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BOAT BUYERS GUIDE

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Price: \$114,995

HIGH POINTS

- ▶ Hawsepipes for cleats are usually only available on much more expensive boats.
- ▶ Transom bracket maximizes cockpit space while giving the 23 performance like a 27-footer.
- ▶ A freshwater shower on the transom is ready for cleanup after bait rigging.
- ▶ Raw water under the port-side gunwale is ample to help clear the deck.

SPECS: LOA: 23'5" **BEAM:** 8'6" **DRAFT (MAX):** 1'9" **DRY WEIGHT:** 6,600 lb. **SEAT/WEIGHT CAPACITY:** 10/1,378 lb. **FUEL CAPACITY:** 149 gal.
HOW WE TESTED: **ENGINE:** Twin Yamaha 150s **DRIVE/PROPS:** Yamaha Reliance 14.25 x 18 3-blade stainless steel **GEAR RATIO:** 1.86:1 **FUEL LOAD:** 80 gal. **CREW WEIGHT:** 400 lb.

The Regulator 23 is fast, durable, smooth-riding, fishable and good-looking, plus it won't break the bank for serious offshore anglers.

The 23 is now rated for dual outboards, and our tester sped over 48 mph with twin 150s on the bracket. Cruising at 29 mph, it burned less than 13 gallons of fuel per hour, giving this efficient boat a cruising range of 310 miles. It could be the ideal kingfish tournament boat.

Its 24-degree-deadrise hull with sharp stem cleaves the seas and slides through them without shaking up the crew. In our

test on the Intracoastal Waterway, we cruised back over doubled-up wakes with ease and never heard a hatch rattle thanks to positive latches and through-bolted hinges.

A full-height wraparound windshield protected the skipper and passenger from spray, and the dual helm seat was plenty wide enough to eliminate crowding and give enough elbow room to handle the controls without bumping the crew. That's not always the case with center-consoles. The dash itself is ready to accommodate large dual screens or any combo of chart plotter, VHF and stereo. An electronics box on the hardtop adds more versatility to installations.

A long livewell graces the transom, and two hatches give access to either end of it. To starboard, a flip-over transom reveals the swinging tuna door. Regulator pointed the boarding ladder to starboard, keeping swimmers and divers clear of the outboards. With the comfortably bolstered transom seat folded away, there is room in the cockpit to move and fight fish. Passages forward past the helm station

SPEED				EFFICIENCY				OPERATION	
rpm	knots	mph	gph	naut. mpg	stat. mpg	n. mi. range	s. mi. range	angle	sound level
1000	3.8	4.4	1.7	2.2	2.6	298.2	343.1	0	67
1500	5.6	6.5	2.7	2.1	2.4	280.5	322.8	1	71
2000	6.9	7.9	5.0	1.4	1.6	184.1	211.9	3	73
2500	7.6	8.8	7.3	1.0	1.2	140.5	161.7	6	82
3000	9.6	11.0	10.3	0.9	1.1	124.4	143.2	5	85
3500	19.9	23.0	11.1	1.8	2.1	240.9	277.3	4	85
4000	25.9	29.9	12.9	2.0	2.3	269.6	310.3	2	86
4500	30.3	34.9	16.3	1.9	2.1	249.1	286.7	2	89
5000	34.5	39.8	19.4	1.8	2.0	238.8	274.8	2	89
5500	38.7	44.5	24.8	1.6	1.8	209.1	240.6	1	91
6000	42.0	48.4	31.6	1.3	1.5	178.3	205.2	1	95

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are also wide enough to accommodate hot fishing action, thanks in part to the hardtop structure's attachment to the side of the console instead of the deck.

Forward seat cushions, paired with the coaming bolsters, add loads of seating. There is plenty of rod storage and a rigging station.

The Regulator 23 looks like the killer kingfisher it is. Style points like the high bow to knock down seas, glossy gelcoat and tough yet supple vinyl suggest a boat that should cost much more than this one.