrigerator. Two average-size adults would find the cabin space quite cozy.

Going from the sublime to the luxurious and proving you can get full accommodations without going to an express fisherman, F & S Boatworks of Delaware offers a huge 45-

foot cold-molded center console boat with a custom interior that features a fully enclosed head, gourmet galley and double berth that they will outfit to order. Hull #1, *True Grit* sports leather seating, a TV and granite counters.

—Mark Kellum



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