



## Hot performance meets cool styling in this Norwegian express cruiser.

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I'm sure the new Windy 34 Khamsin would run just as well in the fjords of Norway as it did in the warm waters of South Florida for my test. But like many Americans, I suffer from the misconception that Norway offers only snow skiing vacations. Consequently, I can't imagine this sun-loving express fitting in anywhere better than Miami.

A "kingly" platform with an international air is what designer Hans Jorgen Johnsen was aiming for in the 34, which has been around for two years but only recently made its U.S. debut. Windy Boats is a 39-year-old company located in Arendal on Norway's southern coast. Its full range of luxury yachts and sport cruisers (from 25 to 58 feet) are available stateside through World Wide Yacht Corp., with offices in Northport, N.Y., and Weehawken, N.J.

### At A Glance

#### Windy 34

<b>Base Price:</b>	\$319,000
<b>LOA:</b>	34'8"
<b>Beam:</b>	10'5"
<b>Draft:</b>	3'3"
<b>Disp. (approx.):</b>	9,000 lbs.
<b>Transom Deadrise:</b>	24 degrees
<b>Water:</b>	44 gals.
<b>Fuel:</b>	154 gals.

The 34 is a performance day boat with overnight capabilities. Our test boat pegged 49 mph with a pair of 285-hp Volvo diesel sterndrives. Windy reports a top end of 52 mph under ideal conditions, but I don't know how much better it gets than the soft chop in which we drove. The builder calculates range to be about 300 nautical miles at 3000 rpm. Because of the boat's extreme deep-V hull, it banks hard in lock-to-lock turns. Those turns are sharp, and the Duoprop drives deliver a good bite, preventing cavitation.

The 34 has a sporty, low profile that belies the 5'10" headroom in the cabin. The forward dinette converts to a good-sized double berth, and there's also a mid-cabin with another double (it's a crawl-in type) and an African pear wood privacy door.

Luxury touches are all around, from the leather upholstery upgrade to the solid mahogany galley cabinetry to the Avonite countertop and separate hinged shower seat in the head. Drawback: There is no standing headroom in this compartment.

The cockpit builds upon the first-class feel. An ultra-sturdy stainless grabrail rims the inside of the windshield frame; drinkholders have hinged teak covers that double as steps. There's a wet bar, of course, and a clever flip-out teak bottle locker set into the sidewall. The Bimini stores out of the way behind the U-shaped transom bench. There's a removable, folding mahogany table here, and at the push of a button, the starboard settee extends to create a sunpad.

A centerline transom walkway leads to the swim platform, which has two draining lockers and a teak-stepped ladder. You can choose to beautify the 34 even more with optional teak planking on the platform and in the cockpit, plus the entire transom can be covered with mahogany for a true gentleman's runabout feel.

One problem I have with the 34 is that you can't adjust the double-wide helm seat, although it does have bolsters for either stand-up or sit-down operation. I'm of fairly average height and build, and I fit in the seat of power fine. As for the rest of the Windy 34 Khamsin, it made me feel like a king.

## Performance

Test Power: (2) 285-hp Volvo Penta KAD 300 EDC Duoprop diesel sterndrives. Power options include twin Volvo gas sterndrives from 320 to 420 hp, or twin Volvo diesel sterndrives from 230 to 285 hp.

RPM	MPH	Knots	dB-A
1000	7.5	6.5	72
1300	10.8	9.4	74
1600	12.3	10.7	75
1900	15.2	13.2	76
2100	19.7	17.1	78
2400	22.3	19.4	79
2700	27.5	23.9	80
3000	33.7	29.3	80
3300	39.9	34.7	80
3600	44.3	38.5	80
3800	49.0	42.6	81

Speeds measured by GPS on Biscayne Bay off Miami, Fla., in five-knot winds and a one- to two-foot chop w/three people aboard, 1/2 fuel capacity and no water. Sound levels measured at the helm in dB-A.

**Standard Equipment (major items):** Stainless steel bow pulpit and roller; hot/cold transom shower; cockpit wet bar w/refrigerator; teak-and-holly cabin sole; galley w/sink and refrigerator; windshield wipers; electric windlass; shore power w/battery charger; AM/FM stereo w/CD-player and four speakers; three 220-volt outlets.

**Optional Equipment (major items):** Cockpit icemaker; teak-and-holly cockpit sole; teak-and-holly swim platform; mahogany transom; bowthruster; trim tabs; colored hull sides; aft anchor winch; heating; VHF radio; GPS/chartplotter; defroster.

**Warranty:** Six-year bow-to-stern coverage.

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