

LEAD BOAT BENNINGTON 2575 QCW IO STANRAFT EDITION

## Collaboration Done Right

Bennington and StanCraft team up on a mahogany pontoon — yep.

StanCraft has been building beautiful wooden boats for 80 years. Bennington has been building pontoon boats since 1997. Short of a Hollywood movie where the two main characters are a wise-beyond-his-years 17-year-old and a sage-like 80-year-old with the patience of a saint, the two age groups don't have a lot in common, but what we have here is a real-life connection between old and young. The companies' collaboration on StanCraft Edition Bennington models goes to show that whether you're a teenager or an octogenarian, you can still experience firsts.

The two builders recently introduced a boat that is a first for both of them. The Bennington 2575 QCW IO Sport Arch StanCraft Edition features mahogany sides (a first for Bennington) on a 25-foot pontoon (a first for StanCraft). The woodwork and the swooped-down aft side rails speak to StanCraft's legacy and styling. The expansive seating, upscale upholstery, shining

stainless steel and triple-pontoon design speak to Bennington's dedication to pontoons. Clark W. Griswold would absolutely drool over this vessel — before settling for something less and justifying it to his family.

The inclusion of the Sport Arch on the StanCraft Edition really dresses up the boat. That arch can be optioned with lights, speakers, board racks and a Bimini top. It also means wakeboarders are going to get more air and have more fun, since the included ski tow bar doesn't typically give boarders the right kind of action. Rear-facing aft chaises ensure wipeouts have a sympathetic audience.

Two other options — lighted cupholders and Kicker speakers — add another dimension of cool to the pontoon. One of the rear lounges flips up to create a changing room.

We could tell you a lot more about this collaborative effort, but we'll let the pictures do the rest of the talking.



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QUIZ: SAY WHAT?

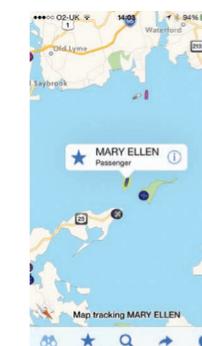
Name the Boat Quote

## WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?

- 1 "Following the light of the sun, we left the Old World."
- 2 "Be British."
- 3 "Dead men tell no tales."
- 4 "He always thought of the sea as 'la mar,' which is what people call her in Spanish when they love her."
- 5 "So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."
- 6 "Some years ago — never mind how long precisely — having little or no money in my purse, and nothing particular to interest me on shore, I thought I would sail about a little and see the watery part of the world."
- 7 "A ship in port is safe, but that is not what ships are built for."
- 8 "Only the guy who isn't rowing has time to rock the boat."
- 9 "It isn't that life ashore is distasteful to me. But life at sea is better."
- 10 "Shells sink, dreams float. Life's good on our boat."

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| A Mark Twain                           | G Sir Francis Drake                           |
| B Blackbeard                           | H Ernest Hemingway, "The Old Man and the Sea" |
| C Christopher Columbus                 | I Jimmy Buffett, "Delaney Talks to Statues"   |
| D Jean-Paul Sartre                     | J Herman Melville, "Moby Dick"                |
| E Grace Murray "Amazing Grace" Hopper  |   |
| F Capt. Edward Smith of <i>Titanic</i> |   |

ANSWER KEY: 1. C; 2. F; 3. B; 4. H; 5. A; 6. G; 7. E; 8. D; 9. G; 10. I



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