

READER'S CHOICE AWARDS

OVER THE PAST YEAR, OUR TEAM HAS REVIEWED NEARLY 100 BOATS. WE HAVE OUR LIST OF FAVORITES, BUT THIS ISN'T OUR LIST, IT'S YOURS. THESE WERE THE MOST POPULAR (AND SEARCHED FOR) BOATS ON [PMYMag.COM](https://www.pmymag.com) IN 2020.



Regal 38 SAV

This center-helm design fills the needs of anglers and cruisers who have a passion for playing on the water.

For the first time ever, Regal Boats cracked our Reader's Choice Top 10. How'd they do it? Simple, the company listened to its customers.

When owners requested more outboard options and bigger boats that can wear a lot of hats on the water, Regal delivered the 38 SAV—a perfect mix of cruising attributes in a very fishable, open design.

With an 11-foot, 11-inch beam, the boat offers a surprising amount of space on deck, at the helm, in the cabin and in terms of storage. The layout includes tons of seating with four helm seats (the two outer seats swivel to face backwards), a bench behind the entertainment center, another bench on the transom and more seating in the bow. You can carry 15 passengers comfortably.

A hydraulic-powered deck lift reveals a Seakeeper, genset, batteries and enough storage for lots of water toys. The air-conditioned cabin houses a queen-sized berth forward and a mid-cabin convertible settee. There's also a full head with separate shower. More than enough room to sneak off for the weekend. And powered with triple 300-hp Yamahas, the 38 tops out at 45 knots.

This vessel caters to active boaters who like to do a bit of everything. It definitely lives up to the SAV acronym, which stands for Sports Activity Vessel. —*Charlie Levine*



Silent 55

With solar-electric propulsion and luxury accommodations, this cat silently cruises towards a greener future.

Although the marine industry has been increasingly exploring more sustainable propulsion options as of late, electric and solar power have yet to be employed on many long-distance cruising yachts. The Silent 55 is one notable exception, making it no surprise that this silent-running catamaran landed on our list.

Silent-Yachts is a pioneer of solar power, founded by a cruising couple that has logged more than 75,000 miles at sea. Their cruising experience, coupled with their collaboration with Searious Power, an alternative marine propulsion specialist, has culminated into a high-performance bluewater vessel with a low environmental impact.

Twin 250-kW e-motors provide a cruising speed of 10 to 12 knots, and the boat travels at 5 to 6 knots using solar power alone.

With the right drivetrain conditions, the

55 should reach speeds up to 20 knots. Solar energy also charges the 55's lithium-ion batteries, which have a 210-kWh capacity, and a backup 100-kW Volvo Penta diesel generator that activates when the batteries are low provides peace of mind while voyaging.

Green power does not mean sacrificing luxury accommodations; the Silent 55 is configured to optimize comfort on long passages. Five different layout options are available, offering between three and six staterooms, and there is ample space for entertaining.

The Silent 55 requires little maintenance, and sustainable propulsion keeps operating costs low, but most importantly, it leaves very little carbon footprint, so you can cruise to the ends of earth knowing that you are paving the way towards a greener future. —*Carly Sisson*