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CROWNLINE 195SS

Base Price (w/ 3.0L MerCruiser)	\$27,662
Length	19' 5"
Beam	7' 8"
Weight	3340 lbs.
Fuel	25 gals.
618/937-6426; crownline.com	

In today's economy, the "staycation" is gaining popularity. And what better way to give yourself a break than hopping aboard a boat that can provide hours of entertainment only a short drive from home? And it's good to know that when you spend your cash on this little bit of heaven, you're getting the most bang for your buck. We think the following offer a lot of boat for the money.



CROWNLINE 195SS

Here's a sporty yet affordable bowrider that offers the features and performance you'll find on larger, more expensive rigs. Noteworthy attributes of the new 195SS include Crownline's vented-chine F.A.S.T. Tab hull for excellent handling and acceleration. Need a place to put your toys? A molded floor system features in-floor storage, as well as room for skis under the aft seat.

Although the base boat is a bargain at \$27K, you can step up to a 190 hp V-6 for just over \$30K. And then there's Crownline's "value added" standards that include a depthfinder and hourmeter, plus a kickin' stereo with four speakers in the cockpit and two on the swimstep. It's part of a Social Swim Transom that can be equipped with an amp that lets you pump up the music aft while sparing those up front. Wakeboard packages (shown) are also available. Because this is a well-performing hull that you can trick out as much — or as little — as you want, the 195SS won a place on this year's awards docket.

With graphics and feature packages ranging from mild to wild, Crownline's new 195SS lets you personalize your boat. The fresh Stingray 225LR (below), offers excellent speed and crisp handling.

STINGRAY 225LR

Stingrays are known to be fast boats, and the new 225LR personifies this characteristic. This builder's performance-oriented Z-Plane



STINGRAY 225LR

Base Price (w/ carbureted Volvo 5.0L)	\$32,424
Length	22' 11"
Beam	8' 4"
Weight	3300 lbs.
Fuel	57 gals.
843/383-4507; stingrayboats.com	

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■ Burl trim, a Dino wheel and a compass are standard aboard the Stingray 225LR, while a substantial brow over the instruments wards off glare.



hull features a strake arrangement and notched transom that offer quick planing, excellent top end and steady, sure handling. In addition, the bottom design minimizes resistance as the boat moves through the water. All of this results in stellar speed, fabulous fuel efficiency and a place in our awards lineup for 2009.

As if this weren't enough, the 225LR features an integrated liner, extended swim platform, stainless gunwale molding and a walk-through sundeck. What's more, the cockpit can



accommodate up to six people around the standard table. Let's see: speed, efficiency plus a boatload of creature comforts... Sounds like a good value to us.

TROPHY 2206 DUAL CONSOLE

Whether your game is fishing, taking the kids tubing or just cruising around, Trophy's 2206 has you covered. This full-featured dual console boasts handsome, salty lines, but one of the design's best elements is a stern seating arrangement that integrates the aft port backrest with the transom door. This allows four people to sit across the back without limiting access to the transom. Other cool features include a reefer option in the wetbar (unusual for any size trailer boat) and an optional split bow rail. Echoing a European influence, this makes boarding from the beach easy. It all adds up to a lot of boat and versatility for the money... one of the true values for 2009.

TROPHY 2206 DUAL CONSOLE	
Base Price (w/ Mercury OptiMax 200)	\$42,284
Length	22' 6"
Beam	8' 6"
Weight (hull only)	2750 lbs.
Fuel	104 gals.
800/544-6220; trophyfishing.com	

■ The Trophy 2206 DC's lines are modern and flowing, yet still retain the salty feel that we like in this style of boat. The wetbar includes tackle stowage, and also can be plumbed as a reefer so you don't have to bother with ice. Transom seating handles four.

