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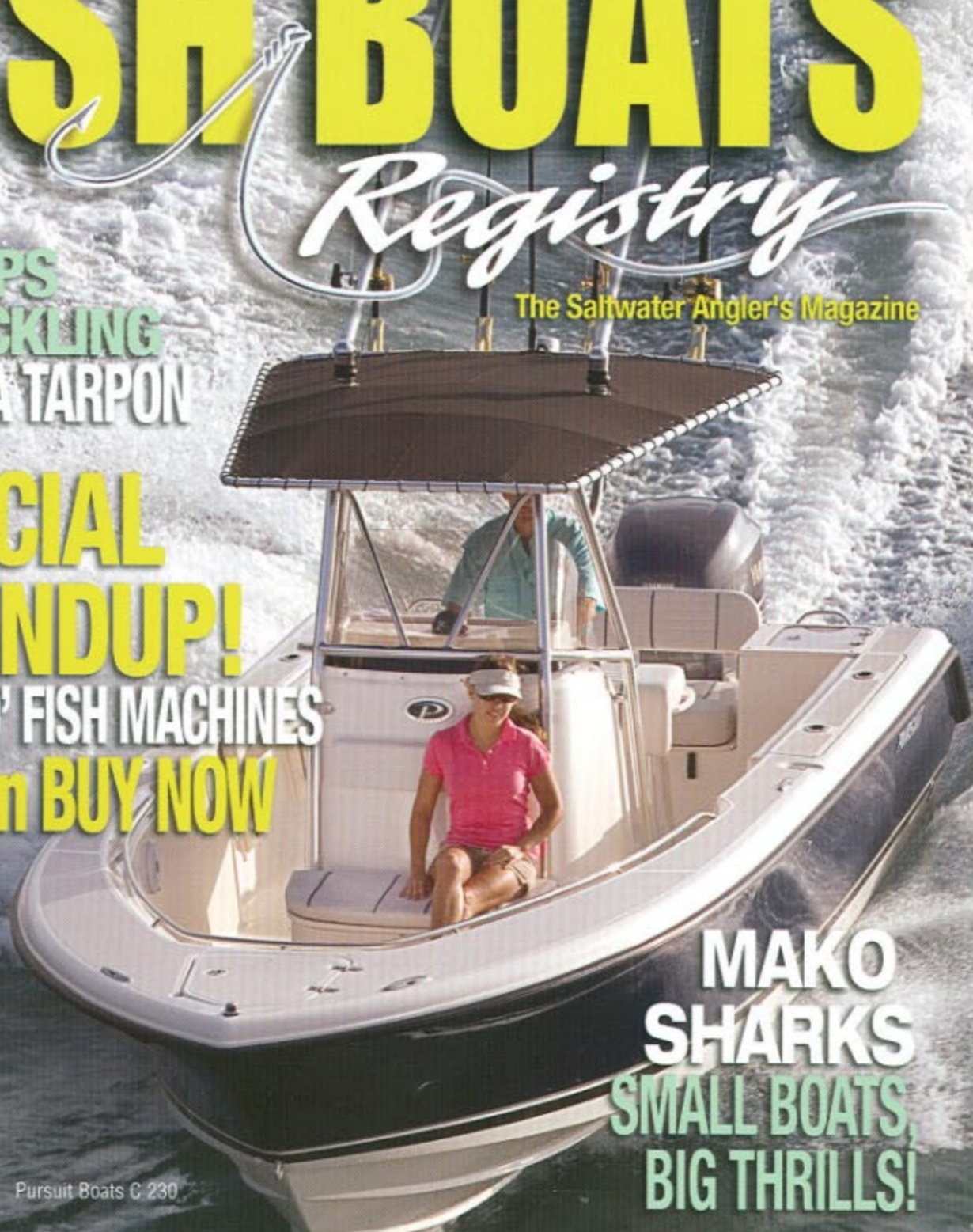
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# PURSUIT C230

**P**ursuit knows how to build boats for saltwater sport fishing – there's no question about it. The use of top-quality materials combined with a smart design is a constant theme throughout Pursuit's line. An all-new entry from this Fort Pierce, Florida, manufacturer is the C 230, which provides a perfect upscale choice for anglers and family



boaters looking for a center console in the 23-foot range.

At 22 feet, nine inches, the C 230 is one of the smallest models in Pursuit's line. But this is a "big" boat just the same. The gunwales are wide, there's plenty of flare at the bow and the deep-V hull, combined with 30 inches of freeboard, gives this model true off-

shore capabilities.

On the inside, Pursuit designer Karl Boehler executed a remarkable feat – he created plenty of fishing space with minimal compromise. The broad yet trailerable 8.5-foot beam affords easy maneuverability around the console and the aft bench is recessed into the stern to provide extra cockpit space.



The console is moderately tall for a boat of this size. It allows extra room for electronics and its enclosed head area is similar to what you would find on a 25-footer. A spacious battery compartment is located under the stern seat and I could easily access both batteries.

The influence of Pursuit's larger models is very evident in the C230. There's a 15-inch Edson stainless wheel and six hefty eight-inch stainless pull-up cleats. The 23-gallon bait well is a Pursuit signature design and comes complete with a clear lid, oceana blue tank with rounded corners, and high-volume raw water circulation.

The C 230 is designed for a single outboard and our base-package test boat was powered with a Yamaha F250 four-stroke. This appeared to be a good match and the deep-V bow allowed the boat to cut through waves exceptionally well. Aft, the center line modifies into a rounded pad that gives the C 230 excellent acceleration. The top speed of 47.6 mph is quite good for a 4,580-pound boat and the hull design kept the boat level during turns. All in all, the C230 delivered an excellent ride and solid handling characteristics.

The combination of its exceptional ride, well-thought-out design and top-shelf materials and components ranks the C230 as a serious offshore contender – one that can easily take on the rough-water environment when the duty calls. □

–Zenon L. Bilas

#### SPECIFICATIONS

Length .....	22'9"
Beam: .....	8' 6"
Weight (w/Yamaha F250).....	4,580 lbs.
Fuel: .....	105 gal.
Max. Power: .....	300 hp.
Base Price.....	N/A

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