

# TEST DRIVE PDQ 41 Power Cat

Like many catamarans, this new PDQ has great range, but it also takes livability to the next level. **By John Wooldridge**



## PDQ 41

### SPECIFICATIONS

LOA (W/SWIM PLATFORM)	41'0"
BEAM	18'0"
DRAFT	2'10"
DISP.	26,800 LBS.
FUEL	360 GALS.
WATER	150 GALS.

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**BASE PRICE (W/TEST POWER):**  
**\$575,000**

The idea of coastal cruising in an efficient trawler-class boat has become more appealing to a growing number of boaters in recent years, but not all people are looking to conventional trawlers to live the dream. Power catamarans are attracting people who want the stability that comes with a cat's exceptionally wide beam, shallow draft and minimal wetted surface beneath the waterline. The new PDQ 41 has all of those attributes, plus plenty of living space for cruising.

Unlike some other power cats, the PDQ has a master suite located on the main deck level along with the salon and the lower helm station. The light and views, as well as the dimensions of the space itself, put this suite in a class of its own. It has a walkaround queen-size berth and a nightstand. Stairs lead down to the starboard hull where there's a private dressing area with stowage and access to the master head with shower compartment.

In the salon, we like the big C-shaped dinette. The helm seat is to starboard. To further im-

prove sightlines aft, the driver can drop down a panel in the bulkhead between the helm and the master suite.

To port and a few steps down, there's a guest stateroom with a twin berth set over a washer/dryer. Nearby is the massive galley with excellent stowage. There's also a second head in the bow. When cruising on a PDQ with one other person or a few, you're good to go. ☺



**BEST SEATS:** The helm and dinette on the main deck.

## PERFORMANCE

**TEST POWER:** (2) 260-hp Yanmar 6BY260 diesel inboards with 2.45:1 reduction gears turning four-blade 20" x 20" Nibral props.

RPM	KNOTS	GPH	DB-A
1000	5.2	0.8	60
1500	7.4	1.8	65
2000	7.8	4.2	66
2500	13.6	6.4	67
3000	17.1	9.6	73
3500	20.4	14.4	76
4000	23.3	22.4	79
4200	24.2	25.5	80

Speeds measured by GPS in the Chesapeake Bay w/six adults aboard, 109 gals. water and 270 gals. fuel.

**QUICK AND WIDE:** I tested the PDQ 41 on choppy waters while driving from the flybridge. I found that it would track straight, turn flat at full throttle and give a comfortable, dry ride on any heading. Amazingly, this boat will do 18 knots on one engine. Range swings from 601 nm at 7.8 knots to 307 nm at wide-open throttle (24.2 knots), assuming a 10 percent reserve for fuel.

**WELL-FOUND:** The base price is hardly that since the PDQ 41 comes with an uncommon list of standard equipment that includes a 6-kW Northern Lights genset, three-zone Cruisair air conditioning, Proline inverter/charger, two Jabsco electric toilets, washer/dryer, dual station Raymarine E-120 radar/chartplotters and a powered folding arch for low bridges.