



**2002 Awards for Product Excellence
Cougar 27 MTR - Outstanding Sport Catamaran Workmanship
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From hockey teams to athletic wear, it seems like anything Canadian is hot these days. But in naming the 27 MTR from British Columbia-based building Cougar our Outstanding Sport Catamaran Workmanship award winner, we're not merely following fashion. The 27'3" long 8'6" wide cat earned the award on its own merits in a division that traditionally boasts high-quality construction.

Literally and figuratively, astounding craftsmanship was the key to the boat's sole, a parquet arrangement that boasted some of the most amazing depth and luster we've ever seen. To achieve this result, the builder ground down a balsa sub-floor and then covered it with another layer of balsa. Resin, skin coat and more sanding followed, after which the finished surface was flow-coated. That's a lot of work for something people will walk on, and it was indicative of the manufacturer's commitment to quality.

With the 27 MTR, Cougar also proved that West Coast custom builders in the United States aren't the only ones who can apply gelcoat graphics with mind-blowing intricacy and accuracy. Not one of the gelcoat's five colors bled into another and mold work was so smooth that the boat's curves seemed to vanish into it. Perfectly installed, an aluminum rubrail looked up to the serious responsibility of dockside protection.

Laid up by hand, the 27 MTR was cored with balsa and strengthened with layers of fiberglass matting. All hardware, including Accon Pop-Up® cleats, were set in black billet aluminum bezels. Even the boat's nav light receptacle was painted to match.

Rigging for the boat's twin Mercury Racing Pro Max 300X outboard engines was up to the same rigorous standards. Both motors were hung on hydraulic transom jacks that were secured with Cougar's own backing plates and L-angles through-bolted to the transom. All hoses were supported by cushion clamps.

Canada's popularity won't be fading anytime soon, at least in the eyes of knowledgeable performance boaters. Cougar's 27MTR is that good.

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Cougar 27 MTR - Performance Test Results

- Centerline - 27'3"
- Beam - 8'6"
- Weight as tested - 1,760 pounds
- Price as tested - \$122,550.00

- Engine - (2) Mercury Racing Pro Max 300X
- Propeller - Mercury Lightning E.T. 15" x 32"
- Acceleration Zero to 15 seconds - 65 mph
- Top speed at rpm Stalker Radar - 98.7 mph at 6,500