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# ALL ABOUT

**S**ix years ago, Shockwave Custom Boats of Corona, California, debuted its 29' Magnatude, a full-sized performance cruiser that integrates the latest technology into a very serviceable rough-water hull, with dramatic results. The Magnatude quickly became one of the company's best sellers—unusual for a relatively large boat. In fact, at the time it was the biggest

machine in the Shockwave stable.

A few years later, the builder issued an even bigger muscleboat, the new two-step 34' Magnatude, a twin-engine creation prepared to challenge most any local waters and offshore conditions.

Stock power is twin 496HOs, but there are no boundaries when it comes to the business end of this beautifully sculpted masterpiece—525s are a popular option,

but cover boat had been outfitted with a pair of 575s. According to Shockwave national sales manager Barry Diehl, the boat is an ideal choice for the offshore enthusiast, although it handles lake duty exceptionally well. He ought to know—he owns this bad boy, which has seen freshwater only twice; it spends most of its time in Huntington Beach, California.

Diehl started out as a Shockwave cus-





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tomers; he bought a 22-footer and then "they couldn't get rid of me," he chuckles. "I kept hanging around, so they put me to work." After selling his 22', he bought a 25-footer. He skipped past the 29' and went straight for the 34' Magnatude. Consequently, Diehl may well be the only guy ever who has owned two different HOT BOAT cover boats—his 25-footer graced the cover in 2003. Does

working for the company yield him a special discount? "Not as good as people might think," he grins.

The 34' features a full, airplane-style vacu-flush head, real-leather upholstery, fridge and microwave. Graphics packages are whatever the owner dreams up. Shockwave really goes overboard on the lay-up of their boats; the 34' features a vinyl ester resin and handles rough water

exceptionally well. "We've always built our boats a little bit heavier and stronger," says Shockwave owner Bob Anderson.

Shockwave's lineup starts with a 21' Skier, 21' LS and 21' Step Skier. Bigger models include the 22' SC, 25' Cuddy, 25' Walkthrough, 26' Cat, 29' Magnatude, and, of course, the 34'. A 20-foot tunnel boat is also available. The company is currently at work on a 28-foot deckboat. ■