

Monterey 268 Sport Cruiser

Brief Summary

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Price

Base Price\$57617.00

Prices, features, designs, and equipment are subject to change. Please see your local dealer or visit the builder's website for the latest information available on this boat model.

Key Features

- Wedge shaped wet-bar contains sink with pressurized fresh water faucet, counter space, and storage below for an insulated cooler
- Cabin has a wrap around settee and dinning table
- Private head, complete with a port-a-potty and small vanity with sink
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Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
650	6	5.2	1.6	3.84	3.34	332	288	70
1000	7.9	6.8	2.4	3.27	2.84	283	246	77
1500	10	8.7	5.1	1.98	1.72	171	149	79
2000	17.2	15	7.8	2.21	1.92	191	166	80
2500	24.6	21.3	10.2	2.42	2.1	209	182	85
3000	32.6	28.3	13	2.52	2.19	218	189	85

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
3500	38.5	33.5	14.9	2.58	2.25	223	194	85
4000	46.8	40.7	23.3	2.01	1.75	174	151	86
4400	49.9	43.3	28.1	1.77	1.54	153	133	94

[View the test results in metric units](#)

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Specifications

Length Overall	28' 6"
BEAM	8'6"
Dry Weight	5,600 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	19"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	18 deg.
Max Headroom	~
Bridge Clearance	~

Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	89 gal.
Water Capacity	15 gal.
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	
Aft Deck	
Salon Inside Width	
Salon Fore & Aft	
Salon Height	
Salon Volume	
Galley Volume	
Master SR Width	
Master SR fore & Aft	
Master SR Overhead	

Master SR Volume	
Eng. Room Volume	

Acceleration Times & Conditions

Time to Plane	5.7 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	
Props	28" stainless steel
Load	2 persons, full fuel, no water, min. gear
Climate	78 deg., 90% humid.; wind: 3-4 knots; seas: light chop

An Affordable Cruiser With Many Amenities

By Capt. Robert E. Smith

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The first thing you’ll notice when setting your eyes on the SC is the signature sun pad island at the stern of the boat. This sun pad has room for two people to stretch out and enjoy the day, yet allows enough room for a transom walk through. This makes accessing the extended swim platform much safer. Going for swim is easy with the concealed boarding ladder and the smart transom gate, which can be secured with one hand.

Cockpit Area

Moving into the 268’s entertainment area, you will appreciate the expansive room afforded in the cockpit. The use of space is excellent and it is hard to believe that this boat has only an 8 and a half-foot beam. A wedge shaped wet-bar is located to starboard and contains a sink with pressurized fresh water faucet, counter space for snack preparation and storage below for an insulated cooler. Seating in the cockpit is

comprised of an aft bench seat and port side bench/chase lounge. Underneath the chase is a storage spot for a large cooler or other items. There is also storage under the aft bench seat for safety gear or other.

At The Controls

At the helm, you will find a stylish and simple layout. The gauges and switches are all easy to read and use. The tilt steering wheel and gunwale mounted shifter/throttle controls are comfortable until their black rubber covers bake in the sun and turn into skin scalding devils. There is nothing cool about black controls on a boat! Helm seating is accomplished with separate swivel bucket seats with flip-up bottoms for maneuvering. The seats are also adjustable fore and aft for captains of all sizes.

The companionway door is built solid with molded-in steps for access to the foredeck. Sliding the door open reveals the SC's comfortable cabin. The cabin has a wraparound settee and dining table. The table drops down and a filler cushion can be installed to convert the area into a large V-berth. Directly above the berth is a large round Bomar hatch for light and ventilation. An additional Bomar hatch is positioned vertically on the bulkhead on the port side. This intelligent set-up allows great ventilation when on the hook. Also on the port side, is a storage cabinet with countertop space. Finishing off the cabin is the starboard side private head, complete with a porta-potti and small vanity with a sink.

Engine Package and Performance

You can order your SC with engine and drive packages from MerCruiser or Volvo-Penta. Her single engine configuration and stern drive propulsion provide a reliable and economical family fun machine. With the help from dual-counter rotating props, backing into your slip is a breeze. Fuel economy and range are tolerable, thanks to the fuel injected big block motors. You can also opt for the 'Quick and Quiet' exhaust system that directs the exhaust through side exiting pipes. At the flick of a switch, the SC goes from a quiet cruiser to a loud, throaty beast.

Accessing her engine compartment is easy. The sun pad island doubles as the engine hatch and is manually operated, but is aided by the use of gas-assisted struts. Performance and ride are good on the SC, but I was not impressed with her handling characteristics. Even though our test boat was over propped, tight radius turns at any planning speed were not the SC's forte. Despite the cavitation felt during slalom trials, the 268 SC is an all around good value. She is an affordable day boat with lots of amenities and world-class styling.