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## Battlewagons Don't Have To Be Big

**Some of the biggest names in sportfishing are going back to basics**

**T**he trend toward super-sized sportfishers isn't over, but during the most recent boat show season, both Hatteras and Viking revealed new models with more modest LOAs. But don't mistake these for entry-level boats. Think of them as everything the builder has learned about building a bluewater fishing machine, bundled in a tighter package.

### Viking 42

The short end of your fleet offerings might be considered entry level. But the newest Viking in the fleet, the 42 Open, which debuted in Miami, is every bit a Viking. Built with a pair of 600-hp Cummins-Mercruiser Zeus pod drives, the boat is bridging the gap between large outboard-powered fishing boats and the sportfish designs for which Viking is known. "The pods are helping people make the leap," says Peter Frederiksen of Viking Yachts. "You can drive it three ways, like a traditional inboard, with a single control, or with the joystick, increasing the comfort level at the helm." At around a million dollars, the yacht doesn't carry an entry-level price, but Frederiksen says that's because the boat is built the same way as the larger boats in the Viking fleet. "The water system is the same as the one on the 82-footer, as is the hand-finished woodwork for the interior." [www.VikingYachts.com](http://www.VikingYachts.com)



LOA 42'7"  
Beam 15'10"  
Draft 3'7"  
Displacement 32,699 lbs.  
Fuel 525 gal.  
Water 120 gal.

