

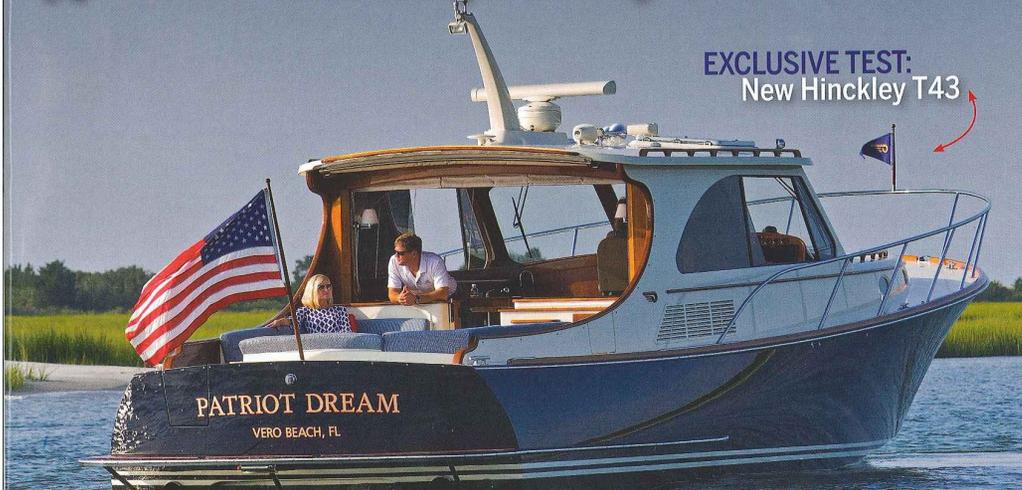
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Game Changers

48. U.S. states in the union when Taylor Winner began building PlastiCraft recreational boats, arguably the first production fiberglass boats, in 1946. Alaska and Hawaii would be admitted 12 years later.

to New Caledonia on a voyage that originated in Mexico.

Larson 176 Flyer

1999 Designed by Larson
Nothing new under the sun? When was the last time you read about, watched, or stumbled across an entirely new way to build boats? When Larson introduced the 176 Flyer BR (BowRider) at all the boat shows in 1999, that's exactly what the company was putting out there—VEC (Virtual Engineered Composites), a wholly closed-molded approach to creating a boat. The advantages of the VEC process—zip for VECs, precisely weighted and dimensioned parts, lightweight unibody construction, and unparalleled production efficiency—still pertain today. Larson's still building lots of skiboats, fishboats, and spicy runabouts the new-fashioned VEC way.

Lazzara 76

1992-2003 Designed by Dick Lazzara
Brothers Dick and Brad Lazzara do not shy away from going all in and embracing innovation. The 76 was indeed a game changer



when she was introduced in 1992. Think about it, what other model with contemporary styling and luxury appointments was available between 65 and 85 feet in the early '90s? The 76 remains a much sought-after boat on the used market today.

Mako 25

1976-1985 Designed by Mako
Ask any diehard angler who has run a few boats in his time to name some favorites. The early Mako 25 will almost surely be

mentioned since the ride is so smooth and solid. The 25 was one of the first center consoles to start to creep up in the size range when she came out in 1976. (AquaSport had come out with a 22-footer a few years before.) The original Mako 25 evolved into an updated model in the mid '80s.

Mainship 34

1978-1982 Designed by John Cherubini
Super-efficient, pretty fast, and popular. A good old reliable 160-horsepower Perkins pushed this baby through the water. The 34 was updated in the early '80s with the Mark III version.



Mainship saw an opportunity to create an affordable, value-oriented pocket trawler before any other builder was focused on this buyer. The company strayed for a while and got into the motor-yacht market building boats like the Mainship 41 Grand Salon (perhaps one of the ugliest boats ever conceived), but in more recent years the trawler-yacht niche once gain. Today boat-builder David Marlow is creating Mainships that will surely be on our next *Power & Motoryacht's* Top Boats listing.

MarineMax 484

2013-Present Designed by Seaway
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ticularly when it comes to the exceptionally well-ventilated heads ... an important consideration when you're thinking about chartering a boat.

Maritimo 60

2006-2010
Designed by Bill Barry-Cotter
Maritimo founder Bill Barry-Cotter is one heck of a boat-builder. After selling his shares in Riviera Yachts he took his knowledge and moved across the street and started to think about how he could build a different boat. He saw a need for something that could do longer-range cruising, but offer some speed and styling as well. Soon the Maritimo 60 was born and the enclosed-bridge layout also became a Maritimo trademark. Even on the smaller boats, this design element does nothing to detract from the boats' lines. Maritimos are also known for their simplified systems and stout construction.

Marlow 70

2003-Present
Designed by David Marlow
While the Marlow 65 launched this now venerable builder and benchmark brand, the 70 highlighted another reason for Marlow Marine's lightning-fast success: David Marlow is constantly fine-tuning his boats to make them better. This is easier if you're not designing via committee. Also, when a builder sells direct like Marlow and doesn't have to worry about stepping on a dealer's stock inventory, he can introduce a new model when he wants to. The 70 is a stretched 65 and in profile she appears to have a reverse transom, making her damn good looking. The additional length also adds to the stern without substantially increasing her weight, thereby giving the boat even better lift. Pure and simple, she'll literally run rings around other vessels of her size and type in rough seas. We once did so, during a sea trial in Florida.

Hinckley 36 Picnic Boat

1984-2007 Designed by Bruce King

THE VISION When Shep McKenney first dreamed of the 36, there were a lot of doubters about the boat.



1958: During the '58 America's Cup trials, Dick Bertram sails on board Vim and spots the tender for Easterner easily managing the seas off Newport. Bertram