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**W**ith a model moniker like "Lexis," Shockwave Custom Boats of Lake Elsinore, California, is obviously inviting comparisons of its unrelated automotive near-namesake to be drawn. The inference is clear: a high-quality fam-

ily luxury boat that delivers excellent value for the price.

No quarrels here, Shockwave has apparently hit the nail on the head with its 22-foot Lexis. Base retail price for this beauty is only \$25,900, with a standard small-block V-8 (5.7L) MerCruiser package. And, for a mere \$2,000 up-charge, the 22-foot Lexis is water-ready

with a more authoritative 7.4L (300 pshp) MerCruiser big block—solid values in the custom sport boat arena, no matter how you look at it.

If you're inclined to appreciate the Euro-style design, the Lexis will definitely appeal to you. It has an attractive low-profile appearance with plenty of smooth-flowing exterior

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contours, especially around the integral swim platform area. It also doesn't hurt that the custom gelcoat graphics fit the look and that the mold work is first class.

Important to all family bowriders in this size class is usable interior room and passenger comfort. Shockwave earns a couple of enthusiastic thumbs-

up in this department with a sensibly proportioned bowrider compartment (large enough to accommodate three adults) and plenty of main cockpit legroom, so there's no difficulty moving about—largely due to the boat's generous 98-inch beam.

As for interior amenities, take note of twin in-floor insulated ice chests

(fore and aft which is a nice touch) plus a spacious built-in ski locker midship. The dash panel area is limited but gauges can be spread across both driver and passenger bulkheads. Storage space is abundant with excellent utilization of the gunnel recesses outfitted with high and low divider pockets.



High-Voltage Luxury Family Bowrider.



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Maybe the most pleasant surprise that the 22-foot Lexis held in store was its overall performance. With a stock 7.4L MerCruiser package and an 18-degree semi-vee bottom configuration, the combination worked to produce a spirited radar reading of 65.6 mph (67 mph showing on the speedo). Contributing significantly to this impressive speed rating was the fact that the 22-foot Lexis was highly responsive to trim position. Tucking the drive unit under kept the bow tightly hugging the water. Trimming up, however, immediately freed the bow and allowed the hull to take a comfortable, nonporpoising set. Cruising in the 30 to 45 mph range was smooth with a

light steering feel. Bringing the rpm level over the 4,000 mark allowed more positive trim to be used. The hull continued to free up and run with minimum wetted surface without sacrificing stability; overall, a fun and responsive boat to drive.

It appears that Shockwave has taken a page out of the *Lexus* success formula: create an appealing, high-quality, good-performing product at a competitive price and let the informed consumer make their own decision—sales are sure to follow. ■

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