

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION SKI NAUTIQUE 2001

Correct Craft builds the Ski Nautique 2001 with the exacting care of skilled craftsmen. Learn why direct drive and a unique hull construction make Ski Nautique 2001 the #1 choice of professionals.



How does a Ski Nautique 2001 perform in choppy water? How does it maneuver in tight places? Can you depend on it for a low wake? Will a Ski Nautique 2001 retain a good market value? Is it durable enough to run eight hours a day, day after day? Is it comfortable to ride in? Can it withstand the rigors of pulling a group of adult skiers from a deep water start? Is it easy to maintain and repair?

The best way to answer these questions is to learn what water ski drivers, teachers and national competitive skiers themselves say about the Ski Nautique 2001 built by Correct Craft. Like these professionals who depend on the Ski Nautique 2001 for exceptional

performance, you'll realize that six decades of boat-building experience is evident in every inch of its design.

Year after year, Correct Craft works to develop new features that keep the Ski Nautique 2001 at the top of its class in performance. A primary example is the new dashboard with its advanced instrumentation and ergonomic system. At a glance you can monitor all vital functions. The information is extremely accurate and easily visible as relayed through the high-tech VDO instrumentation available in deluxe boats. These precision instruments are the marine version of the deluxe gauges used by Mercedes Benz.

Every phase of the ski boat building art is advanced by the Ski Nautique 2001. Its

deluxe interior is an example of Correct Craft's ability to provide high levels of comfort, style and security. Carefully designed bucket seats give the driver superior support to minimize fatigue and enhance concentration. Rear lounge and observers' seats are skillfully crafted to anatomically correct angles and shapes. The overall result is sophisticated design, superb craftsmanship and consistently superior on-water performance that have made Ski Nautique 2001 the preferred tow-boat for the majority of U.S. National Competitors and professional water ski entertainers. See for yourself what these professionals have to say about the Ski Nautique 2001...



Andy Hansen, Sea World of Florida's Water Ski Manager likes the power of the Ski Nautique 2001 with the standard propeller and 351 cubic-inch engine.

"I like to compare the feel of a Ski Nautique with the feel of driving a Mercedes Benz. It's comfortable, stylish, highly maneuverable and well built."

Andy Hansen of Sea World has the opportunity to test Correct Craft's Ski Nautique 2001 seven days a week. "Boats aren't babied in professional ski shows. The show must go on and with dozens of different drivers shifting, docking and maneuvering the boats in whatever conditions are present when their cue comes, the Nautiques are worked many times harder than they would be by even the most abusive owner. We are definitely a proving ground for Correct Craft's reputation for quality and durability."

Hansen also likes the good design and good looks of the Ski Nautique 2001. "The new deluxe bucket seat secures you in the boat and all controls and instruments are strategically placed for convenience of the operator. The dash and interior appearance are as sharp looking as they are functional."

"When the boats appear in our shows, they are always met with 'oohs' and 'aahs' from the audience. They are real attention getters. And with a variety of color combinations to choose from, we are able to easily blend them into the continuity of any theme we select."

The Ski Nautique's performance is another reason it is the Number One choice. Accord-

ing to Hansen, "The beautiful 2001 hull design provides smooth and controlled maneuverability through the choppy waters experienced in our shows. The slalom-skiing-around-the-boat is an act which at one time took a great deal of timing and skill from the boat operator. Now the Ski Nautique 2001 makes the maneuver effortless to perform smoothly and consistently."

"Additionally the boat has plenty of power to pull our 12-person pyramid even with the standard propeller and 351-cubic-inch Pleasurecraft marine engine. The simplicity of the direct drive inboard, coupled with the basic four-cycle automotive engine provides outstanding dependability, durability and ease of maintenance." Hansen notes that while repairs are inevitable for any boat, they are easily accomplished with only basic mechanical skills on the Ski Nautique.

If you ask Andy Hansen, he'll tell you: "Through styling, performance and durability, Ski Nautique 2001 enables us to put on better ski shows. We're proud to be a part of the Correct Craft family and pleased to be able to tell thousands of fascinated guests what the Correct Craft difference means to us."



SPACE-AGE DESIGN STOPS GOSSIP

Comments from *Water Ski Magazine Boat Tests*.

For decades, Ski Nautique has been the industry yardstick. The new Ski Nautique 2001 is a higher evolution. Primarily hand-crafted, the Ski Nautique is built for the athlete behind the boat as well as the driver, family and friends within.

Years ago, the Nautique had acquired somewhat of a reputation — slow out of the hole. This new space-age version will stop that gossip. We achieved one of the best gymkhana times and top speeds in the inboard tests. The boat handles fine in rough water and most important, tracks perfectly

with a skier. The trick wake is larger than most we tested, but well-defined. The table in the middle of the wake is very smooth, though a little concave.

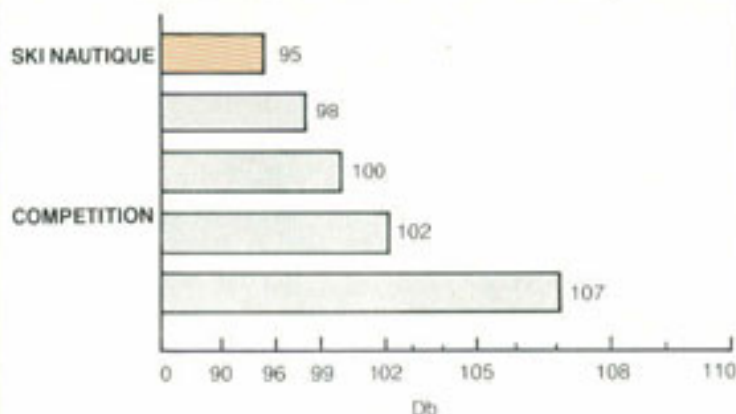
The cockpit features an integrated dash. The throttle, seat and steering wheel feel like someone took your measurements and designed it around you. The driver looks through — not over — the windshield (a definite plus). Also, the platform on the back is one of the better in the industry. Last of all, there is a unique warning signal system that supplements the gauges.

SUMMARY OF SPRAY MAGAZINE'S TOW BOAT TEST

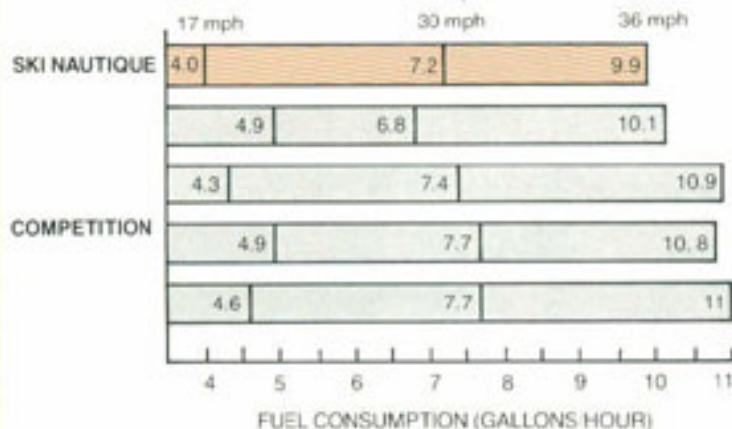
TEST #1 TOP SPEED — MEASURED AS ELAPSED TIME OVER SLALOM COURSE LENGTH



TEST #2 SOUND LEVEL INSIDE BOAT 36 mph



TEST #3 FUEL CONSUMPTION (STEADY STATE)





**Skier Deena Brush,
Sacramento, California:**

"The fact is Ski Nautique 2001 is built better — *much* better — than any other tournament boat available. And it looks great, too."

**Skier Mike Hazelwood,
Heckington, England:**

"Besides being comfortable and effortless to drive, Ski Nautique 2001 provides the consistently low wake I need to set world jump records."

**Skier Andy Mapple,
Lancashire, England:**

"I choose Ski Nautique 2001 because it is unquestionably the best competition ski boat available; and has been for 24 years."

**Skier Carl Roberge,
Orlando, Florida:**

"Quality and durability go hand-in-hand with Ski Nautique 2001. And you just can't beat the stability it gives in the slalom course."

**Skier Cindy Todd,
Pierson, Florida:**

"I like to train in a way which will help me ski my best in tournaments. Ski Nautique 2001 achieves my demands."





A recent survey by *Water Ski Magazine* showed that Correct Craft is used in over two-thirds of the water ski schools polled. This further emphasizes the dependability, durability and quality characteristics of our boats. Here's what instructors are saying:

Jack Travers, International Tournament Skiing:

"Maneuverability, consistent wake characteristics and durability are the most significant factors in considering a boat for a ski school. Whether I'm teaching a toddler or trainers or coaching a world champion, my Ski Nautique 2001s make the job easier and more comfortable. We

take great pride in our quality of instruction and just as much pride goes into our selection of equipment. I depend on my boats to perform every day and the Ski Nautique 2001 does. That's why Correct Craft has been my boat for 20 years."

Pierre Grimm, Swiss Ski School:

"We have been using Ski Nautique since we began our ski school in 1979 because it is the best boat available. We trust the boats because when we turn the keys in the morning we are sure they will run. The 2001 performs great for all events — it tracks well and always holds the

speed. Ski Nautique 2001s are strong and well-built which is essential for ski school use. Even after 500 hours they look new and maintain an excellent market value. Also, it's reassuring to know the Meloons (owners of Correct Craft) are always improving their boats to stay on top."

Bill Peterson, Bill Peterson Ski School:

"Ski Nautique 2001 is in a class of its own when it comes to performance. Acceleration is never a problem and maintaining a straight path is effortless. Comfort is a necessity for me because I spend eight hours a day in the boat. Ski Nautique 2001 meets all my needs — it rides

smooth, it's easy to handle, it's comfortable and it's quiet. I have been using Ski Nautique since 1973 because of its durability, quality of materials and craftsmanship and resale value. My students depend on quality and I'd say our business is better because we use Ski Nautique 2001."

Ike James, Ski Holidays:

"During the 1984 ski season more than 37,000 water skiers visited Ski Holidays and experienced the ride of the Ski Nautique 2001. Our two towboats accumulated more than 2,300 engine hours during a five-month period and performed with admirable consistency and dependability. We didn't miss a single day because of towboat malfunction. No business could be more demanding of these boats. On one hand they are expected to pull four adult skiers from a deep-water start in our grueling daily ski school for

beginners...the type of pull that exerts tremendous strain on all the boat's components. On the other hand, the Ski Nautique 2001 is required to tow high speed barefoot and slalom course runs. It makes the transition from the high-torque, 17-mph ski school use to the 36+ mph pull without skipping a beat. We couldn't stay in business without this type of dependability, so we don't think of Ski Nautique 2001 as a towboat — we treat it like a PARTNER."

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Direct Drive vs. Stern Drive

The Ski Nautique 2001's direct drive is the reason professionals attest to its reliability, efficiency and stability for the steady, even pulls required to tow skiers.

Unlike a stern drive, the direct drive, also called a "conventional inboard," is simple. It produces rotary energy which turns the propeller by way of a drive shaft. It's all in a direct line. Only a single gear box is needed between the engine and the drive shaft to match the engine to the propeller and to provide neutral and reverse gears.

On the other hand, a stern drive is a complex mechanism. It must take rotating energy from the end of the inboard engine's drive shaft, turn that energy at right angles through a gear box, lead it down below the surface of the water, turn it at right angles again through a second gear box, and then spin a propeller with it. This sequence can be accomplished only with the aid of a sophisticated series of cogs and splines and gears and bearings, all of which have an innate susceptibility to trouble. The simplicity of Ski Nautique 2001's direct drive eliminates the need for such complex mechanisms that can break down frequently.

Correct Craft Trailers

Correct Craft remains one of the few boat manufacturers that owns and operates its own trailer manufacturing facility. These rugged trailers are designed and built for the Ski Nautique 2001 for a custom fit. Proper cradling of your boat eliminates stress and evenly divides the boat's weight over the length of the trailer.

The drive-on, drive-off feature of the trailer allows complete launch and recovery without having to leave the boat. This convenient system requires no winch and ensures proper positioning of the boat on the trailer. These functional features, along with our center balance design will guarantee many years of easy trailering.

Hull Design

The Ski Nautique 2001 is a unique blend of traditional vee and flat bottom. This custom design, available only on a 2001, has a 3" keel pad running down the center of the vee, and a pronounced, tapered chine on both sides is independent of the rest of the bottom.

The result of this innovative design is stability at all speeds and a considerably flattened wake to aid skiers in both high speed slalom and jumping.

The flat wake has many more benefits: beginning and recreational skiers find it much easier to ski; spray which can irritate many short-line skiers is eliminated; and trick skiers enjoy a turbulence-free platform for performing toe tricks or surface turns, a definite advantage in competition. Many skiers credit the unique design of the hull for producing the best three-event wake in the business.

Driving Pleasure

At slow speeds, the Ski Nautique 2001 is a delight to drive. The boat is on plane the instant you hit the throttle.

In the 35-mph cruise range where the Ski Nautique 2001 sees most of its use, the hull rides firmly on the water. It corners extremely well and tracks like no rear-engine stern drive could. The Ski Nautique 2001 hasn't the slightest hint of wander or bow steering. Like the original Nautique, the 2001 leaves the driver with a feeling of complete and instant command.

Stability is especially noticeable. This 18'9" boat is oblivious to shifting water patterns, or even shifts in passenger weight around the cockpit. It cuts a precise course even under wind-whipped conditions and rides softly across large waves and the wakes of other boats. Even cockpit noise is reduced because the propeller is positioned deeper in the water. The result is an exceptional ride for driver and skier alike.

Handling

The 2001 receives perfect marks on the turning tests. No matter how fast you travel or in what direction you turn, the Nautique 2001 responds with a phenomenal agility for a boat of its size.

Slalom skiers require a steady, even pull from their tow boats, and the 2001 is just waiting to tow the world's finest to new records. No matter how hard you cut, the boat refuses to move off course. Low-end torque is sufficient to pull several slalom skiers from deep water effortlessly.

Engine Performance

The Ski Nautique 2001 runs 34 mph at only 3,000 rpm, while a 4,000-rpm setting pushes the speedometer to a brisk 44 mph. At full throttle, the 2001 reaches 47 mph at 4250 rpm.

Acceleration is crisp with the 351 cubic-inch engine pushing the boat to top speed in exactly 10 seconds.

Interior Comfort and Style

Optional interior includes a stylish motor box, coaming pads, a split-bench stern seat, a luxury love seat with matching driver's bucket seat.

The split-bench stern seat increases passenger capacity from three to six. The rear bench is actually two separate seats mounted with hinges in front so they can be pulled forward to service the bilge area.

Rounding out the deluxe interior are color-coordinated coaming pads along the gunnels. The motor hatch cover is upholstered with the same material as the seats.

With the standard interior, the driver's seat is mounted on a fiberglass base that is angled up slightly so shorter drivers have better visibility. An arm rest for the driver, stainless steel grab rails at strategic points in the cockpit and teak step plates for sure-footed boarding and debarking are all included as standard equipment.

Finally, individual circuit breakers assure that each electrical function remains independent of the other. An on board computer system monitors all vital engine functions through a light as well as audible alarms. Whether it is equipped with standard or optional interior, there is no finer tournament or recreational water ski boat on the market.