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Tres,

It has been close to a month since we have taken your class, and we are constantly getting to know our 2003 Top Gun better. I have been boating for over 35 years and my sons have been around and on boats for 10 years, but without your help the transition from the 30' center console to the 38' Cigarette would not be nearly as smooth. You did a great job of keeping our attention during the in class portion of the course, even though we all were trying to get different things out of the class. My sons (18 and 24) were primarily concerned about speed and reliability, while I wanted to be SAFE. After the class we realized that the best ride is one where everyone on board is safe, and they are also given a comfortable ride. My sons and I will never forget your quote "if you want to fly through the air, buy a plane."

It was great that you took my sons out together, and myself separately for the on the water portion. When I was done running the boat with you, I felt comfortable and in control. My docking has never been so good! I am still working on getting smoother on adjusting my trim tabs, and using the turning technique, but every trip has been an improvement. Just like you said you have to practice! My sons both have a new appreciation and respect for speed. They are more aware of their surroundings and know how serious it is to be in control of a performance boat.

We all admit that we had our doubts about what we were going to learn, and whether the class would be worth the money, but afterwards we can't believe we had any doubts. A few things stand out as being worth the price of the course alone:

- How a step bottom boat works
- Turning Technique
- Docking Technique
- Pre-departure check

The best part is that we learned all the above things and how they are apply to OUR BOAT. The only downside after taking your course is that we now realize that most other boaters don't have the same training.

Sincerely,

David, Erik, and Adam Panichi

PS. We are even giving each other constructive feedback.