

# MONTARA EVO 25

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RESULTS



Price: \$240,876 (with 465 hp PCM 6.2L and Boatmate tandem trailer)

## HIGH POINTS

- ▶ In-deck "basement" provides huge storage, access to electronics.
- ▶ Liquid Propulsion stern thrusters simplify docking.
- ▶ Additional standards include high-intensity docking lights, 4-mm-thick aluminum hull, and 35 cup holders.

## SEE THE VIDEO

To watch our video review of the Montara EVO 25, scan this tag or go to [boatingmag.com/bbg26/montaraevo25](http://boatingmag.com/bbg26/montaraevo25).



**SPECS:** LOA: 25'4" BEAM: 8'6" DRAFT (MAX): 2'8" DRY WEIGHT: 6,939 lb. SEAT/WEIGHT CAPACITY: 16/2,520 lb. FUEL CAPACITY: 104 gal.

**HOW WE TESTED:** ENGINE: PCM 6.2 465 hp Inboard DRIVE/PROP: V-Drive/OJ 15.5" x 16.5" 3-blade nibral GEAR RATIO: 1.72:1 FUEL LOAD: 46 gal. CREW WEIGHT: 525 lb.

Montara calls its EVO 25 the next "evolution" of the unique pontoon-wakeboat hybrid. The boatbuilder lists *Boating's* 2023 Boat of the Year among its accolades. Like the original, the EVO features pontoon-style amenities topside but swaps out aluminum tubes for an aluminum, modified-V hull below that carries its beam well forward. Twelve-foot-long ballast bags are tucked into that hull both port and starboard. Rather than outboard or sterndrive, a PCM V-drive provides the power. The result is a boat that can boost wakeboarders to impressive heights, dish

out tasty surf wakes and serve as the ultimate party platform for up to 16 passengers.

The EVO 25 boasts a more luxurious appearance than its identical-hull cousin, the Montara 2.0. Exterior styling has evolved into solid rather than two-tone panels and more sculpted fence lines to create a more refined appearance. Interior hues are richer blends such as mocha, bronze or charcoal. A new fiberglass helm is modern and sleek, and incorporates a sturdy flat seat base rather than tube-style pedestal. Monitor vitals and dial-in all aspects of wake and ballast on the 15-inch touchscreen at the dash. Bathe nearly every inch of the boat, from twin lounges forward to convertible L-shaped lounge/convertible sun pad aft, with sound from a three-zone, Boston Acoustics, Bongiovi-tuned sound system featuring 12 speakers, two subwoofers and three amplifiers.

Though its on-water presence looms large, underway the EVO 25 handles with a light, nimble feel. It's surefooted in hardover turns and deceptively agile for a boat of its size. Chalk some of that up to the modified-V

hull and an inboard's combination of prop, rudder and tracking fins but also a switch to hydraulic steering for 2026. A PCM 6.2-liter reached 30 mph in 8.2 seconds and had no trouble pulling our wakeboard/surf rider above the water with ease. Once up, the combo of up to 4,200 pounds of ballast and wake-shaping transom tabs produced a steep wake with a clean face, plenty of push and a lengthy pocket.

Mistake it for a pontoon, or think of it as wakeboat on steroids, one thing's for certain. There's nothing on the market quite like it.

SPEED			EFFICIENCY				OPERATION		
rpm	knots	mph	naut. mpg	stat. mpg	n. mi. range	s. mi. range	angle	sound level	
1000	4.8	5.5	1.7	2.8	3.2	263.1	302.8	1 68	
1500	6.2	7.2	2.5	2.5	2.9	232.6	267.7	2 69	
2000	7.6	8.8	4.1	1.9	2.1	173.6	199.8	5 70	
2500	10.6	12.2	6.7	1.6	1.8	148.1	170.4	7 78	
3000	17.5	20.2	8.7	2.0	2.3	188.4	216.8	6 84	
3500	22.2	25.5	10.9	2.0	2.3	190.3	219.0	5 86	
4000	25.9	29.8	14.0	1.8	2.1	173.1	199.2	5 87	
4500	29.6	34.1	18.7	1.6	1.8	148.3	170.7	4 88	
5000	32.1	36.9	23.0	1.4	1.6	130.5	150.2	4 89	
5400	33.9	39.0	28.5	1.2	1.4	111.3	128.1	4 91	

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