



From left: Dave's Custom Boats did a fine job when it came to rigging the twin 900-horsepower engines. The cockpit featured four high-back bucket seats. Custom touches included the 30 Sport Deck name in the carpet as well as speaker covers with the DCB logo. The boatbuilder designed a new two-tier swim platform for its first deck boat.

TEST RESULTS

Centerline/beam	30'8"10"
Hull weight/fuel capacity	7,500 pounds/110 gallons
Price as tested	\$414,500
Engine	(2) Teague Custom Marine 900 EFI
Cubic-inch displacement/hp	540/900
Propeller	Mercury Bravo One 15 1/4" x 36"
Zero to 20 seconds	114 mph
40 to 60 mph	3.1 seconds
Top speed at rpm	140.7 mph at 6,000
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Dave's Custom Boats

Mach F-30 Sport Deck

The fact that the fastest deck boat we've ever tested—we're talking 140 mph and change—also happened to be the best built boat in its class during the 2008 Performance Trials came as no surprise to any member of our Test Team. The Mach F-30 Sport Deck was, after all, built by Dave's Custom Boats. In any given year, DCB is a contender for a Boat of the Year, Workmanship or Performance award. The El Cajon, Calif., company's products are consistently that good.

As much a work of art as a go-fast boat, the Mach F-30 Sport Deck boasted vibrant graphics and flawless tooling. The vacuum-bagged test model was constructed with Penske composites, Kevlar and carbon fiber, although it can be ordered with conventional layup materials.

The seamless capping of the 30-footer's hull and deck joint was as good as it gets. For a bit of protection, because

it would be criminal to scratch the catamaran's hullsides, the builder installed a discreet stainless-steel rubrail.

Matched to the boat's color scheme, the graphics on the underside of the engine hatch were a must-have \$2,700 upgrade. A pair of screw jacks raised and lowered the hatch. Solid feet and in-house, custom-fabricated mounts kept the boat's 900-hp supercharged and electronically fuel-injected engines in place.

When it came to the rigging for those blown big-blocks, DCB put on a clinic. Each of the four batteries in the engine compartment was housed in a billet box with a step plate. Support for the precisely gathered wire looms included tie-wraps and stainless-steel cushion clamps, all of which were evenly spaced.

Surprised by the untouchable workmanship of the Mach F-30 Sport Deck? Hardly. But impressed? As always. P

► For the Performance Report on the DCB Mach F-30 Sport Deck, see "Out of this World," February 2008, Page 82.