Some boaters tired of the constancy of modern boats — many with similar looks — seek something different. These boaters appreciate the features, comfort and reliability new boats have but want a boat that stands out.

This is precisely why Belize Motoryachts was developed: To answer the demands of owners who'd been asking for a modern boat with a distinctive profile.
The distinctive interior

Taking a look around, high-end furnishings, satin finished American Walnut panels, plush upholstery and stainless steel accents shine throughout. Adjacent the helm, the saloon has plenty of seating, and a water-tight door to port leads into the transom side deck. The door crank is pinned open, and a keyless push button handle locks it from inside. The galley takes up the entire aft area of the saloon, has room for two or more and is fully appointed. What I like about this layout is the ability to serve guests forward to the salon table or aft into the cockpit. Highlights are a double stainless sink with disposal, and drawers for refrigeration, freezers and dishwasher. Full-out pantries include a tall pantry to port and a unique fold-out corner pantry. Belize offers three different below-deck accommodation options that revolve around a full-beam master cabin with a king-size bed. All of the floorplans have a VIP double cabin forward and a twin cabin that can convert into a double, both with ensuite heads.

The vessel I toured had the Presidential layout, which features twin hanging lockers, a convenient sink/counter with a chair and a massive full-beam head that takes up what would be the entire crew quarters under a different configuration. My Bosch hair/facial tape measure pegged the cabin at 160 square feet — not including the head. I measured headroom of 6 feet, 3 inches in both the cabin and the head, however, a 6-foot, 4-inch tall passenger onboard said he had no trouble. The master head features twin sinks, heated towel racks and a floor system with removable sink tray and analogous drains underneath for easy cleaning. The shower is more than 6 feet long and 3 feet wide. An access door leads from the master head to the engine room; this makes sense as this space becomes crew quarters or a utility room in alternate layouts. Additional engine room access is via a ladder from the cockpit.

The engine room is thoughtfully laid out with all sea strainers come to a single access point except for those servicing the main engines. AC systems are to starboard, DC to port, and pumps and filters have their own centralized locations. Headroom is 5 feet, 6 inches or higher in some places, but a centerline tender garage restricts overhead space particularly above the 29kw Onan generator. One unique factor is that the engines are not mounted parallel to each other. The port engine is further forward than the starboard engine. Both run jackshafts back to adjacent IPS drives, so it doesn’t affect performance. There is no perceptible difference even when turning in alternate directions, and it did not affect turn.

The outdoor space

The cockpit features covered seating and a vanished table with stainless steel drink holder insert. A fly-top buffet conceals twin electric grills with a fridge or icemaker below. The cockpit clears easily to the galley through a single glass and stainless sliding door and a pop-down window. Twin stairwells lead aft to the swim platform where one side provides a dry and safe place to stand while the other side drops down for tender launching. The garage holds a BXR 330 (10 feet, 8 inches) or a Palm Beach 1200 (11 feet, 9 inches) tender whose folding transom allows for a 40 hp Yamaha. Foredeck features include ample storage compartments on both sides, a Muir windlass with devil’s claw and a custom chain washing system that props the chain with alternating nozzles in the bow tube. Special touches like the chain cleaner, a spotlight on the bow, and high-pressure fittings for pressure washing fore and aft demonstrate Belize’s attention to detail. Ahead of the windshield, a center seating area can be set with a table underneath a lighted Bimini or can be converted into a large sunpad complete with drink holders and a four-speaker JL audio system. The Belize 66 Sedan offers boaters distinct styling, significant accommodations, quality construction, performance and versatility. Whether cruising the Great Lakes or heading out the St. Lawrence for saltwater (at 19 feet, 11 inches, she is too tall for the Great Loop rivers) this boat is a comfortable cruiser with a lot to offer, including an exciting look that stands out from the crowd.