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## Hinckley 42 Sport Boat

**H**inckley announced it is stepping into the outboard arena with a 42-foot center console and sportboat. Announced at an exclusive event at the Palm Beach Boat Show, the move is a paradigm shift for the Down East builder perhaps best known for its jet-powered picnic boats and runabouts.

“Our lives are becoming more time crunched,” says Pete Saladino, chief marketing officer for Hinckley. “Outboard boats are changing the experience and these new models will change how you boat with your family in a modern world.”

Both boats are currently under construction, with the center console—which Hinckley calls the Sport Boat Center Cabin—set to debut in July at the builder’s Nantucket rendezvous and the weekender, dubbed simply the Sport Boat, debuting in February 2019.

“We’re doing the right thing from a construction perspective,” explains Saladino. “The hulls were designed specifically for outboard power by C. Raymond Hunt & Associates and will be infused carbon/Kevlar. We’re bringing classic styling and modern power together.”

Hinckley has been no stranger to radical departures as of late. Six months ago, the company unveiled the fully electric-powered Dasher, a 28-foot center console dayboat.

Scott Bryant, director of new product planning, says that tech-

nology from Dasher will be trickling into these new models. “Digital switching will be seen on these boats. Dasher was the lightest Hinckley ever built using the carbon-Kevlar-epoxy approach, and we’re continuing that, too,” he says. “The use of artisanal teak on composite is another [technology] we’re borrowing from Dasher. This allows for the Hinckley look in a wash-and-wear format.”

Standard power for the weekender and center console will be triple 300-horsepower Verados that should lend the vessels a top end of 45 and 47 knots respectively. Optional (triple) 350-horsepower Verados will add another 3 knots to WOT, and optional (dual) 667-horsepower outboards from Seven Marine will lend an additional 10 knots.

“We’re hoping these boats will usher in a new era of refined performance,” says Saladino. “Refined performance isn’t just slapping five outboards on the back. They’re purpose-built from the hull up.”

The base price for the Center Cabin will be \$735,000 and the Sport Boat will be \$895,000, according to Hinckley.

When asked how these new models will affect Hunt’s line of center consoles (Hinckley bought Hunt in 2013) Saladino explained, “Hunt owners are focused on the 26- to 32-foot range. They’re made with e-glass and that tradition will continue.” The Hunt 40 center console the builder announced in 2017 will no longer be produced. [hinckleyyachts.com](http://hinckleyyachts.com) —Daniel Harding Jr.