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## SWAN SHADOW

I sat down in a cushy seat at the docks of the Miami boat show and was given a set of VR goggles to strap to my face while loud, generic techno was pumped into my ears. This was my introduction to the Italian builder Nautor Swan, and their upcoming model, the Swan OverShadow, a sporty and angular dayboat much like her older (but not by much) sister, the just released Swan Shadow, a boat that comes complete with designer stow-away bags lined beneath teak-finished gunwales, optional sunpad and sofa-seated dining areas on the bow and stern deck that scream stuzzichini. Though OverShadow bears a strong resemblance to the Shadow, I couldn't discern most of her details through the plastic dome wrapped around my head, but the OverShadow's virtual tour was interesting to say the least. Personally, I preferred the real deal that the Shadow presented over the 32-bit replica of her as yet unreleased sibling.

Back in the fourth dimension, I stepped aboard the brand new 42-foot Shadow, which is renowned sailboat builder Nautor Swan's first powerboat. This was also a unique experience. The boat's swim platform wraps completely around the triple Mercury 300 outboards, allowing for easy, step-free access to any oncoming passengers who have their hands full with too many crates of wine (this is an Italian boat) to notice their footing. On the middeck was the aforementioned sofa seating area, with dining table, which I came to learn is bolted onto the deck yet still easily removable or rearrangeable as owners see fit. Another welcome feature was the boat's thoughtful T-top with electric sunroof, supported by four surrounding pillars (or two should you go with the short T-top option). A few passengers might want to sit there for dinner but I have a feeling a lot of the socializing on this vessel will actually take place on the wide, oversized teak gunwales.

Belowdecks is a simple and cozy stateroom and head with a completely enclosable shower. Nautor Swan also offers an additional berth in the bow should you expect to cruise with company along. That feature, coupled with the optional on-deck galley, would make for a comfortable few days stay aboard the Shadow. But from my

perspective, especially after being amped up on needlessly loud techno, this girl was made for some fast times on the water.

With optional triple 350-horsepower Mercurys, the Shadow's surely the fastest swan you'll see on the water, pulling speeds purportedly up to 55 knots at wide open, 45 knots at fast cruising speed, and 30 knots at cruising speed, with a 260-mile range.

Perhaps the whole time you've been reading this article you've wondered, why is Nautor Swan—a company known for sleek, high-performance sailing yachts—finally producing a powerboat? The company's president Leonardo Ferragamo admits they've resisted the urge for years, but they finally decided that the need for a chase boat to provide an added dimension to Swan yacht ownership was too strong to ignore.

"For so many years we've been thinking about launching a powerboat, but we always resisted this temptation until we really felt we had something really special and unique to present," Ferragamo said. "She is full of the ingredients we believe in, and we are confident that we are going to make an important statement in the power yacht segment." —Shane Scott

LOA: 43'4"  
 Beam: 14'1"  
 Draft: 2'8"  
 Displ: 9,920 lb. (dry)  
 Fuel: 250 gal.  
 Water: 35 gal.  
 Power: 3/250, 300  
 or 350-hp Mercury  
 Verados  
 Price: \$760,000

