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REGULATOR 24XO

"Go anywhere, do everything" is the mantra for Regulator's new 24XO crossover boat. The 24XO offers a graceful Carolina sheerline and a shallow-running, Lou Codega-designed 17-degree bottom that sharpens into a wave-cleaving, flared bow. It's handy inside, plus able

racks port and starboard hold fly rods up to 9 feet, 6 inches long, while horizontal racks under the padded gunwales each hold two rods up to 7 feet, 3 inches long. There's tackle stowage in the leaning post, along with a four-rod rocket launcher. The stern holds

console cooler. In the stern, a flip-up backrest makes comfortable seating for two more.

Rugged? Stringers are bonded to the hull; the liner is bonded to the stringers; the console is bonded to the liner. Movement in rough seas is nil.

With a Yamaha F300 on the hydraulic jack plate (\$2,995), the 24XO topped out near 50, but proved happy at speeds from the low 20s to the mid-30s, a wide range for adapting to ever-changing conditions. We were particularly impressed with the super-sweet spot at 3,700 rpm (29.8 mph, 9.2 gph fuel burn). —*John Page Williams*

to accept coastal assignments. Though rock-solid in build, the 24XO is light enough to easily tow. It's made to order for all sorts of adventure and exploring.

Fishing comes first. With an optional Minn Kota Riptide Ulterra trolling motor and its iPilot system, the 24XO can masquerade as a bass boat in fresh water one morning, work an eelgrass bed for speckled trout the next, drift for flounder the third, and jig an oyster reef or an offshore wreck for sea bass the fourth. Lockable

a livewell to starboard and plenty of casting room (a second livewell is \$1,695).

For a change of pace, mount the 24XO's water-sports tow bar (\$1,195), or snap in the cushions, put the bow on the beach of your choice, and roll out the (also optional) bow and stern sunshades that had been hiding under the hard-top. A human-size restroom resides within the console. Two lounges with tilt-up backs live in the bow, along with seating for two more on the cushioned front of the

High Points

- Sophisticated modified-V hull can run shallow, handle chop, and deals admirably with swells.
- Loaded with fishing features, it boasts a large head, plenty of comfortable seating, and both optional shade and watersports capabilities.
- Good access to neatly arranged wiring, plumbing, and the pumps below.

Low Points

- With the bow lounge seatbacks up, legroom is a little short for tall people.
- Only head option is a portable toilet without pump-out. Why no option for a real commode?

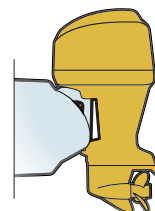
Toughest Competitor

- Pathfinder's 2500 Hybrid (\$89,600 with a Yamaha F300) is another fishing and family bay boat. It's 5 inches longer but about 1,200 pounds lighter, with 16 degrees of transom deadrise, a lower fuel capacity (67 gallons), and a long list of options.

• LOA: 24'4" • BEAM: 8'5" • DRAFT: 1'4" • DRY WEIGHT: 5,250 lb. • TRANSOM DEADRISE: 17 degrees • FUEL CAPACITY: 86 gal. • WATER CAPACITY: 18 gal. • BRIDGE CLEARANCE: 8'4" • MAX CABIN HEADROOM: 5'3" • MAX HORSEPOWER: 300 AVAILABLE POWER: Single 250 or 300 hp Yamaha outboard engine

Price: \$126,995
(with test power)

AVAILABLE POWER:
OUTBOARD



HOW WE TESTED

ENGINE: 300 hp Yamaha **DRIVE/PROP:** Outboard/15.25" x 18" Saltwater Series II 3-blade
GEAR RATIO: 1.75:1 **FUEL LOAD:** 65 gal. **CREW WEIGHT:** 400 lb.

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SPEED				EFFICIENCY				OPERATION	
rpm	knots	mph	gph	naut. mpg	stat. mpg	n. mi. range	s. mi. range	angle	sound level
1000	4.5	5.2	1.1	4.1	4.7	318.0	365.8	0	71
1500	6.2	7.1	2.1	2.9	3.4	227.4	261.6	1	77
2000	7.3	8.4	3.3	2.2	2.5	171.2	197.0	4	80
2500	8.3	9.5	5.8	1.4	1.6	110.2	126.8	6	88
3000	11.0	12.7	7.8	1.4	1.6	109.5	126.0	6	88
3500	20.6	23.7	8.6	2.4	2.8	185.4	213.3	4	93
4000	28.2	32.4	11.4	2.5	2.8	191.2	220.0	3	93
4500	32.8	37.7	15.3	2.1	2.5	165.7	190.7	2	92
5000	36.8	42.3	18.7	2.0	2.3	152.1	175.1	2	93
5500	40.3	46.4	24.2	1.7	1.9	129.0	148.4	2	93
5900	42.9	49.4	26.1	1.6	1.9	127.3	146.5	2	97

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