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## Entry-Level Roundup

### Two Plus

The 32 Dominator is twice the fun with a pair of small-blocks.



Over the course of a year lead test driver Bob Teague drives more than his share of performance boats. But every once in awhile cruising back to the harbor, a boat will make Teague crack a smile.

On this day it was Sunsation's 32 Dominator with a midcabin and twin MerCruiser MX 6.2 MPI engines. Teague has run plenty of Sunsations during his boating career but it was the small-block power that made the difference in the entry-level model.

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"I think this is the best thing for this boat," Teague said of the small-blocks. "The boat handles great, it's got good manners, it's a 70-mph boat. What else do you need?"

With a sticker price of \$134,435, the 32 Dominator certainly stretches the definition of "entry level." But if buyers are comfortable with small-block power, it's a boat that will stay in the family a lot longer than other entry-level models.

We've tested our share of 32 Dominators with big-block power



Clockwise from top: Sunsation mounted the Monster-series Livorsi gauges nice and high, and the Zero Effort levers on their own pod. In the cockpit, this entry-level model boasts a high-end McLeod interior, including power dropout bolsters. Up front, bow passengers will never ask, "How fast are we going?" because they have a speedometer of their own. For the record, twin MX 6.2 MPI engines pushed the boat to 70.6 mph. Inside, the boat came with a freshwater sink.

but in this case it was the small-block stuff that had us smiling. With full-hydraulic steering, the 32'-long, 8'-wide boat handled perfectly with the power.

The boat popped on plane in 3.6 seconds with the Bennett tabs down and in 20 seconds was running 68.8 mph, a couple of mph short of top speed. The Dominator ran an impressive 70.6 mph at 5,000 rpm on the bay in Sarasota, Fla.

Midrange acceleration was snappy, with 30 to 50 mph taking 4.1 seconds and from 40 to 60 mph a mere 5.5 seconds. The small-blocks produced solid fuel numbers. When running at 55 mph, the boat was getting better than 1.7 mpg.

Our testers also had praise for the mold work coming from the Sunsation plant. The hullsides were nice and straight and the Mitcher T paint work complemented the boat.


Hopping into the cockpit, the manufacturer equipped the boat with McLeod limited-edition bolsters, a \$3,500 option. For the dri-

ver, Sunsation installed Livorsi Monster gauges and a liquid-filled 100 mph speedometer. Sunsation did a nice job laying the carpet in the cockpit and in the midcabin.

Access to the midcabin was through an acrylic sliding door. The midcabin was one of the largest we saw during the roundups. It had facing lounges with a molded fiberglass galley and a freshwater sink. Sunsation installed a large Bomar hatch to provide plenty of light to the space.

Out on the bow, Sunsation provided a spacious place with a speedometer and a clock for passengers to check out. The builder also included an Access Technologies remote to control the stereo situated in the midcabin. Additional remotes were installed adjacent to the driver and on the transom by the swim platform.

Figuring the boat would see plenty of lake time, Sunsation included sun pads over the midcabin and on top of the large engine hatch.

Sunsation's 32 Dominator is an entry-level boat that beginners and seasoned veterans alike can enjoy. 



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Sunsation 32 Dominator