

Regal 3350 Sport Cruiser

This day boat puts maximum space on deck.

by Tom Thompson



The best phrase to describe the Regal 3350 Sport Cruiser is “wide-open space.” This roomy boat is built for enjoying the great outdoors. At 34 feet, 8 inches with a broad, 11-foot, 4-inch beam, the 3350 Sport Cruiser maximizes its abovedeck space, with seating aplenty in the cockpit. But the carrying capacity won’t bog this baby down. Under the hood, you can get twin engine power up to 750 horses total—enough to top out at around 50 mph.



Behind the windshield, a pair of double-wide benches convert to flip-up bolsters. The helm features a set of Faria fog-free gauges and a Dino tilt steering wheel. An expanse of panel can accommodate a large-screen electronics display, and a compass and large pantographic windshield wiper on the driver's side come standard. If you want to get out of the sun, the standard Sunbrella bimini top will keep you covered. It comes with a stainless steel frame and hardware plus a canvas boot. A Sunbrella cockpit cover is also part of the package.

Our test boat had an optional console directly behind the helm seat where a refrigerator or icemaker could be installed. Regal also has an optional barbecue grill that goes in on top of the console, giving you full kitchen convenience in the cockpit. Another choice is a stowable liquefied petroleum (LP) gas grill that mounts on the gunwale.

Regal designed the 3350's engine compartment to be accessed from the swim platform rather than the cockpit. I think this makes sense, because more of the space can be opened up for easier access. The electronically operated lift has a couple of helpful design features, including electrical terminals in a stern compartment that allow you to connect jumper cables if you have a dead battery. And if no jump-start is available, you can easily get to the lifting ram and release it to open the engine hatch by hand.

The bolt-on swim platform blends smoothly with the 3350 Sport Cruiser's lines. There's a

concealed three-step ladder and a hot and cold transom shower, along with a dedicated compartment for shorepower hookup. Storage compartments on either side hold fenders, lines and other gear. There's also a ski locker in the center of the cockpit sole forward of the engine compartment hatch.

The 3350 is a day boat, but you'll be surprised at how much room you'll find in the cabin. The table for the V-shaped seating in the bow converts to a comfortable berth for two. The head compartment is roomy, and though the ceiling is a bit lower than what you'd find on a cabin cruiser, it does have a standard Vacu-Flush toilet and a vanity sink with a mirror.

Because all the tools for food preparation are in the cockpit, there's no galley in the cabin. However, there is space for an optional microwave oven and refrigerator in a cabinet on the port side.

The cabin also features plenty of storage space, with a hanging locker and compartments behind the seat backrests and under the cushions. Another cabinet hides behind the mirrored panels in the forward bulkhead. The cabin has both overhead lighting and indirect accent lighting, and four portlights and an overhead hatch catch the breezes. Air conditioning and a generator are optional.

The 3350 Sport Cruiser is no slouch when it comes to performance. Regal offers a range of twin gasoline sterndrive options—two from MerCruiser and two from Volvo Penta—as well as a diesel pair from Yanmar. Our test boat

had the Volvo Penta 5.7 GXi's with Duoprop drives. In the middle of the power range offerings with a total of 640 hp, they moved the boat along quite nicely. Acceleration was strong—we went from zero to 30 mph in just under 7 seconds with three people onboard and a third of a tank of fuel. The 3350 uses Regal's Ocean Trac hull, a proven performer that handles very well.

For a day boat with maximum deck space, not much can match the Regal 3350 Sport Cruiser. It has space for extended families plus the performance of a sport boat. And as an added bonus, you get a cozy cabin for overnighting and a full head. Sunshine and the great outdoors are even more alluring when you're aboard the 3350. ↓

Specs

LOA	34'8"
Beam	11'4"
Draft	2'11"
Weight	11,400 lbs.
Fuel capacity	186 gals.
Sleeps	2
Base power	T/MerCruiser Magnum MPis (350 hp)
Base price	\$165,185
Power as tested	T/Volvo Penta 5.7 GXis
Price as tested	\$169,352

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