

Regulator Marine 34 SS (2011-)

Brief Summary

How dull the world would be if everyone made boats exactly the same. That's why we can't fault Regulator for turning their "CC" into an "SS" for "Starboard Seating". By adding wrap-around seating in the bow, they effectively cut off the walkaround capability that most center consoles have, but created functional seating, and opened the door to another argument that probably won't have the breadth of sail vs. power, but will carry a distinctive voice nonetheless. We've rarely used the entire boat to fight a fish, and as far as drifting goes, we have little trouble presenting either side to a drift. So there may be something to this design. And, Regulator has another design twist.

Price

Base Price \$252995.00

Prices, features, designs, and equipment are subject to change. Please see your local dealer or visit the builder's website for the latest information available on this boat model.

Key Features

- 40 amp battery charger with 50' power cord
- Breakered electrical system
- EZ-View flushmount electronic mounting face with access in head compartment
- Quad battery system with switches
- Console storage tray with 2 stainless steel cup holders
- Edson polished silver wheel with power knob
- Frameless tempered glass windshield
- Glove box with fiberglass lid
- Recessed comfort footrest with storage access
- Ritchie blue face supersport compass
- Stainless steel console handrails
- Teleflex seastar hydraulic tilt steering with power assist

Specifications

Length Overall	33' 10" /
BEAM	10' 11" 3.3 m
Dry Weight	11,115 lbs. 5,042 kg
Tested Weight	
Draft	31" 0.78 m
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	24 deg.
Max Headroom	N/A
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	380 gal. 1,438 L
Water Capacity	31 gal. 117 L
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	

Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	
Aft Deck	
Salon Inside Width	
Salon Fore & Aft	
Salon Height	
Salon Volume	
Galley Volume	
Master SR Width	
Master SR fore & Aft	
Master SR Overhead	
Master SR Volume	
Eng. Room Volume	

Acceleration Times & Conditions

Time to Plane	
0 to 20	
Ratio	

Props	
Load	
Climate	

Captain's Report by Capt. Steve

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Regulator's 34 SS is a full 33'10" (10.3 m) without including the Armstrong engine bracket. Regulator is closely aligned with Yamaha and as such the only power option is a pair of Yamaha 350 four-strokes.

Is Starboard Seating the New Norm?

Probably not, but what is normal in any boat? If using the whole boat were a requirement for fishing then the entire sportfish market would be out of business. While it's nice to picture how many bikini-clad models may fit up forward, the reality is this is where your family and friends will gather as you show off your pride and joy with a leisurely cruise, and where the guys will hang out on the way offshore. For that reason, we'd like to see a sizable hi-lo table up forward, but none is offered in the standard or options list.

While the arrangement added only a single seat, albeit a comfortable one, to the forward deck, the real benefit of this layout is the "entertainment center", which consists of a sink and two deep drawers. The sink has a lid that we'd like to see incorporate a cutting surface. The livewell, bait sink, and cutting board are built into the tackle station at the aft side of the leaning post.

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Here's a layout that you don't get to see very often in a center console. An "entertainment center" lies to starboard of the console. The maximum beam is ahead of the console.

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Because the engines are mounted on an Armstrong bracket, the LOA only includes the hull. And since the bracket is not an option, it's properly installed during the build process. Notice the 24-degree deadrise at the transom.

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The heart and soul of the Regulator 34 SS' strength and integrity is this fiberglass grid/stringer system. Once it's placed in the hull it's chemically bonded to the hull for a permanent marriage. Notice the 380 gal (1438.5L) fuel tank is mounted forward to balance the weight. That weight also adds to the outstanding

wave penetration that Regulators are renowned for.

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As each hull moves through the factory, the individual customer's special orders (taped to the hull side) are added.

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Notice how the bilge is completely finished off in gel coat. Interior fittings are bronze, exterior are stainless. All fittings are double clamped and hoses are supported according to ABYC standards.

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No worries about getting your catch aboard, no matter the size. Notice how the cleats are below the gunwale with a hawsehole in the caprail to keep fishing lines from snagging.

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The folding rear seat is a standard, both with Regulator and aboard CCs in this class. The padded cockpit bolster wraps around the whole boat. Notice the size of the two deck drains.

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The deluxe livewell/leaning post. An upgraded version features a seatback rocket launcher, sink, bait well, cup holders, knife block, and tackle drawers and trays with leader spool holders (add \$4,795).

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The panel is large enough for two 12" (30.48 cm) displays. We love the grab handles to the sides of the console but would like to see the compass centered in the driver's line of sight rather than centered on the panel. Note how the Yamaha gauges make for an uncluttered helm.

Cabin Class

Now here's a feature that we think should be on all larger center consoles... living space. Why so many others choose not to incorporate this is a mystery. Inside the center console is a refrigerator, microwave oven (both optional, add \$2,095), and sleeping accommodations for two. Some may argue that sleeping accommodations aren't necessary on a CC (or SS) but a husband/wife team can spend the night at an anchorage or island hideaway adding to the utility of the boat. In addition, overnight fishing trips are now possible, and yes it's close quarters, but guys have camped overnight together on hunting trips in tents that offer less space than this.

But there's always a downside, and in this case, there's a pull-out shower wand. That may be problematic with electrical appliances, and a berth, in spray range with no curtain. We'd opt for saving the showering for the deck. You'll likely be offshore with no one watching anyway.

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Here is the interior of the console with the optional cruising package (refrigerator and microwave). You could shower here, with the pull-out sink faucet, but with no curtain, we wouldn't recommend it.

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There's space under the forward deck for two to sleep comfortably. The space even includes reading lights, and there's enough room to sit up, chaise style.

Fishability

Regulator includes a long list of standard features on the 34 SS including 7' (2.1 m) rod storage under the forward starboard seating, 6' (1.8 m) port side insulated cooler box/rod storage, a 31 gallon (117.3 L) freshwater system, an 85 gallon (321.7 L) transom fish box plus four stainless rod holders.

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The wrap-around seating accommodates 12. You have to remove the cushions to open the storage compartments. Check out the head rests in front of the console. This beats the cooler with a cushion we usually see. Also notice how Regulator recesses the bow rails to prevent snagging your lines.

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Seven foot (2.13 m) rod holders to starboard, 6' (1.83 m) to port, and both compartments serve as self draining fish boxes, but drain into the bilge, not overboard. Close all and you have a large casting platform.

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An 85 gallon (321.7 L) transom fish box has an option for a chill plate for refrigeration (add \$1,595).

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Starboard tackle center with rigging sink, cup holders and forward storage tray. With fiddles around the lid, this would make a great place to prepare snacks. Why not add a 12v refrigerator underneath?

Optional Must-Haves

For some options I'd seriously consider, there's the fiberglass T-top (add \$15,695) with bases for Lee 16' (4.88 m) telescoping (add \$1,795) or 18' telescoping (5.49 m) (add \$1,595) sidewinder outriggers, a refrigerated transom fishbox, and an upgraded leaning post tackle center (add \$4,795). Since showering in the console is problematic, I'd definitely opt for the transom shower unit (add \$595). The helm panel is ready to accommodate electronics, so why not order them installed from the factory. Regulator offers a Raymarine package consisting of a single E120 multifunction display, an RS125 GPS, a Ray 55 VHF radio, the B260

50/200 transducer, and an 8' VHF antenna (add \$9,795). Since the helm is to port and the seat is double wide, you may as well have your buddy lend a hand in the navigation so I'd go for the second E120 display as well (add \$6,995). Since my runs will be all offshore, I'd need the Raymarine 4-kW 24" HD Radar (add \$3,995). These options will add a total of \$42,870 to the price of the base boat.

Optional Might-Wants

So much for the must-haves, now let's get to the stuff you might want and why you'd want them. The first thing I'd do is change the hull color. White has been done to death and if there's an option, I'm all over it. In this case, you have seven choices: Flag Blue, Carolina Blue, Blue Tone White, Aqua Mist, Fighting Lady Yellow, Regulator Red, or Stars & Stripes (add \$3,395) and if you're going to change the hull color, then change the bracket color while you're at it (add \$1,395) as well as the T-top undersides (add \$695). I'm certainly not going to leave the helm exposed to the weather, and dockside ne'er-do-wells, so let's cover up the console (add \$1,095) and the wrap-around seats (add \$1,195). Since a lot of my fishing is around the rocks of the middle grounds, I'll need to anchor. Besides, if the family comes aboard, or if I decide to show off my prized Regulator (and who wouldn't?) then anchoring is a must, and therefore accommodating the ground tackle is also a must. Regulator offers two choices: a fiberglass pulpit with windlass (add \$4,295) or an anchor roller and windlass (add \$3,195). If your docking skills are not what you'd like them to be, or if you dock in a tricky slip, then consider the bow thruster (add \$11,195). All of these will add another \$10,970 to the base boat.

All-In

So that means that you'll get the base boat with twin Yamaha 350's for a base price of \$252,995. Add \$42,870 for stuff you need, and another \$10,970 for stuff you want, and all said, you'll be looking at a totally tricked out Regulator 34 SS for \$306,835... not too shabby at all.

So let the battle rage on about whether side seating or walk-around capability is the way to go. In the meantime, we'll gladly spend the day fishing the middle-grounds on the Regulator 34 SS.