

OUTDONE BY THE OUT DRIVES ! (CAN THE OIL REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?)

by John H. Pagliuca

It's not unusual and often expected, for an owner of a car dealership to rave about products, especially what he sells. But when Larry Marchese, owner of Marchese Chevrolet in Fort Montgomery, New York tracked me down and related his boating story to me, I was "blown away" as the saying goes. Mr. Marchese gave me a brief outline of his experience at The Cafe at Rockwell Cycles, directly across the road from his dealership, during a brief lunch visit. I just had to know more, so Larry and I agreed to meet at his dealership at a later date for more details.

Several weeks later, I sat down with Larry in his pristine office surroundings and got the full scoop. In 2003, Mr. Marchese purchased a Formula Fast Tech High Performance vessel powered by twin 525hp Merc Racing Engines. A powerful boat for sure and destined to bring as much fun and action on the water as anyone would want.

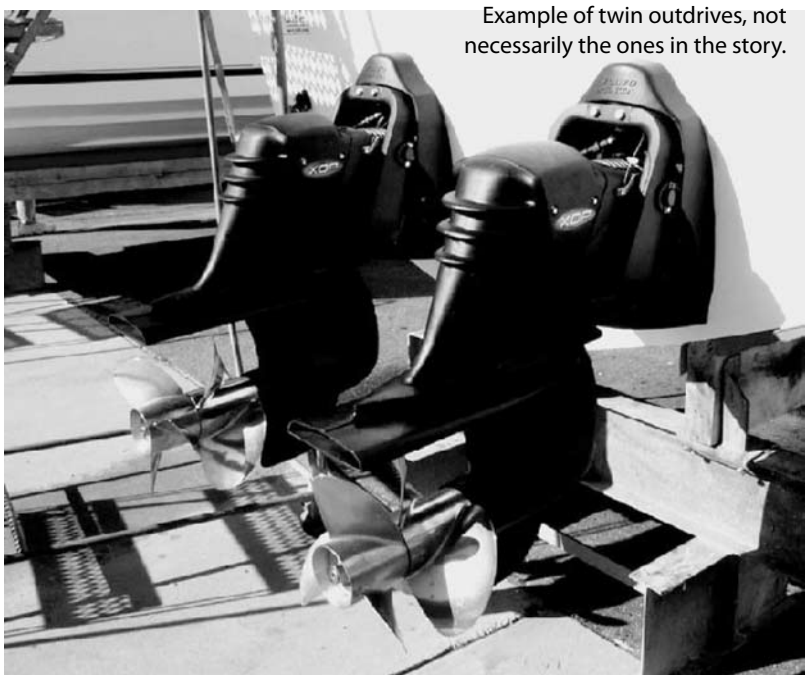
But that wasn't the case in the early on-water trips with the vessel. Within the first 30 hours of operation, the starboard outdrive made a popping sound while cruising down the Hudson River just south of the Tappan Zee Bridge. That killed that cruise as the Sea Tow Corp. had to tow the boat back to its marina. The boat was repaired under warranty, and less than three weeks later on another jaunt in almost the exact location, the port outdrive made the same sound and then, yes Sea Tow to the rescue once more.

That outdrive was repaired under warranty, But Larry's concerns were not. "Was this what I had to look forward to with this vessel?" Larry said to me. Larry wondered could he ever feel safe and secure on this vessel anytime in the future on the water, or should he just expect Sea Tow to take him home after each short run?

The "game breaker" for Larry was when he happened to oversee a friend of his with a simi-



Larry Marchese owner of Marchese Chevrolet in Ft. Montgomery, NY.



Example of twin outdrives, not necessarily the ones in the story.

lar powered vessel, perform routine maintenance on his outdrives. As the units were opened up, Larry marveled at the cleanliness of the inner workings of both units. The friend said that he used special oil not available in the "big box" stores but only through independent dealers and some retail shops. Marchese made sure he got some on his friend's next order and installed the 90 weight gear oil in his units, 400 hours ago, and hasn't had a problem since. Mr. Marchese went one step further and put Amsoil Marine Engine oil in both of his powerplants and noticed a 200 rpm gain on each engine and a 25 degree temperature drop on the oil for both of the engines also.

Mr. Marchese as well as myself will not guarantee these same results for your vessel. You may even surpass these numbers. But one thing is sure, this is "Larry's" story as well as many other boaters' I've known. Larry is a clear thinking, clear speaking man, and I never had to ask him anything twice. He looked at me straight on and told it to me like it was for him. And I am glad he did, so I can tell this to you. Marchese Chevrolet also offers the Amsoil product line at his dealership.

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