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Versatility is what Pursuit's Denali line is all about. They've often been called SUVs for the water. At 22 feet, 9 inches in overall length, the LS 235 packs a lot of on-water enjoyment into a small size. This easily trailerable boat has a spacious deck layout and can be rigged for fishing, skiing, boarding and diving.

The cockpit seats six adults. The double bench at the helm has a flip-up bolster. Behind it, there's another double bench facing aft, and a third along the transom. The console has drawer storage space accessible from both sides. Under the aft-facing seat, you'll find an integrated cooler, and below the transom seat is space to store the components to assemble either a removable table or a sunpad.

The sink in the aft starboard corner of the cockpit comes standard, along with two stainless steel rod holders in each gunnel and the rod racks underneath them. A hide-away, three-step swim ladder is to port on the transom. At the bow, the anchor and roller, along with the optional windlass, are all under a hatch for a flush look.

If you like to tinker with your onboard electronics, you'll appreciate the tilt-back helm. The molded helm console, done in a contrasting gray, is hinged at the bottom to easily expose the innards. Incidentally, Pursuit is now offering a factory-installed Raymarine electronics package option for many of its models, including the LS 235. An E120 display is the centerpiece.

The cabin sports a cozy V-berth and has a portable toilet under a filler cushion at its center with a standard pumpout fitting.

I was impressed by how little wind I felt while running the LS 235. A high and quite substantially framed windshield surrounds three sides of the helm. Our test boat was equipped with an optional hardtop that comes with front and side enclosure panels. The standard top is a bimini.

The LS 235 I tested was powered by a Yamaha 250-hp four-stroke outboard,

which is the base power. The boat was quick off the line and responsive—zero to 30 mph took 10.5 seconds. It cruises comfortably at 32 mph, where the fuel burn is 2.62 mpg. At that speed, the range is 250 miles, based on 90 percent of total fuel capacity. Top speed is 45 mph.

In addition to first-rate performance and features, the LS 235 simply looks good. There's a choice of four colors for the hull and three for the boot stripe, as well as several choices in canvas and cabin fabrics. ↓

Specs

LOA.....	22'9"
Beam.....	8'6"
Draft.....	2'9"
Weight.....	5,015 lbs.
Sleeps.....	2
Fuel capacity.....	100 gals.
Base power.....	Yamaha Saltwater Series 4-stroke O/B (250 hp)
Base price.....	\$75,600

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