

SHOCKWAVE

21' SKIER

Even as their supersized, step-bottom muscle-cruiser series creates most of the buzz within Shockwave's line, the 21-foot Skier quietly retains its stranglehold on the stable's best-seller honors. This outstanding family performance bowrider combines a reasonable amount of freeboard with a slippery shape that draws consistent notice on the water.

At a Glance: A significant majority of Skiers leave the rigging department with a prop strutting off the stern; a step-bottom version is made specifically for outdrive power. But Shockwave also builds a steady output of nonstep, straight-vee hulls for the shallow-water enthusiast who has discovered the worry-free world of the performance jet drive.

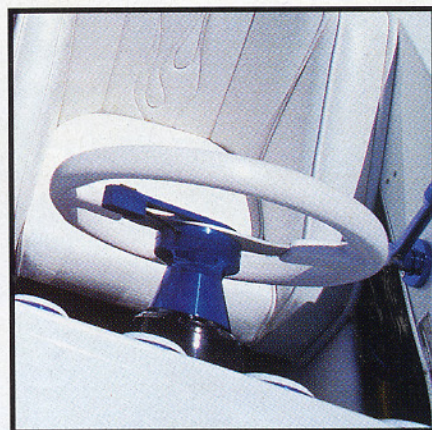
The Skier crosses effortlessly into this

prop-free arena, with its luxurious feel and outstanding styling detail, inside and out. It ponies up with respectable performance, in our case behind the upgraded 375-horse steam of the emerging 8.1 (496 c.i.) GM Vortec (a \$2,500 premium over the base, 330-horse 454) and an American Turbine jet-drive package.

Our fully loaded Skier's only other cost option was a push-button Place Diverter system with wheel trim, a must-have at \$1,400. Including a trick Extreme tandem trailer, the Shockwave test machine stickered at \$41,900.

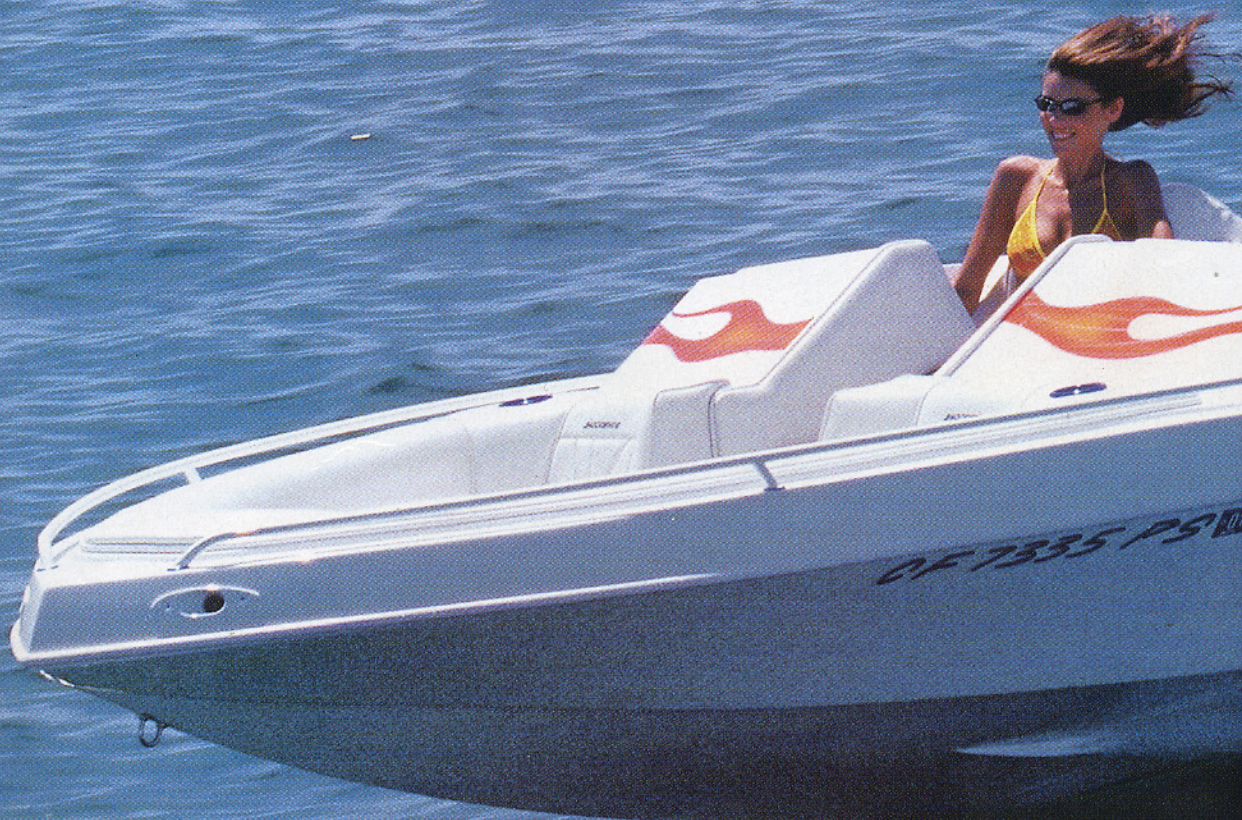
Onboard: Shockwave owners bypass the unpleasant ritual of agonizing over an options list, as every boat is equipped with a premium-level array of standard features and amenities.

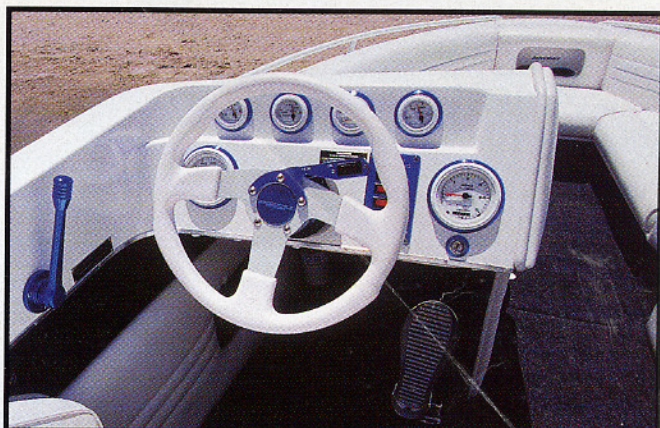
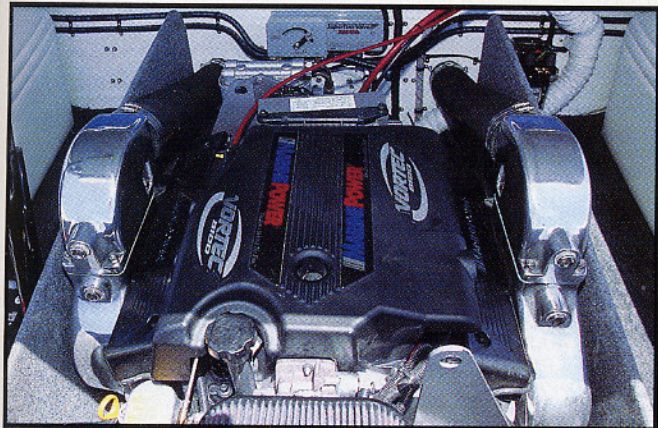
The red-carpet treatment begins with Shockwave's standing offer of virtually unlimited hull color combinations and graphics; their gelcoat work is a source of company pride and a major factor behind the brand's quick success. Our



white-based Skier featured a dramatic, flame-tempered mix of blue and orange that licked across the flanks and both helms; it was undoubtedly some of the nicest work we saw all week.

Dana Marine billet pieces are worked flawlessly through the boat's installation into cleat and vent recesses tooled into the exterior and throughout the cockpit.





Our test machine's brilliant-blue, powder-coated face plates, steering extension and hub, shifter, bezels and cup holders showed off exceptionally well against the elegant, all-white backdrop of the interior. White bow railing wrapped the forward seating area. Cup holders (ten in all!) and grab handles are within reach of the front buckets and rear bench. Shockwave

includes a premium-level, 200-watt Pioneer CD system in every Skier.

A stowable bimini top is standard, along with a complete interior lighting package, dual batteries, power engine hatch and Imco power fuel valve. Ice chests are cut into the bow and main passenger floor, and they sandwich a capacious locker that will easily swallow wakeboards and

gear. An oversized, single-piece fiberglass swim step is also stock.

Shockwave has become known for their outstanding interior work, and our Skier earned the highest possible marks for this stylish, all-white, beautifully accented and highly imaginative execution. Flame outlines were stitched delicately into the sur-
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