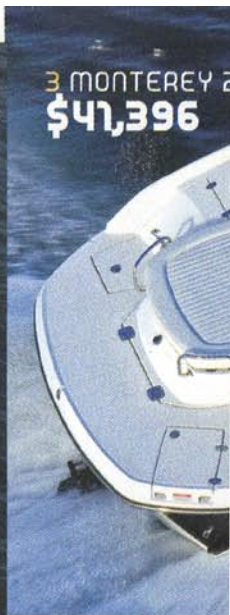




1 LARSON 20
\$33,172



3 MONTEREY 24
\$41,396



2 RINKER 26
\$50,650



Some of the newest deckboats getting under way for the 2007 model year are really hybrids, models that are as slick-looking and performance-oriented as the sportiest bowrider yet still designed to maximize beam and usable space in the cockpit. Here are six new deckboats to look for in the coming year.

1 LARSON 204 ■■■ An interesting feature on the Escape 204 is the standard fishing package with live well, casting chairs, rod holders and a trolling motor outlet. The driver's chair with flip-up bolster rides on spring suspension. Wrap-around seating forward conceals a big storage area beneath cushions; a filler cushion con-

verts the bow into a sun lounge. In the cockpit there's a wet bar with freshwater sink. Power options include sterndrives and outboards from 190 to 270 hp. **SPECIFICATIONS** Length: 20'1". Beam: 8'6". Weight: 3,100 pounds. Price: \$33,172 with a 190-hp Volvo 4.3 GL sterndrive. www.larsonboats.com

2 RINKER 260 ■■■ Seating is spacious on this new Captiva model: There are two helm chairs, a pair of oversized lounges forward and a big sun pad aft. We like the Rinker's extended swim platform and ample stowage throughout—plan to bring along the kids' favorite water toys. An oversized Bimini top protects passengers

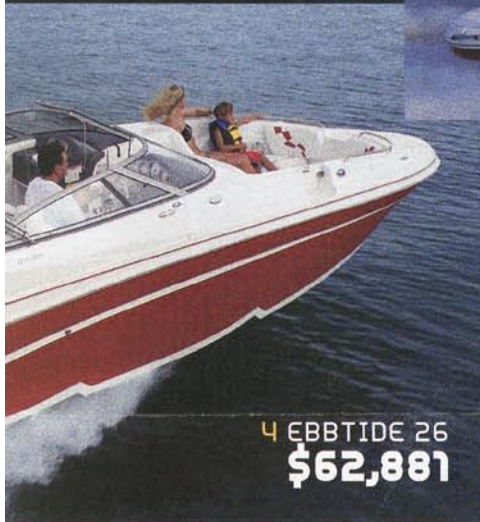
in the cockpit, where there's a nice refreshment center. Topping the list of family friendly features is the large, private head. Power is from MerCruiser or Volvo Penta, to 375 hp max. **SPECIFICATIONS** Length: 25'10". Beam: 8'6". Weight: 5,250 pounds. Price: \$50,650 with 375-hp Merc 8.1 sterndrive. www.rinkerboats.com

DECKBOATS

Six new models that maximize both space and performance. **BY TIM BANSE**



5 CHAPARRAL 27
\$73,696



4 EBBTIDE 26
\$62,881



6 CROWNLINE 25
\$63,150

3 MONTEREY 220EH

Monterey's 220 Explorer lets you take it all with you, thanks to a generous cargo hold for lifejackets, skis, tubes and other water toys; there's more stowage for skis at the transom. Telescoping boarding ladders make it easy to get off and on the boat. Two bucket helm seats with bolsters swivel 180 degrees to face the rear bench, which converts to a sunpad. The enormous bow seating area has flip-down armrests. A head compartment is standard. **SPECIFICATIONS**

Length: 21'6".
Beam: 8'6".
Price: \$41,396
w/270-hp Volvo 5.0
GL sterndrive. www.montereyboats.com

4 EBBTIDE 2660

The builder's Z-Trak Fun Cruiser has a new hull with double-vented chines that significantly enhance maneuverability. The helm is reminiscent of a high performance boat with its array of instruments. The driver rides on an adjustable, high-back seat with shock-absorbing suspension. The boat comes with a JBL stereo system, Bimini top, plus a

cockpit table, sink, cooler and trash container. Power options include Volvo Penta and MerCruiser packages. **SPECIFICATIONS**
Length: 26'6".
Beam: 8'6". Weight: 5,200 pounds. Price: \$62,881 with 425-hp Merc 350 Mag sterndrive. www.ebbtideboats.com

5 CHAPARRAL 276

The new Sportdeck model is loaded with amenities. Helm seats feature armrests. There's a lockable head compartment with a teak and holly sole. Break

bread at the cockpit dinette with U-shaped seating and a filler cushion, and wash up at the galley sink. The sound system includes an MP-3 jack and remote control. Table and fridge in the bow are good options. **SPECIFICATIONS**
Length: 28'10".
Beam: 9'0". Weight: 6,800 pounds. Price: \$73,696 with 280-hp Volvo sterndrive. www.chapparralboats.com

6 CROWNLINE 252 EH

This new model can accommodate up to 14 people.

There's a cockpit wet bar, carry-on cooler and head compartment with portable toilet, sink, shower and screened port. Wakeboards and other bulky items can be stowed below the hatch between the driver and passenger seats, and there's more storage in sidewall compartments and bins. Handling is motorcycle-like thanks to the F.A.S.T. Tab hull form. **SPECIFICATIONS**
Length: 25'6".
Beam: 8'6". Price: \$63,150 with a 300-hp Merc 350 Mag. www.crownline.com