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*The perfect
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40-foot rocket
is Lake Havasu.*



Advantage Poker Run 40 No Gamble

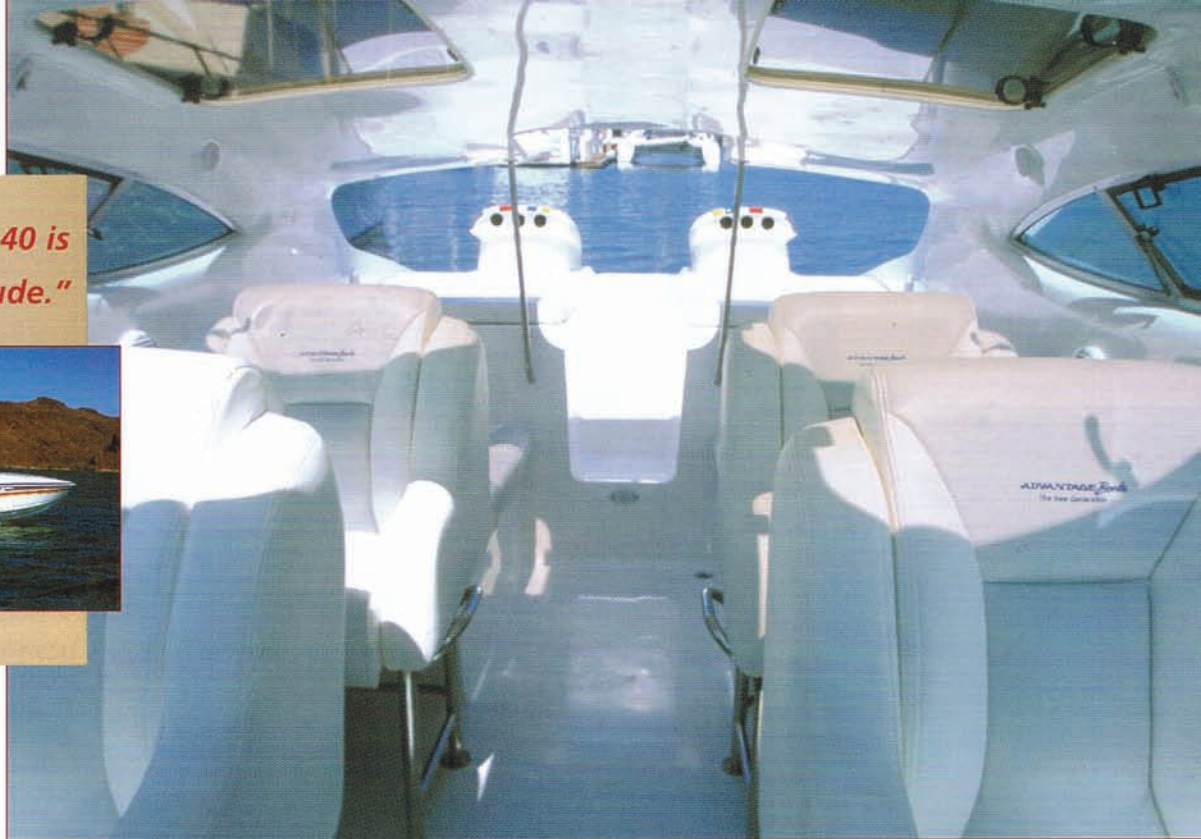
Big money stakes and lots of fun. That describes Poker Runs and they have taken boating to yet another level. In offshore racing, speed is all that counts but in Poker Runs, it's the hand you're dealt. In fact, any boat can be entered in a Poker Run, but Advantage Boats thinks it's always a lot more exciting to participate at lightning-fast speed.

Meet the Advantage Poker Run 40, a sleek, powerful, well-appointed craft that balances offshore racing speed with the comfort and fun of family cruising. With Lake Havasu as its proving grounds, you can bet this boat won't fold.

The Poker Run 40 represents the first of Advantage Boats' new Composite Series and as the name suggests, it is virtually all composites. In fact, with the exception of balsa core stringers, there is no wood in this boat. Gary Ferguson, director of design and engineering, Advantage Boats, followed the lead of the aircraft industry and used vacuum bagging for the hull construction. "We're always looking for techniques that will make our boats lighter and stronger," explains Ferguson. "This manufacturing technique is typically only used in very high quality, high performance boats. It gives us a 100% laminate that is extremely strong but very lightweight."

For years, Advantage had been using a well-known resin but had problems with pre-release. "We kept waiting for something better to come out and when we heard about the Interplastic CoREZYN® vinyl esters, we tested them." Ferguson said the new CoREZYN vinyl ester solved their problems with pre-release and surpassed laminate strength and flex expectations. "We had two goals with the Poker Run 40. First, we wanted the production boat under 8,000 pounds (10,000 pounds running) and we wanted it to go over 100 mph. Both goals were achieved. Choosing the CoREZYN vinyl ester plus careful selection of other materials got us there without sacrificing quality." CoREZYN brand isophthalic resins are used on all the interior fiberglass parts aboard.

*The Poker Run 40 is
"Comfort with Attitude."*



The Poker Run 40 is the last boat that founder and corporate visionary Harry Christensen wanted built. "Harry and I looked at canopy-style racing boats and cruisers and combined the best of those ideas into a boat that the family could enjoy." And enjoy it, they will. You can cruise at 90 mph with the T-Tops off and be very comfortable; not the least wind-blown, says Ferguson. The boat can come fully loaded with all the amenities including air conditioning, generator, leather interiors, TV/VCR, microwave, and an eye-popping instrument panel that lets you know the boat's status instantly.

Advantage Boats is located in Lake Havasu City, Arizona and manufactures fourteen custom boat models from 20 to 40 feet long. It was founded in 1982 and is the original manufacturer of high performance Party Cat® deck boats. The 30-foot "Victory" is the next boat being built using the vacuum bagging technique. Its launch is scheduled for September 2000.

Interplastic Corporation is a specialty chemical company with its headquarters in St. Paul, Minnesota. It is focused on the production and distribution of unsaturated polyester resins, vinyl ester resins and gel coats for the composites and cast polymer industries. Their CoREZYN vinyl esters are known for their strength and durability in marine applications. They provide laminates with excellent resistance to water permeation and abrasion, light weight and outstanding fatigue resistance. CoREZYN brand vinyl esters are an outstanding choice for applications such as composite hulls and decks, and for highly accurate tools and masters.

