Catalina 275 Sport

When Catalina's in-house designer, Gerry Douglas, sat down to create his company's latest offering, considering potential owners, he knew precisely who he was aiming for and what he hoped to deliver them. "This is a weekender, daysailer and club racer designed to be a fun and affordable first boat for a 'Gen X' sailor or a young family, or a comfortable, stylish and easy-to-sail boat for experienced sailors retiring from a bigger boat," he wrote. In the opinion of our judging panel:

"This is a complete package; it's a good sailing boat and well-thought-out. It's definitely ready for prime time." — Ed Sherman

Douglas took aim at that rather broad target and then struck the bull's-eye. And they rewarded him by naming the Catalina 275 Sport the Best Pocket Cruiser for 2014.

"This is a builder that has a lot of experience, listens to its customers very carefully, does a great job analyzing their perceived needs, and then goes the extra mile to address those requirements," said Ed Sherman.

"We sailed this boat in light air, but had zero trouble getting it to track perfectly," he added. "It's a fine weekender. The cockpit is uncluttered. The model we sailed had an enclosed head, an inboard diesel and a nice little galley. There were bags for luggage that doubled as seat backs inside the cabin, which were very clever. And it had a beautiful set of sails. It's a complete package."

"The interior design is sort of like the Honda Element," said Mark Schrader. "It was designed so you could put any amount of stuff you wanted to in there, like surfboards and paddleboards, and when you were all done you could just hose it out if you wanted to. I thought that was just terrific."

"I think targeting the downsizing demographic is smart," he added. "I could see an older sailor moving down and being very comfortable. But I can also see younger sailors really getting into this boat. If you had young kids and wanted to take them out for a weekend, they've got room to play but on a nice, safe platform."

"Unlike some of the other boats, Gerry based his design on how people actually behave," concluded Tim Murphy, "instead of creating a product that demands people to behave differently."

Winning Details

+ Optimized for younger sailors getting into the sport or experienced cruisers moving down from a larger vessel, it's the right size and with considered features to suit the desires of both demographics.

+ Unlike some of the other vessels in this category, the 275 can be specified with a dedicated 14-horsepower Yanmar diesel auxiliary engine, a feature that will increase its range and versatility in light air or for more ambitious coastal cruising.

+ Long list of optional equipment includes a galvanized trailer, 12-volt refrigeration, retractable bowsprit, asymmetric spinnaker, Doyle mainsail with StackPack, a self-contained marine head and much more.
CONSTRUCTION
- Hull of Hand-laid Fiberglass, End Grain Balsa Construction
- One Piece Fiberglass Deck with Molded In Non-Skid, Diamond Pattern
- Fin Keel with Stainless Steel Bolts
- Five Year Gel Coat Blister Protection * (2)
- Five Year Hull Structure Warranty * (3)
- Waterline Stripe
- Stainless Steel Rub Strake

SPARS AND RIGGING
- Full Batten Square Top Mainsail with Reef Points, Low Friction Roller Cars
- Loose Footed Mainsail
- Self Tacking Jib with UV Protection, White
- Complete Standing and Running Rigging
- Internal Low—Stretch Halyards
- PVC Wiring Conduit with VHF Coax In Mast
- Anodized Mast and Boom
- Internal Outhaul Control located in Boom

SAIL HANDLING AND EQUIPMENT
- (2) Cabin Top Winches—Port & Starboard
- Ball Bearing Mainsheet System with 3:1 Gross
- Purchase, 6:1 Fine Purchase
- (7) Sheet Stoppers
- Halyards Led Aft to Cockpit
- Single-Line Mainsail Reefing System Led to the Cockpit
- Rigid Adjustable Boom Van with 4:1 Purchase led to Cockpit
- Mainsheet Traveler Located in Cockpit, 4:1 System
- Vextran Line Main Halyard
- Ball Bearing Headsail Furling Gear
- Retractable Bow Sprit and Deck Hardware
- 24.1 Back Stay Adjuster w/Mainsail Flicker at Masthead

DECK HARDWARE—FEATURES
- Comfortable Cockpit with Contoured Coamings
- (2) Cockpit Seat Lockers
- Mooring Cleats, (2) Fore and Aft
- Molded in Anchor Locker with rode securing point
- Stainless Steel Bow Pulpit
- Stainless Steel Swim Ladder
- Manual Bilge Pump with Thru-Deck Handle
- Self-Bailing Cockpit
- Storage Pockets for Halyards Lines in Cockpit
- Walk-through Transom
- Composite Tiller with Hiking Stick
- Low Friction Rudder Bearings
- Lifelines— Stern Loops and Stern Gates with Pelican Hooks
- Cunningham Adjuster for Mainsail
- Jib Track and Cars mounted on Cabin Top Bow
- Retractable bow sprite with contrals

INTERIOR
- Private Enclosed Head Area
- Solid Maple Interior Trim
- Storage Lockers under Berths
- Maple Main Cabin Table with Pedestal
- LED Lighting
- Filler Cushion to Convert Salon to Large Berth
- Teak and Holly Textured High Pressure Laminate Sole
- Opening Forward Hatch with Light Diffusing Lens and Screen
- Mid-deck Deadlight with light Diffusing Lens
- (4) Removable Zippered Gear Bags
- Sunbrella Cushion and Berth covers with Contrasting Piping
- 12 V Plug in Galley for Cell Phone

GALLEY
- Storage Cabinet in Galley with Cutlery Drawer
- Polished Stainless Sink with Overboard Drain
- Removable Cooler in Drawer with Ball Bearing Guides
- Manual Fresh Water Pump
- Self Contained Water System

Enclosed Head
- Opening Port with Screen
- Sink In Vanity with Fresh Water Pump and thru Hull Drain with Seacock
- Hooks and Hanging Area
- Marine Head with Holding Tank w/Deck Pump Out Plate
- Wet Locker with Hanging hook

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM
- 12 Volt Electrical System with Panel and circubreakers
- Battery—12 Volt
- Steaming Light on Mast
- 12 Volt LED Lighting Throughout
- Anchor Light on Masthead
- Navigation Light to International Rules
- Electric Automatic Bilge pump

ENGINE
- Yanmar 2YM15 saildrive with 2 blade propeller
- Electrical Panel with Large Tackometer
- Remote Fuel Filter and Water Separator
- Cooling Water Seawater filter
- Remote Coolant Reservoir
- Aquafitt Muffler System
- Stainless Steel Single Lever Engine Control

STANDARD EQUIPMENT LIST
- NOT VALID after 5/31/14
- EFFECTIVE 3/5/14
- 12 Volt Electrical System with Panel and circubreakers
- Battery—12 Volt
- Engine Size Yanmar 2ym15 saildrive with 2 blade propeller
- 14.6 HP

NOTE
- (1) All Prices and specifications are subject to change at any time including after receipt of the customer's order, until final delivery to the customer.
- (2) Five year gel coat blister protection provided by Catalina Yachts Five Year Limited Warranty against below the waterline gel coat blistering, for precise terms, please refer to the Catalina Limited Warranty.
- (3) For precise terms of Catalina Yachts Five Year Hull Structure Limited Warranty please refer to Catalina Yachts Limited Warranty booklet.
- (4) Export models may have different equipment or specifications in order to comply with prevailing regulations.