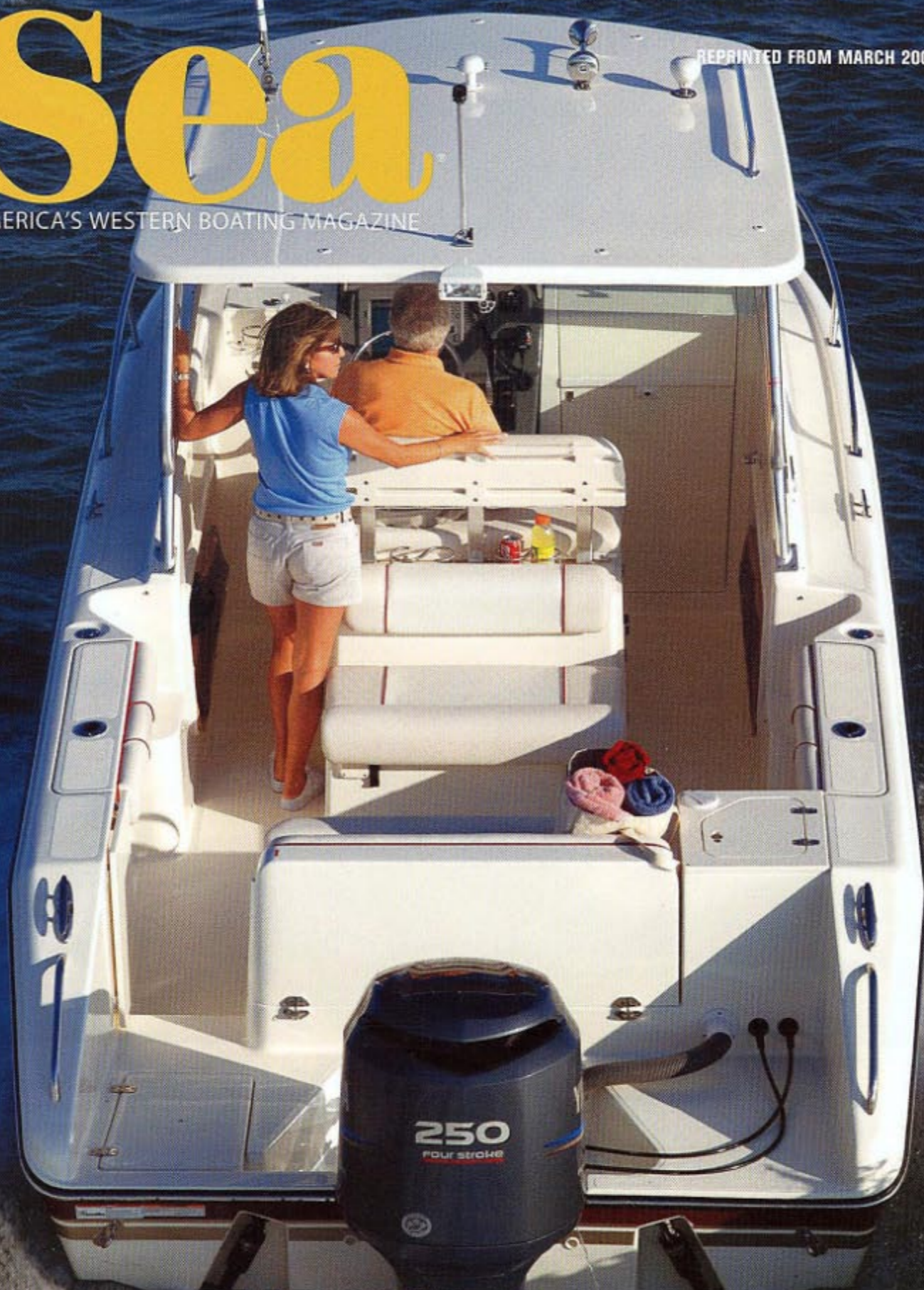


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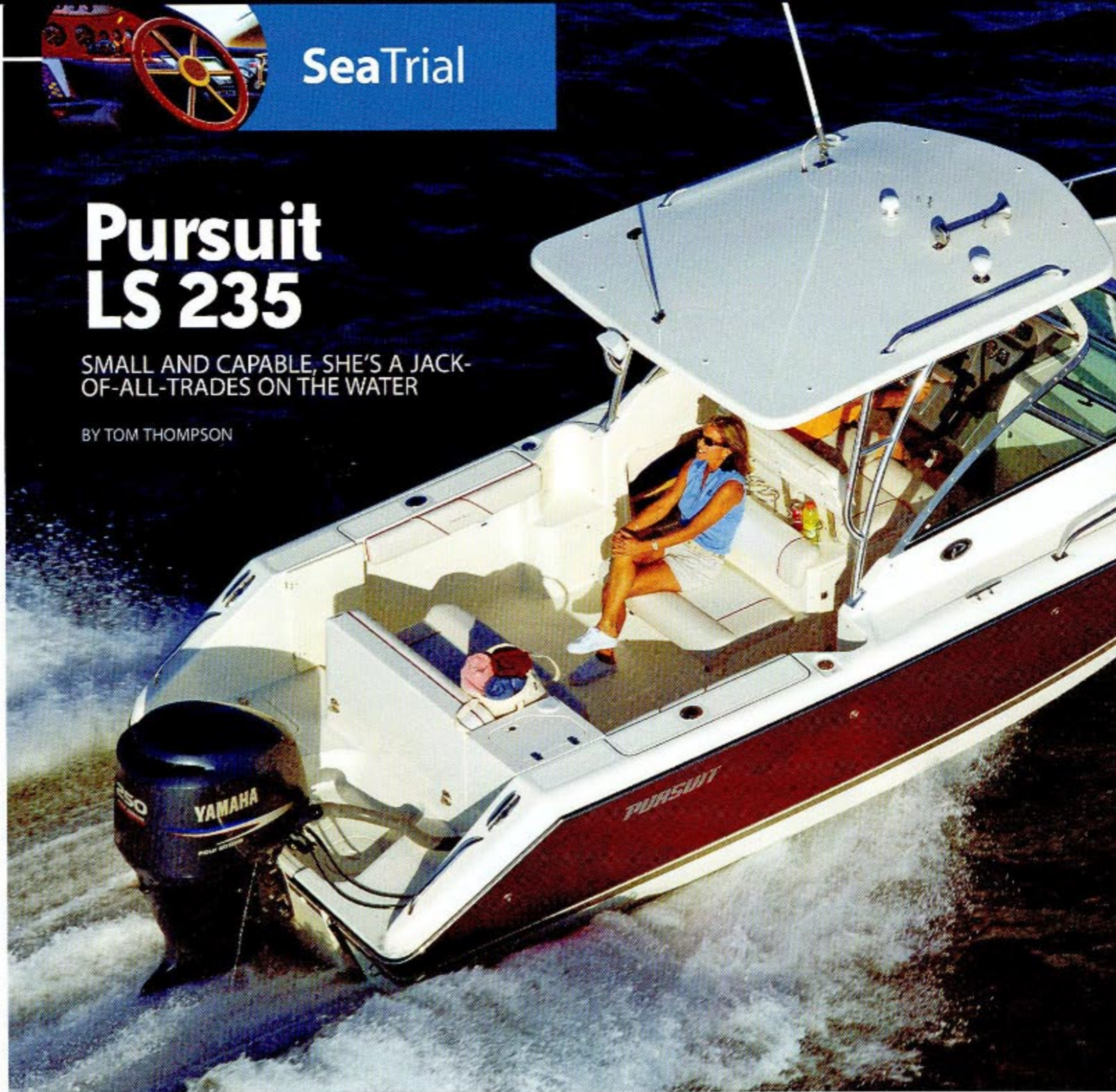


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Pursuit LS 235

SMALL AND CAPABLE, SHE'S A JACK-OF-ALL-TRADES ON THE WATER

BY TOM THOMPSON



PURSUIT'S DENALI LINE HAS BEEN CALLED a sport utility vehicle for the water. The versatile boats are well conceived, with deck plans that lend themselves to any activity.

For 2007, the company has introduced a new entry-level model, the LS 235. Measuring only 22 feet, 9 inches in overall length, this easily trailerable boat packs a lot of potential in a small size. She can be configured for everything from fishing and skiing to diving and boarding.

GUEST SEATING

The cockpit has seating for six adults on three double-bench seats. The one at the helm has a flip-up bolster. Another is right behind it facing aft, and the third is situated along the transom. Space under the two forward benches is used for drawered storage space accessible from the sides and

an integrated cooler under the aft seat cushion. Lift the transom seat and there's space to store the components to assemble either a removable table or a sunpad. They set up between the transom and the aft-facing benches. Considering the boat's size, the Pursuit designers made maximum use of storage space on the LS 235.

The sink in the aft starboard corner of the cockpit is a standard feature, as are the stainless steel rod holders in each gunwale and the rod racks



An **Inside** Look



underneath them. Also standard is a three-step swim ladder that hides under a hatch on the port side of the stern.

There's a wide walkway along the sides of the windshield to get forward. Our test boat was fitted with an optional hardtop, so moving around was easy using the long grabrail on the side edge. The bow has a clean, flush look, because the anchor and roller along with the optional windlass are under a hatch.

TESTER'S OPINION

"This is a fun little boat with a go-anywhere do-anything attitude."

Cleverly designed touches — such as extra drink holders and dedicated life jacket storage — help to make this almost-23-footer seem much bigger.

Pursuit LS 235

SPECIFICATIONS

LOA	22 ft., 9 in.
Beam	8 ft., 6 in.
Draft	2 ft., 9 in.
Weight (dry)	5,015 lbs.
Deadrise	21 degrees
Fuel capacity	106 gals.
Water capacity	9 gals.
Base price, w/Yamaha 250 hp Saltwater Series four-stroke outboard	\$75,600

PERFORMANCE SPECS

Top speed	45.5 mph
MPG @ 4,500 rpm cruise	2.62
Range @ 31.9 mph cruise (w/10% reserve)	225 statute miles
Sound level @ cruise	84 dB

STANDARD EQUIPMENT

Cockpit coaming bolsters, two stainless steel rod holders, rod racks, portable toilet w/pumpout, cockpit sink w/spray head, Lenco trim tabs, Bimini top.

OPTIONAL FEATURES

Raymarine electronics package, Clarion stereo w/CD player, manual head w/holding tank, custom hull colors, hardtop, factory-installed windlass.

CONSTRUCTION

Hull is fiberglass using close-molded production technology.

COMPANY PROFILE

Years in business	30
Number of employees	220
Boat lines	Division of S2 Yachts (Tiara)

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GADGETRY AND INTERIOR

If you enjoy tinkering with your onboard electronics, you'll appreciate the tilt-back helm console on the LS 235. The molded piece, done in a gray color to contrast with the surrounding white gelcoat, is hinged at the bottom. By the way, Pursuit now offers factory-installed Raymarine electronics packages for many of its models, including the LS 235. An E120 multipurpose display is the centerpiece. Another electronic option is a Clarion stereo radio with a CD player and four speakers; it's Sirius satellite radio capable.

For a 22-foot boat, the LS 235's cabin is surprisingly comfortable. An adult can sit on the V-berth without hunching over. There's a portable toilet under a filler cushion at the center. A pumpout fitting for it comes standard, and you can order an optional manually pumped head with a holding tank.

STEADY, STURDY

A high and sturdily framed windshield surrounds the LS 235's helm on three sides. I was surprised at how little wind I felt while running the boat. Unlike on many other small boats, you can feel comfortable and secure grabbing onto the windshield frame of the LS 235 if you hit a rough patch. The

optional hardtop on our test boat comes with front and side enclosure panels, though the standard top for the LS 235 is a Bimini. It too has optional front and side enclosures.

Taking a small runabout out for a spin is always fun, and it's made that much more enjoyable by the well-mannered performance you'll find on the LS 235. She's quick off the line and very responsive in turns. Tracking is true even through light chop. Our test boat was powered by a single Yamaha 250 hp four-stroke outboard, which is the base package. You can have up to a 300 hp engine if you want to go faster. However, with a top speed of 45.5 mph and a zero to 30 mph time of 10.5 seconds, the Yamaha 250 should be plenty of power for most boaters.

In addition to the performance and features, the LS 235 looks good. An optional choice of four hull colors and three boot stripe colors as well as several choices in canvas and cabin fabrics will let you add your own personal styling.

Like a sport utility vehicle, the Pursuit LS 235 is a jack-of-all-trades for whatever you want to do on the water. ☺

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