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Carolina aqua-nuts looking to get their fix in a new or "gently used" boat are in luck. Between these five NC boat dealers, there's literally something for everyone, not to mention the occasional freebie, open house or fishing seminar. Read on, and chances are you'll find just what you need to help ring in springtime.

At Talley's Pier 77 Marine in Cornelius, it's all about family. Talley's, the 2004 recipient of Regal's Worldwide Customer Satisfaction Award, is co-owned by husband and wife team Bill and Sara Talley, and their two sons are also part of the business. But the family values don't stop there. Talley's specializes in Regal, a family-owned and operated manufac-

turer, now celebrating its 35th year in the industry. As Sara Talley points out, Regal's family-oriented business model is unique in an industry where many boat manufacturers have been bought by corporations.

Talley's offers two new Regal models for 2005: The 3350 Sport Cruiser and the 3360 Express Cruiser. The highlight of the 3350 is the cockpit – not only will it accommodate a crowd, but it also features a unique refreshment center/galley option, stainless walk through windshield, center walk through transom, convertible sunloungers and an electric engine hatch. The extra wide 11-foot, 4-inch beam provides space for three tables, 8-inch pull-up cleats and CD stereo.

The 3360 Express offers an unusually bright and open cabin, thanks to large cat eye ports on either side and a bank of windows forward that invite plenty of natural light. Cockpit features include the popular Cockpit Forward seating arrangement, refreshment center, and an electric engine hatch that allows entry from the large integrated swim platform.

Talley's offers on-water tutorial classes with every boat they sell. These classes cover safety, maneuvering, docking and trailer techniques and underway procedures. They have a waterfront service department at Kings Point Marina for marina members and Talley's customers on Lake Norman.

Stop by Talley's before April 15, 2005 for a chance to win a new Regal 1800 with a 3.0L

engine and trailer. The drawing will be held on May 2. Visit Talley's at 18901 Statesville Road, Cornelius, N.C., 28031, 704.892.8555, or go online at www.talleyspier77.com.

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