

Blown Income!

The object responsible for this smooth-yet-loud idling performance appears in the Havasu waters, and it is none other than Bob Stanfield's blown 21-foot Schiada V-drive River Cruiser. Bob smiles like a kid in a candy store behind the billet steering wheel, and with a nudge of the foot pedal and gentle rising of the boat's polished cavitation plate, the hull is out of the water and Bob is on his way to cheek-rippling and eye-watering speeds in the neighborhood of 95 mph.

Schiada Boats has a strong following in the performance marine industry, having been regarded by many as the custom boat to own, if you can get your hands on one, that is. Most Schiada owners either do not want to let go of their crafts or few can scrape together the greenbacks to hook one on to the back of their truck. The Schiada 21-foot V-drive River Cruiser is one of the most respected boats on the water today, even 30-plus years after its introduction.

A few years back, Bob Stanfield of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, began looking for a suitable 21-foot V-drive River Cruiser to fulfill his performance boating dreams. He put out the vibe to Lee Spindler, owner and operator of Schiada Boats, to help locate one. After a bit of searching, Lee found a 21-foot back East, less motor, that he felt would be perfect for Bob's performance boating goals.

After seeing pictures and talking numbers, Bob agreed to purchase the boat sight unseen and had it shipped to Schiada's factory in

**One Detailed
and Cool
Combination**

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▲ Twenty-one feet of pure fun accurately describes Bob Stanfield's blown Schiada River Cruiser.

► Power for Bob Stanfield's 21-foot Schiada River Cruiser comes from a blown 468ci Chevy topped by an 8-71 blower from The Blower Shop. Two Holley 750 double-pumpers provide the high-octane liquid for this thirsty beast. Internally, this potent Rat houses a steel Eagle crankshaft and connecting rods, JE 8.5 pistons, a Crane hydraulic roller cam, Comp Cams stainless roller rockers with stud gertils, Manley Extreme Duty intake valves, and Incanel exhaust valves. Chevy Bow Tie aluminum heads get the motor breathing, while Stellings stainless headers show spent fumes the door.



▲ ▲ ▲ Todd Taylor of Joker's Wild Promotions in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, owns the custom Excursion that Bob's Schiada is hooked too. Todd's rig runs 18x10-inch American Racing Mohave wheels mounted on Nitto LT P355/65R18 rubber.



A trio of 17-inch Budnik Tiller 5 billet wheels mounted on some low-profile Falken Zrex P225/50R17 rubber sits underneath custom stainless fenders on the Moss custom trailer.

Torrance, California. While the boat was in transit, Bob received a call from his good friend and Havasu local, Keith Sayre, who told him of another boat for sale he had to look at. Having not yet purchased the other Schiada, Bob drove down to Huntington Beach, California, where the boat was located, and with one look, it was sold. After exchanging cash and speaking with the seller, Bob and Keith found out that this boat was in fact Lee Spindler's old race boat. Once Bob got the boat home, he placed a call to Schiada to let Lee know he would be unable to purchase the other boat and that he had acquired his old race boat. Lee's reply was, "That boat is awesome, but it eats up motors." Naturally, Bob asked why, and Lee replied, "It takes a set of chop so well, you will never want to lift your right foot off of the throttle."

Bob purchased the boat less the engine, but it still had the Menkins V-drive unit, three-speed Turbo 400 transmission, and full interior, along with full custom instrumentation and rigging. It sat on a customized triple-axle trailer with custom billet wheels, low-profile tires, and polished stainless steel fenders. Now that Bob's dream boat was sitting in his garage, he began thinking about what power to place between the stringers to get this sucker moving.

Desiring the harmonious sound and pin-you-in-your-seat qualities of a blown motor, Bob located Lance Oster of Lake Havasu City and commissioned him to build a huffer-topped big-block Chevy Rat motor with all of the best internal gear. This motor not only had to perform, but it also had to be able to hold together under the intense full-throttle sessions Bob had planned for it. Starting with a 454ci Chevrolet block, Lance bored the cylinder walls 0.060 inches over and stuffed the bottom end with an Eagle Specialty Products steel crank and connecting rods. The 468ci Rat received JE 8.5 pistons, a Crane hydraulic roller camshaft, Competition Cams stainless roller rockers with stud gertils, Manley Extreme Duty intake valves, and Incanel exhaust valves. Induction is handled by a polished 8-71 huffer from The Blower Shop combined with a Super Chiller intercooler, topped by a duet of Holley 750 double-pumper carburetors specially tuned for this wicked and blown beast. A pair of Chevy Bow Tie aluminum ported and polished cylinder heads allow the throaty big-block to breathe, while polished stainless Stellings headers and custom through-transom exhaust tips deliver spent gases to the Havasu air.

Just as important as the power in a boat application is the running gear, and this 21-foot RC features the best underwater gear



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Every once in awhile aftermarket manufacturers jump into the truck building arena to put together an eye-catching ride worthy of displaying the custom products. In this case, it's the most radical F-150 finished in years. If you think the ridiculous bodywork is catching your attention, then knowing this truck was built in a scant 14 weeks will really twist your noodle. Gaylord's,

the famous tonneau company, created this masterpiece from a bone-stock brand-new

'02 truck. We don't have the space to get into all the body mods, but the roof was removed, windshield laid back, fenders pie cut, hood lowered, grille modified, Street Scene bumper cover modified, bed side fully remolded, and tail shaved tight, topped with a Speed Bump tonneau, and mixed with PPG Red. In a nutshell, everything was touched, and the inside was no different. The dash is a waterfall style crafted from scratch, fit with audio/video, topped with leather and suede seats, and leather lower door panels. Air suspension is tucking 20- and 22-inch Intro wheels with big brakes, and under the hood is power by Kenne Bell. What can you say? It's one radical red roadster.



Changeling

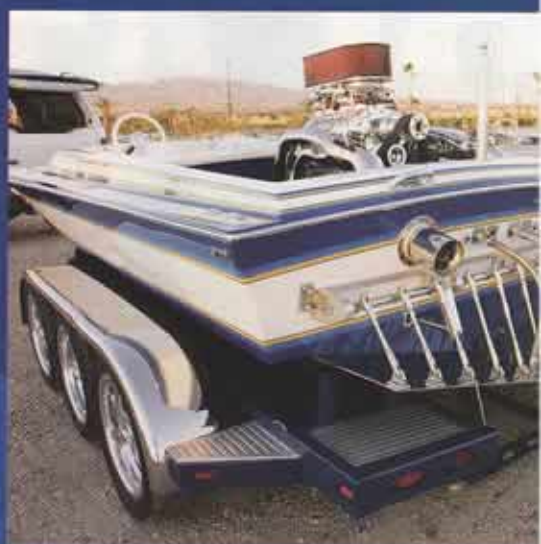
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Insanely cool appropriately describes this body-channeled '96 Isuzu Hombre built by Brian Jendro in the Chop Shop bays. Back in February 1997, there was not a better-looking Isuzu out there with tangerine, gray, pink, and green graphics lowered over the 17-inch Colorado Custom Brighton wheels. Built in 90 days by a group of talented guys, the C-notched, Firestone-bagged mini lays out and proves that mini doesn't mean lacking. No doubt about it, the smoothed Hombre still looks killer seven years later. **TR**



▲ The cockpit of the Schiada features plush white upholstery, 40-ounce blue marine carpet, and a host of billet aluminum combined with white-face gauges.



► It's early on a Saturday morning and the temperature of the crisp morning air in the city of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, begins to climb. Birds chirp morning tunes to awaken a new day, and suddenly all of this peace and harmony is interrupted by the unmistakable sound of an ear-piercing blower motor reaching deep in its bottom end to emit sounds of raw horsepower and pure performance muscle.

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