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# LEXUS ON THE WATER

**SANPAN'S 2500 RE DESIGNER COLLECTION OFFERS UNPRECEDENTED LOOKS, STYLE AND QUALITY**

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Godfrey Marine is one of the largest manufacturers of pontoon boats in the country with selections to fit any desire or taste, so it came as no surprise when the outfit decided to build a top-end spare-no-expense luxury line of pontoons. Dubbed Sanpan, this line of pontoon boats boasts a polished look, a level of material quality and a pampered attitude that will set you above all the lake commoners and their look-alike boats.

The Sanpan 2500 RE (rear entry) Designer Collection is near the top of the top end and features a number of attractive features. Halogen docking lights with chrome surrounds are mounted flush to the front of the playpen, and stainless steel pop-up cleats are mounted flush into the forward end of the carpeted deck — the idea is to keep the bow area clean and free from any visual distractions.

Like a high-end automobile, you'll notice that the Sanpan logo is prevalent

throughout the craft. A laser-cut logo is on the outside of the forward gate (four gates on this boat) and a fade- and wear-resistant embossed logo is on the couches — even the chrome speaker covers feature a shiny Sanpan logo. The combined effect is to remind anyone who sees this boat that it's a Sanpan, which is fast becoming synonymous with "top-shelf pontoon."

All the rails of the playpen are anodized in a bronze color, which complements the overall earthy look and feel of the craft. Another headliner feature is the use of Sunbrella fabric inserts in the furniture. This, along with Sanpan's GX48 expanded vinyl, gives the 2500 RE Designer Collection a brush of color and texture that screams high-class. Those who want to take it a step further can go with the optional throw blanket and pillows, also made with Sunbrella acrylic fabric. It gives the 2500 a warm and inviting look that really drives the "living room on the water" analogy home.

One of the other options on our test boat we think worth considering is the foldaway pop-up refreshment center, which includes a sink with pressurized water, a trash receptacle, a 12v plug for a blender or other appliance and some counter space. When not in use the unit quickly folds down into the port forward end of the L-shaped cockpit lounge.

The helm on the 2500 RE Designer Collection is a sight to behold. One of the nicest and most comfortable captain's chairs we've seen faces a large helm with chrome accents, burlwood panels and backlit rocker switches. Whoever drives this boat will have no problem feeling like the king or queen of the castle.

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The 2500 RE Designer Collection was made to be a classy cruiser — so you're going to feel good inside this boat regardless of how many tubes you've got below or how many horses you've got hanging off



**CLASSY CUSTOMER** — Every inch of the Sanpan 2500 RE Designer Collection has been sweated and scrutinized to include as much comfort and class as possible without going overboard. The helm reminds us of the command center of a larger motoryacht. Options like the pop-up refreshment center will allow you to pamper your crew in style, and the throne behind the wheel will make the captain feel like a king.

### SPECIFICATIONS

Length	25 ft., 2 in.
Beam	8 ft., 6 in.
Capacity	16 people
Dry weight	2,551 lbs.
Fuel capacity	24 gals.
Maximum power	150 hp
Tubes/diameter	Two/25 in.

standard BayStar hydraulic steering. We've driven other pontoons with more aggressive handling and capacity for speed, but when you're the king or queen of the lake you don't need to be in a hurry.

### OVERALL

The Sanpan 2500 RE Designer Collection is simply a pontoon boat where a lot of work and energy have been devoted to making it a good-looking and comfortable upscale pontoon boat. With a host of pampered standard and optional features, head-turning looks and style and a distinctive quality that sets it apart — far apart — from other pontoons, the 2500 is sure to attract more than a few discriminating pontoon boaters.

With our 150 hp Yamaha the base price is \$37,150, which is on the higher end of the pontoon boat curve, but you're getting a lot for your money. With a Yamaha F90 the base price drops to \$32,250, which will be ideal for those of you who like to take your time cruising around the lake attracting envious stares. **GO**

the stern (of course, stern drive and triple tube configurations are available for those who want more power and performance).

We had three people aboard for our test and a half tank of fuel (12 gallons or 75 pounds). For power we had a 150 hp Yamaha F150 spinning a 15.25 x 15 three-blade stainless steel prop.

The craft accelerated to 20 mph in only 4.6 seconds and quickly spooled up to a top speed of 30 mph. Our most efficient cruising speed was 16.7 mph, which will give you a generous range of about 161 miles.

Handling was faultless thanks to the

## PERFORMANCE & PRICING

# SANPAN 2500 RE DESIGNER COLLECTION

### PERFORMANCE

	MPH	RPM	MPG	RANGE	\$/MILE*	DBA
PEAK	30	5,100	1.90	51	1.44	89
CRUISE	16.7	3,000	5.96	161	.46	76

**0-20 MPH ACCELERATION** 4.6 seconds

*Fuel consumption measured with Floscan digital fuel-flow meter; range based on 90% of total fuel capacity.*

*\*Assuming a fuel price of \$2.75/gallon*

### POWER

TEST	Yamaha F150
HP	150
PROP	15.25 x 15 3-blade stainless steel
WOT RANGE	5,000-6,000 rpm

STANDARD	Yamaha F90
HP	90
PROP	3-blade aluminum
WOT RANGE	5,000-6,000 rpm

*Craft available with outboards ranging from 50 hp to 150 hp from most outboard manufacturers*

### LOAD

	PEOPLE	FUEL (GALS./LBS.)	MISC.
TEST	3	12/75	15 lbs.
TYPICAL	11-13	24/150	185 lbs.

### BASE PRICE

WITH TEST POWER	\$37,150*
WITH STANDARD POWER	\$32,250*

*\*Price can vary depending on options and location — price does not include trailer*

### FINANCING

\$315/month for 15 years\*

*\*Assuming a final price of \$38,500 with a 10% down payment and a fixed interest rate of 7.2% — does not include sales tax*

### FIVE NOTABLE OPTIONS

Under deck skin (\$515), engine trim gauge (\$50), stainless steel gas grill (\$225), bow cooler table w/ottoman cushion (\$515), changing room w/curtain (\$195)

### FIVE NOTABLE STANDARDS

Champagne anodized contoured rail, hydraulic anti-feedback steering, premium sound system and subwoofer w/amplifier, Sunbrella accent designer fabric, round halogen docking lights

### BUILDER

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