



# YOUR PERFECT PONTOON

A guide to choosing the right  
pontoon for you and your crew

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## THE APPEAL OF PONTOON BOATS

Pontoon boats are popular for a reason: they're super stable, offer plenty of deck space, and can do a bit of everything. Whether you're planning family fun or get-togethers with friends, they're a top pick. They're comfy, practical, and relatively budget-friendly, making them perfect for everything from cruising to fishing to water sports. Plus, they handle shallow waters like a charm so you can explore more spots with ease.



# NOT YOUR GRANDPA'S PONTOON

While older pontoons didn't have the same high-speed allure or sporty look as some other types of boats, today's models are a whole different story. Modern pontoons come with sleek designs, luxurious finishes, and tons of cool features. With improved amenities like plush seating, entertainment systems, and flexible layouts, they've got something for everyone.





# SO YOU WANT A PONTOON?

Then you're in the right place. We'll walk you through key factors to consider so you can confidently choose your perfect pontoon.

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- 2 SIZE & CAPACITY
- 3 ENGINE & STRUCTURE
- 4 FEATURES & AMENITIES
- 5 BUDGET







# 1

## USAGE & PURPOSE

**ASK YOURSELF: “What am I going to use my pontoon for—fishing, leisure, or recreation?”**

Do you want to chat, chill, cast, or cruise? While some pontoons accommodate all activities easily, other models are specialized for specific uses.

### FISHING

If you’re passionate about fishing, seek features like cushioned swivel seats, rod holders, tackle storage, aerated livewells, a rigging/bait station, a fish finder, and a trolling motor.

### RECREATION

If you anticipate lots of water sports, look for a powerful engine, towing capability, equipment storage, and textured flooring.

### LEISURE

If relaxed cruises and socializing are more your speed, consider features like a sun deck, bimini or sunshade, sound system, ample seating, and add-ons like tables and interior lights.





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# SIZE & CAPACITY

**ASK YOURSELF: “How many people will I typically bring on the boat, and what are my vehicle’s towing capabilities?”**

Little crew? A small pontoon will do. Lots of friends? Bigger is better! Where larger pontoon boats provide more storage and room for friends, smaller pontoon boats are typically easier to maneuver, dock, trailer, and store. Consider both when choosing your size.

### **SMALL PONTOON BOATS**

16'–20' | 6–8 passengers

### **MID-SIZED PONTOON BOATS**

20'–25' | 8–12 passengers

### **LARGE PONTOON BOATS**

25'–30' | 12–16+ passengers





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## ENGINE & STRUCTURE

Now that you know what you want to do and who you'll be bringing along for the fun, make sure your boat and engine are up to the task.

**HORSEPOWER MATTERS** Consider the amount of power you'll need to support your favorite activities.

**Low Range** (9.9–50 HP) – Economical engines ideal for casual cruising and light activities

**Mid Range** (50–115 HP) – A good balance of power for cruising, water sports, and occasional towing

**High Range** (115–250+ HP) – Impressive power for high-speed cruising, heavy towing, or water sports

**GIVE 'EM HULL** Standard pontoons are equipped with two tubes, but some models have (or offer) a third. Both builds have their benefits.

#### **Two Tubes**

- More affordable to buy and maintain

#### **Three Tubes**

- Smoother, more stable ride
- Higher weight and horsepower capacity
- Better for water sports





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# FEATURES & AMENITIES

**ASK YOURSELF: “What will enhance the ways I want to spend time on the water?”**

The key word here is *enhance*. By now, you know what activities you’ll be most focused on and what is required to make those things possible. Now that you know the features you need, focus on the options you *want*.

## SEATING CONFIGURATION

Look for seating arrangements that suit your preferences for space and movement. Many pontoon boat models offer several layout options such as walk-through, L-shaped, or 4-position fishing. Some models also have options for dual helms and conversion lounges.

## STORAGE

No matter how you use your pontoon boat, you’re going to want maximum storage. When considering the right model, ensure there’s sufficient storage space for gear, coolers, and personal items.

## ADDITIONAL FEATURES

Amenities like helpful swim ladders, shade-providing bimini tops, party-enhancing sound systems, essential charging ports, and convenient built-in coolers can make a real difference in your time on the water.





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# BUDGET

**ASK YOURSELF: “What amount am I comfortable spending up front and on an ongoing basis?”**

It would be awesome if everyone could pick their perfect pontoon based solely on the considerations we’ve listed above, but let’s be real—our choice ultimately boils down to the price point and what we’re comfortable spending.

### INITIAL COSTS

Compare prices to find a pontoon that fits your budget and ticks all your boxes. The cost can really vary based on size, brand, features, and whether it’s new or used. If you’re planning to transport the boat, don’t forget to factor in the cost of a trailer.

### ONGOING COSTS

Factor in costs for things like insurance, maintenance, storage, and fuel. It’s always worth your time to research and compare options and providers to get the most from your money.

***TIP:** When comparing pontoons, carefully consider their warranty coverage and ease of maintenance for long-term reliability. Lowe offers a limited lifetime warranty\* on all its pontoons for easy maintenance and peace of mind.*

\*Limitations and restrictions apply. Visit [loweboats.com](http://loweboats.com) or your local Lowe dealer for complete details.



# TAKE YOUR TIME

By carefully evaluating different models' features, options, and price points, you're more likely to make a smart choice that aligns with your needs and budget. That means more enjoyment and peace of mind in your purchase.



*"I couldn't be happier with what we got. The cost and quality are fantastic. I feel like we were able to get a top-notch boat without the accompanying price tag. It's been a blast for us so far. Nothing but compliments on the boat every time we are out."*

— Lowe SS 210 Owner



# LOWE PONTOONS

No matter the price point, all of Lowe's durable aluminum pontoons are known for their construction, performance, and longevity. Pair that with stylish designs and various layout options, and it's easy to see why Lowe pontoons are often praised for their thoughtful details, innovative features, and overall value.







# RS PONTOON

[EXPLORE RS](#)

**Length** 23'7"-27'11"

**Max Passengers** 12-14

**Max HP** 200-300 HP

**Stand-Out Features** Luxurious seating, premium console, integrated tech, dual helm

**Ideal For** Entertaining, exploring, swimming, water sports







# SS PONTOON

[EXPLORE SS](#)

**Length**

20'3"–27'11"

**Max Passengers**

9–15

**Max HP**

90–300 HP

**Stand-Out Features**

Comfortable furniture, entertainment flexibility, premium ski tow

**Ideal For**

Entertaining, relaxation, swimming, water sports







# SF PONTOON

[EXPLORE SF](#)

**Length** 20'3"-24'3"

**Max Passengers** 9-14

**Max HP** 90-250 HP

**Stand-Out Features** 3 fishing-focused layouts, fishing workstations, sleek fiberglass console

**Ideal For** Fishing, socializing, cruising







# LS PONTOON

[EXPLORE LS](#)

<b>Length</b>	17'10"–24'3"
<b>Max Passengers</b>	8–14
<b>Max HP</b>	60–250 HP
<b>Stand-Out Features</b>	Unbeatable value, clean design, premium console
<b>Ideal For</b>	Social outings, swimming, leisurely cruising





# STILL NOT SURE?

Take our quiz to meet your  
Lowe pontoon match!

DISCOVER YOUR PERFECT PONTOON





# MAXIMIZING YOUR PONTOON TIME

Making the most of your time on a pontoon boat involves planning and preparation. Here are some tips to ensure you get the most out of your pontoon outings:



## PLAN YOUR TRIP

Before heading out, plan your route and destinations. Check the weather forecast and water conditions. Knowing where you want to go and what you want to do can make your time on the water more enjoyable.



## PREPARE YOUR BOAT

Ensure your pontoon is in good working order before setting out. Check the engine, ensure all safety equipment is onboard, and confirm that you have enough fuel. A quick pre-trip checklist can help avoid issues.



## PACK SMART

Bring essentials such as sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and plenty of water. Pack a cooler with snacks or meals and remember to bring extra clothing for changing weather conditions.



## STAY HYDRATED AND NOURISHED

Keep yourself hydrated, especially on sunny days. Having snacks and meals readily available can enhance the enjoyment of your trip and keep energy levels up.



## GET SET FOR GOOD TIMES

Pack some onboard entertainment, like a good book or games. Many pontoons come equipped with sound systems, so make sure you have your favorite tunes ready.



## BE SAFE

Always adhere to safety regulations. Ensure everyone on board has access to a life jacket and familiarize yourself with your boat's safety equipment. Be mindful of other boaters and swimmers by maintaining a safe distance, obeying no-wake zones, and being considerate of noise levels.

**Want more pontoon tips? We've got you covered!**

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