

PONTOONS

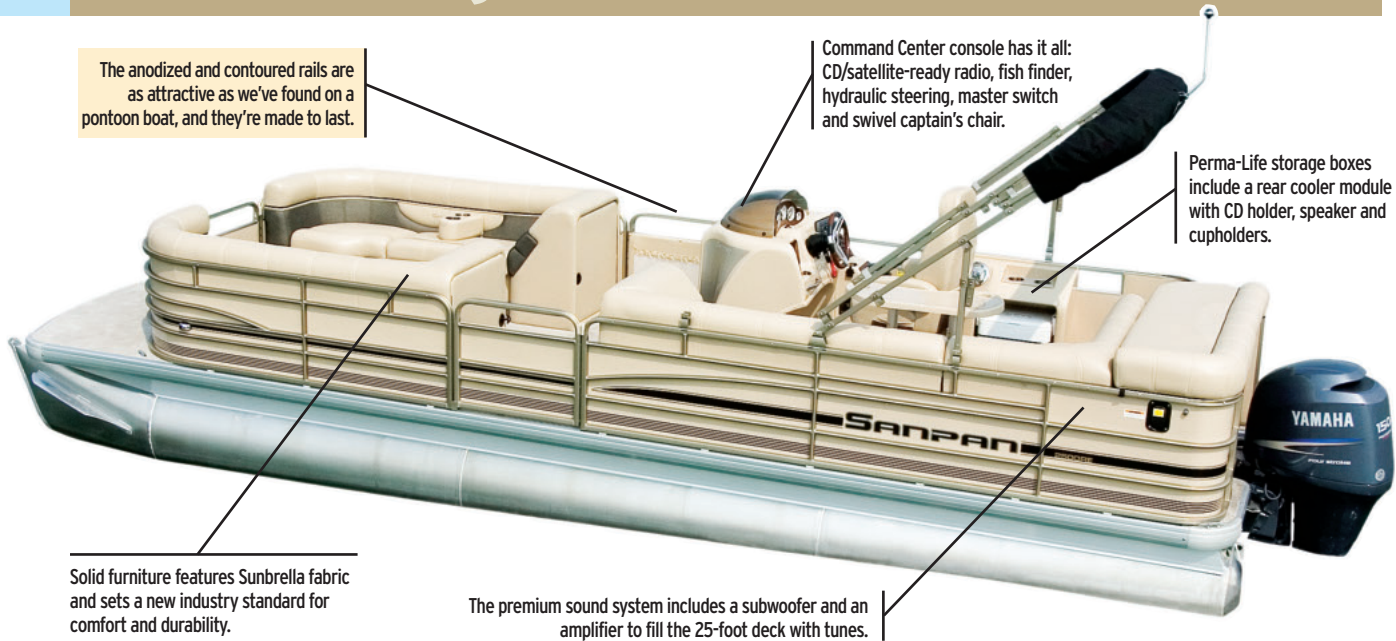
SANPAN

2500 RE Designer Edition

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The anodized and contoured rails are as attractive as we've found on a pontoon boat, and they're made to last.

Command Center console has it all: CD/satellite-ready radio, fish finder, hydraulic steering, master switch and swivel captain's chair.

Perma-Life storage boxes include a rear cooler module with CD holder, speaker and cupholders.

Solid furniture features Sunbrella fabric and sets a new industry standard for comfort and durability.

The premium sound system includes a subwoofer and an amplifier to fill the 25-foot deck with tunes.

One boat stood out from the other 13 at the dock on test day; it seemed to have something special. It was the Sanpan 2500 RE (Rear Entry) Designer Edition, featuring Sunbrella fabrics. It stood out because of a rich almond base color with graphite color accents, and eye-catching was the clever styling throughout — custom stainless-steel speaker covers, an aluminum gate logo and round halogen docking lights, among other features.

The rails are contoured and champagne anodized, so they work as classy trim, and fabric accents are tastefully placed throughout the boat. The furni-

ture features durable Sunbrella fabrics, which have a reputation of being stain- and fade-resistant.

Our attention shifted from style to function when we found an optional refreshment center that ingeniously unfolds from the chaise lounge in the bow. It includes a 12-volt outlet (for a blender), trash receptacle and sink with a pressurized water system to make cleanup effortless — and it

takes up no space when not in use. The burlwood-trimmed console includes oversized gauges mounted high on the dash and a master power switch. An upgraded depth/fish finder, the Lowrance M68C

with GPS, was mounted to the left of the designer Italian steering wheel, where it could be seen at a glance.

Powered by a Yamaha 150-horsepower four-stroke, the Sanpan achieved 34 mph, and it did so comfortably on the exclusive StrataTech Chassis. — V.M.

AT A GLANCE

This is one of the more luxurious and attractive rides we tested, and it also performs better than most.

PERSONALITYPROFILE

Cruising High-Performance

Hanging Out Multi-Purpose

Economy-Size Super-Size

Value Premium

TESTDRIVE

Test Engine: **Yamaha F150 4-stroke**
 Test Prop: **15.25 x 15 stainless steel**
 Test Load: **People (185 lb.); Fuel (18 gal.)**
TOP SPEED: 34.3 MPH @ 5,500 RPM
 Time to 30 MPH: **9.0 sec.**

VITALSTATS

Length Overall: **25'2"**
 Beam: **8'6"**
 Dry Weight: **2,551 lb.**
 Seating/Weight Capacity: **16/2,155 lb.**
 Fuel Capacity: **24 gal.**
 Maximum HP: **150**
 NMMA Certified: **Yes**
 MSRP (test boat): **\$37,995**



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