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SWEETWATER 2386 RE Sport

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It had an aggressive profile for a boat called Sweetwater. The 2386 RE Sport rested with attitude, high in the bow, thanks to a center tube that ran from just aft of midship to the bow. We wondered why it loomed so high as two of us stepped aboard. Then two more stepped on, and then two more. The added floatation makes sense considering the way most people load their pontoons with a dozen passengers, all clamoring for the first-class seats.

AT A GLANCE
With a Yamaha F150 and a ski pylon, this pontoon is ready for high action — at an affordable price.

On the fly with a Yamaha F150, the added pontoon increased lift, too, and the boat stepped to 20 mph in less than five seconds. Lifting strakes gave the boat a planing feel and kept it comfortably level in turns. Most impressive was the top speed, which approached 44 mph — it usually requires a lot more horsepower to get that kind of speed from a pontoon. If you opt for the Yamaha F150, you may as well spring for the ski pylon as well. Yamaha has designed that motor to be as fast and powerful as a two-stroke.

The Sweetwater 2386 RE Sport's ride is solid thanks to what the company calls its StrataTech Chassis, which includes two outside 23-inch pontoons, a 25-inch center tube and an underdeck skin. An aft entry is standard on the Sport model and makes swimming, water sports and boarding from the dock or the water very convenient. The fixed four-step ladder is solid and offers plenty of depth for easy climbing.

Added features like a cooler and plenty of cupholders make the boat as fun and convenient as it is just plain fast. — *R.V.*

PERSONALITY PROFILE

Cruising	High-Performance
Hanging Out	Multi-Purpose
Economy-Size	Super-Size
Value	Premium

TEST DRIVE

Test Engine: **Yamaha F150 4-stroke**
Test Prop: **13.75 x 19 stainless steel**
Test Load: **People (350 lb.); Fuel (20 gal.)**
TOP SPEED: **43.7 MPH @ 5,200 RPM**
Time to 30 MPH: **8.4 sec.**

VITAL STATS

Length Overall: **23'**
Beam: **8'6"**
Dry Weight **2,017 lb.**
Seating/Weight Capacity: **13/1,850 lb.**
Fuel Capacity: **24 gal.**
Maximum HP: **150**
NMMA Certified: **Yes**
MSRP (test boat): **$31,100**



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