



# PERFECT

Part cruiser and part fishboat, Pursuit's 3370 Offshore is the ideal craft for exploring the Abacos. Story and Photos by JOHN CLEMANS



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#### AT A GLANCE

##### PURSUIT 3370

**Price:** \$214,525  
(w/standard power)

**Length:** 33'4"

**Flat Out:** 50.1 mph

**Engines:** (2) 300-hp  
Yamaha outboards

**F**rom the Sea Spray Marina at the south end of Elbow Cay, it's just a short stroll to the Abaco Inn along the foot of the modest bluff that separates White Sound from the Atlantic Ocean. When waves generated by category-four Hurricane Floyd came crashing in five years ago, this bluff was washed over, and the several homes atop it, as well as every speck of vegetation, were swept away. All that was left was sand.

I made this walk early to join the regulars at the inn for morning coffee. Among them was Steve Dodge, author of a history of the Abacos as well as of the *Cruising Guide to Abaco*, a slim volume that any boater in this part of the Bahamas should not leave home without. Known by some as "The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Abacos," it provides foolproof, waypoint-to-waypoint navigation routes. One of the houses destroyed by Floyd belonged to Dodge. I wanted to ask him about his new house farther south on the slender island, near Tahiti Beach. And I wanted to ask him about surfing.

Before I'd been to White Sound, finding surfers in the Bahamas seemed about as likely as finding a ski slope. But as I descended the steps to the Abaco Inn's seaside pool many years ago, there they were. The waves were small, but apparently big enough. About half a dozen devotees were hard at it. Today, little has changed. Whenever wind and tide are right, local and visiting surfers paddle out to catch the waves. On my morning walk, I looked out at the Atlantic, and sure enough, a handful of hearty souls bobbed offshore astride their boards. Among them was avid surfer David Glenn, director of marketing for Pursuit Boats. Glenn and I were at Elbow Cay to test the new Pursuit 3370 Offshore. Mixing pleasure with business, Glenn had chosen the destination with surfing in mind. While I'd headed for breakfast, he'd headed for the breakers.

"Surfing is possible off White Sound because the 100-mile-long reef offshore of the Abacos that starts at Walker's Cay ends just north of here, a little south of Hope Town," explained Dodge. That reef, and the dozens of islands along which it runs,

**ISLAND QUEEN:** The 3370 cruising past Tilloo Cay, just south of Elbow Cay in the Bahamas.

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**GOOD STRIDE:** Rigged with twin 300-hp Yamahas (above), the 3370 offers a 300-mile range.

### EQUIPMENT

**Standard Equipment** (major items): Four bilge pumps; freshwater and saltwater wash-downs; anchor washdown; five opening portlights; Lenco trim tabs; VacuFlush head; microwave; live well; hardtop; enclosure; Clarion AM/FM stereo w/CD-player and six speakers; water heater.

**Optional Equipment** (major items): Westerbeke 5.0-kW gas or diesel genset; electric windlass; extra fuel tanks; Fighting Lady Yellow or Ocean Blue hull; 7,000-BTU air conditioning; 15-inch flat-screen TV/DVD; Sirius satellite radio; cockpit shower; icemaker; outriggers; white helm; drop curtain; boot stripe and fabric colors.

**Warranty:** Five-year transferable limited warranty on the hull and deck.

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make Abaco Sound a rare body of water and a true boating paradise. For its whole length, this wide bay is protected from the Atlantic, so that boats of all sizes can safely operate within it—boats like the Pursuit, which is ideal in every way for enjoying all the destinations and all the watersports the Abacos have to offer. A true best-of-both-worlds model, the 3370 is a cruising boat and fishing boat rolled into one. It's big enough for a liveaboard family vacation, and its shallow draft (only two feet, six inches) makes it perfect for exploring the islands.

Fishing far eclipses surfing in the Abacos, and the 3370 excels at fishing. It has all the angling-friendly fea-

tures for which Pursuits are famous. Rod holders are standard—four in the gunwales and eight on the hardtop that comes with spreader lights and front and side enclosures. Rod holders are also offered in the cabin. Except for outriggers and tackle drawers (or an icemaker) in the starboard cockpit storage cabinet, all fishing features are standard, which makes the 3370 ready to hunt big billfish beyond the drop-off, or wahoo in the Hope Town pocket, or even yellowtail in 60-foot depths off Man-O-War Cay.

A five-foot, insulated, macerated, removable fish box stretches across the cockpit to keep the day's catch on ice. A 45-gallon live well with a see-

