

Pursuit OS 315 Offshore

Executed exceptionally.

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The expression about something being worth more than the sum of its parts can be applied to the Pursuit OS 315 Offshore. The company hasn't built just another fishing boat. The OS 315's details are executed in an exceptional way. Take the integrated hardtop, for example. It smoothly blends with the large fiberglass-framed windshield, giving you an unobstructed panoramic view from the helm. The windshield panes are tall and wrap around to a thin fiberglass support post aft of the helm seating to prevent noise and vibration while underway.

The OS 315 features Pursuit's trademark tilt-back helm, which allows complete access to the back end of all electronics and electrical components. You can mount a pair of 15-inch displays on the main panel immediately forward of the steering wheel, and engine controls are above that on a smaller panel. An L-shaped bench lies to port. For ventilation, the windshield has a powered opening section, while a hatch in the hardtop directs breezes in.

The business end of the OS 315 features a spacious cockpit with easy access to everything you need to go after the big ones. A 32-gallon recirculating livewell is in the aft starboard corner. Two in-deck macerated fishboxes each hold 39 gallons. There's rod storage in the gunwales, as well as additional racks inside the cabin. Pursuit put an access hatch in the cockpit so you don't have to trek through the whole boat to reach them. Four rod holders and spreader lights come standard.

This vessel isn't just for fishing, though. The cabin is comfortable and richly appointed. The V-berth forward doubles as a seating/dining area centered on a solid wood table with a compass rose wood inlay. The galley, to port, has a full array of appliances, plus a TV, housed in wood cabinetry. The head compartment, to starboard, is large for a 31-foot boat, with more than 6 feet of headroom. A tempered glass bowl, set on a pedestal, lends a touch of elegance to the space.

Many boats this size have a second cabin, but it's usually like a cave tucked away under the cockpit deck. The OS 315 brings light to an otherwise dark area. The access hatch mentioned earlier is actually the aft cabin's window. Open the main cabin's hatch and this one while underway and you'll be impressed by how much air flows through belowdeck.

When I took the OS 315 out for a run, the wind was blustery and the waters were choppy. Spray was inevitable, but I never had to turn on the windshield wipers. Pursuit designed a hull that's quick out of the hole, turns smoothly and handles precisely. The pair of Yamaha 250 outboards went from zero to 30 mph in 11.7 seconds and hit a top speed of 46.5 mph.

There is a whole host of other features that are executed well on the Pursuit OS 315, but the best way to get the idea is to get onboard. ⚓

Specs

LOA	32'8"
Beam	10'8"
Draft	2'9"
Weight	11,000 lbs.
Fuel capacity	284 gals.
Base power	T/Yamaha 250 4-strokes
Base price	\$216,900

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Center stage

If a center console is more your thing, Pursuit's SS 310 might suit your style. Attractive appointments include teak trim and a high-gloss teak table in the forward bench seating area. The hardtop is standard and there's a head compartment in the console. The SS 310 is a true fishing machine but is also a comfortable family day cruiser.

