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## Hot Pursuit

**P**ursuit's new 285 Offshore came through with its colors flying during a sea trial under challenging windy conditions. The boat was able to run into the short, breaking 3- to 4-foot seas at 32 mph (4000 rpm on her twin Yamaha F250s) without pounding. It operated most comfortably at 26 mph (3500 rpm, 14.6 gallons per hour fuel burn). Water flew at the windshield, but the twin Imtra wipers gave us excellent visibility, while the combination of a hardtop, spray curtains and windshield kept us dry. Running down-sea at 3500 rpm was a piece of cake. Top speed was 50 mph (6000 rpm, 41.4 gallons per hour). Stability at rest in the rough seas was very

good, with the boat drifting down-sea at only a slight angle. Turning the engines offered useful control of the drift angle.

Like its sisters the Pursuit 285 has flush decks, offering more space below than a comparable walkaround. Below-decks features include a forward V-berth with a teak table, a head with a pull-out shower, a galley with pressure water, a 12/110-volt refrigerator and a 110-volt microwave and stove. Below the bridgedeck is a single berth.

The 285 offers seating for four under the cover on the fore-and-aft helm and companion seats, and there's space for two on the fold-down transom seat, which sits atop a fishbox (a macerator is

standard).

Additional fishing features include raw-water

wash-down and freshwater sink in the transom, horizontal rod racks under the gunwales and rod holders in the gunwales and in the hardtop frame. The two fore-and-aft seats hold a tackle center, a livewell and a large cooler.

Construction is rugged with excellent fit and finish. All the operating systems are accessible through well fitted hatches. Pursuit Boats, Ft. Pierce, Fla.; 800-947-8778; [www.pursuitboats.com](http://www.pursuitboats.com).

—John Page Williams

### PURSUIT 285 OFFSHORE

LOA	28' (w/o pulpit)
Beam	9' 6"
Draft	1' 9" (engines down)
Deadrise	22 degrees
Fuel	232 gal
Water	30 gal
Weight	7,570 lb
	(w/engines)
Base price	\$158,900
	with twin 250-hp Yamaha 4-strokes