

BOAT REVIEWS

## 15 Best Center Console Boats 26 to 30 Feet

Popular mid-size center console fishing boats for anglers and families.

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While center console boats under 26 feet in length understandably remain the most common-size vessels on fresh and salt water, boats 26 to 30 feet are also very popular with saltwater anglers. That mid-size vessel can be trailered and launched with relative ease, and its size gives it optimal offshore fishing capability.

Most 26- to 30-foot center console boats carry twin outboards, although with today's larger outboard options, many can run with a single engine. If you're in the market to buy a new boat in this category, it helps to start with a trusted list of the best center console boats under 30 feet.

### Grady-White Canyon 271



LOA: 26 ft. 10 in.; Beam: 9 ft. 6 in.; Draft: 23 in.; Deadrise: 20 deg.; Max Power: 600 hp *Courtesy Grady-White Boats*

From an *SF* review of the 271: With 100 gallons of fuel, full livewells and three adults on board, and turning Yamaha Saltwater Series II 19-inch-pitch, stainless-steel three-blade propellers, the Canyon 271 jumped on plane in 3.5 seconds and reached 30 mph in 6.4 seconds. I found a top speed of 56.2 mph at 6,000 rpm, where the twin Yamaha F300 outboards burned 51.9 gallons per hour for 1.08 mpg.

The most efficient speed came at 25.6 mph and 3,000 rpm, where the twin 300s consumed 12.4 gallons per hour for 2.06 mpg, translating to a cruising range of more than 380 miles based on the 186-gallon fuel capacity.