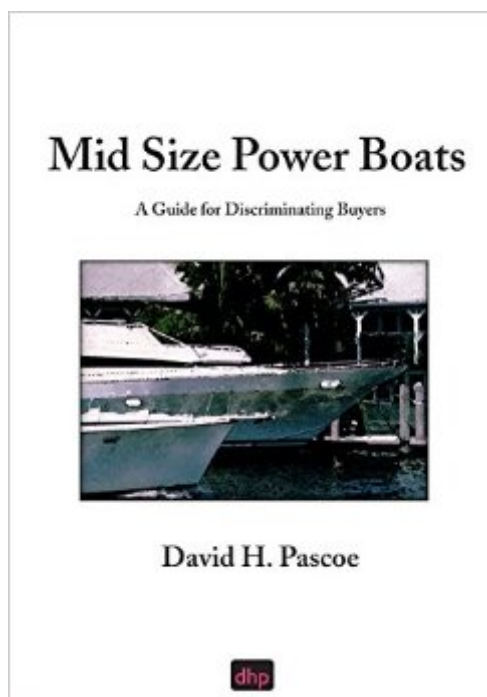


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# Mid Size Power Boats: A Guide For Discriminating Buyers



## Synopsis

**NEW BOATS - USED BOATS** How to Avoid Buying into Unexpected Problems Illustrated with over 250 photos by the author The most comprehensive personal guide to the evaluation and selection of both new and used mid size power boat. This book arms you with the extensive knowledge of a professional marine surveyor to help you navigate through the bewildering array of choices available in the marine market. It dares to reveal the truth about boats and the boat building industry, covering the "untouchable" issues such as quality and seaworthiness that the rest of the publishing industry is unwilling to reveal without risking their advertising revenues. Independently published by author and marine surveyor David Pascoe, who has no ties to the boat building industry, this book is not shaped by the conflicts of interest that motivate so much of the marine publishing business. Mid Size Power Boats focuses exclusively on fiberglass power boats of the cruiser class generally 30-55 feet, with discussions on the pros and cons of each type: Expresses, trawlers, motor yachts, multi purpose types, sport fishermen, and sedan cruisers.

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I have been reading and enjoying the author's web site for years. It's a great read. He is very opinionated, but excellent at backing up his opinions with facts from his long-time career as a surveyor. I now am as close as I'm ever likely to be to the possibility of actually affording a boat like this, if I really want one, so I took the plunge and ordered his book. It is a lucid, easy to understand introduction to the shark-like world of boats and boating. He goes into enormous and highly useful

detail about boat quality, maintenance costs and running costs. My main complaint is that the author loves high quality and well-built boats, but has not made a well-built book. Considering that it is self-published at an astronomical profit margin, the paperback cover, mediocre quality printing and fuzzy photographs seem like a poor value for \$80+. He is blistering in his criticism of boat companies that cheap out on quality and poor design, so it is highly ironic that his book has significant numbers of annoying typos and spelling mistakes. Quite honestly, I have seen books under \$20 with beautiful color print jobs and so his decision to do a cheap print job seems contrary to the way he ran his business and web site. His evaluations of boats are best when it comes to cheap cruisers and expensive sport fishing boats, both categories he knows extraordinarily well. He has little interest in the trawler category, considering them slow and mediocre in build quality. He likes Grand Banks but doesn't seem well acquainted with other quality builders such as Nordhavn. In fact, Nordhavn is lumped in with Island Gypsy and Marine Trader as "Taiwan Boats" with all that implies.

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