



Pursuit 3370 Offshore

IT'S ALL ABOUT GETTING THERE FASTER — AND FISHING LONGER

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BEING SUCCESSFUL AT FISHING takes time. The more time you spend on the water fishing, the better your chances are of hooking a prize catch.

Sometimes, the fish are well offshore, and successful anglers have to go after them. That's why there are boats like the Pursuit 3370 Offshore: The less time you spend en route to where the fish are, the more time you can spend reeling them in at the sweet spot.

The Pursuit 3370 Offshore incorporates highly advanced design and construction technology, mated with a pair of Yamaha's new super-size 300 hp HPDI V-6 two-stroke outboards. (If you prefer, you can rig it with a pair of optional Yamaha 225 hp four-strokes.)

A unique epoxy monocoque windshield frame blends gracefully with the hull and deck lines. Beneath the gleam-

ing gelcoat, the use of close-molded production technology has increased the hull strength while saving weight.

And then there's the muscle mounted on the transom, which can move you where you want to go in a hurry. Time is *now* on your side.

ROOM TO WORK

The 3370's cuddy cabin-style lay-

out is generously proportioned. The lower cockpit takes up nearly one-third of the boat's useable hull space, providing plenty of room for several anglers to move around and maneuver fish.

Standard features in the cockpit include an insulated removable fishbox in the sole equipped with a macerator pumpout system, four stainless steel gunwale-mounted rod holders, tackle lockers forward (on both port and starboard sides) and another locker in the transom with a Corian cutting board above it.

Cockpit seating includes a fold-down bench along the transom and a pair of fold-down aft-facing jump

seats. Useful fishing options include factory-installed 23-foot Rupp outriggers, as well as a cockpit ice-maker.

Probably the most notable of the standard features is the 45-gallon livewell located in the center of the transom. Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute is a neighbor of the Pursuit facility in Ft. Pierce, Florida, and its researchers provided some innovative input for the livewell design.

For example, the livewell's gelcoat was tinted pale blue to simulate a fish's natural surroundings. The usual solid lid was replaced with a clear panel, to constantly allow daylight inside so as not to panic the fish when the lid is opened.

In addition to a pair of water circulation jets, the livewell has an aerator, such as you'd find in a home aquarium, to oxygenate the water to proper levels. All this should keep bait alive significantly longer.

The upper cockpit on the 3370 has an L-shaped lounge seat to port and is covered by a fiberglass hardtop — which is standard equipment. For foul weather, an optional drop curtain is available.

The top is well reinforced with aluminum tubing. I liked the fact that this tubing makes for convenient handholds.

The monocoque windshield provides a large expanse of safety glass and gives an unobstructed view from the helm. While under way, you can adjust the breeze flow with the power-operated center panel in the windshield, along with a pair of hatches in the hardtop.

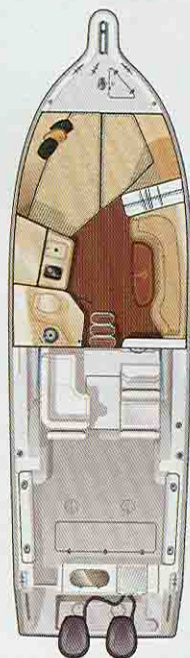
As with all Pursuit models, the entire helm console tilts for easy access to wiring. There's ample room here to add large-screen electronics, should you opt to do so.

SPACE TO STRETCH

There's a surprising amount of space in the 3370's cabin, both for living and for storage. Throughout all of the standing area, there's a minimum of 6 feet of headroom. Side to side, numerous design features — such as a toe kick under the galley console — contribute to the overall ease of moving around inside.

The galley, to port, has a sink with

An Inside Look



TESTER'S OPINION: "The 3370 Offshore is not only a versatile fishing boat, but it also serves well as a cruiser. You can head for blue water one day and take the family for a jaunt on the bay the next. There's a lot to like about it, both in performance and features.

"Unless you're really into tournament fishing, I'd give up the top-end speed of the largest outboards and opt for the four-strokes. They're quieter and smoother running, plus you'll save money at the fuel dock."



CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP — The 3370's helm area features a monocoque windshield with a nicely unobstructed view, and the entire helm console tilts to allow easy access to wiring. The cabin includes a galley with hot and cold water, a single-burner stove, a refrigerator and a microwave oven. Comfortable sleeping accommodations are provided for up to six adults, in three separate areas. You'll find abundant stowage under the dinette seating, in the galley console and under berths.



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SPECIFICATIONS

Length (with pulpit)	35 ft., 1 in.
Beam	10 ft., 6 in.
Draft (with props down)	2 ft., 4 in.
Weight (less engines)	9,520 lbs.
Fuel capacity	310 gals. (optional fuel tank: 34 gals.)
Water capacity	30 gals.
Sleeps	6
Base price, less engines	\$159,250
Price with twin Yamaha 225 hp four-stroke outboards	206,065
Price with twin Yamaha 300 hp HPDI two-stroke outboards	\$209,990

*prices do not include freight and dealer prep

PERFORMANCE SPECS

Top speed	49.5 mph (with 300 hp Yamaha HPDI outboards)
MPG @ 4,000 rpm cruise	1.22
Range at 36 mph cruise	396 statute miles
Sound level at cruise	82 dbA

STANDARD FEATURES INCLUDE

Teak and maple cabin sole; AC/DC refrigerator; microwave oven; battery charger; four-bank battery system; six-speaker Clarion AM/FM stereo with CD player; VacuFlush head; hardtop.

OPTIONS INCLUDE

Cockpit front, side and rear enclosures; air conditioning; auxiliary generator; cockpit shower; choice of fabric and boot stripe colors; Rupp outriggers.

CONSTRUCTION

Hull is fiberglass with fiberglass stringers constructed using close-molded production technology.

COMPANY PROFILE

Years in business	26
Number of employees	220
Boat lines	A division of S2 Yachts, parent company of Tiara and Pursuit

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hot and cold pressurized water, a single-burner electric stove, an AC/DC refrigerator and a microwave oven as standard features. Opposite the galley, the dinette features a high-gloss wood table with an attractive inlaid billfish design.

The Pursuit designers took advantage of every opportunity to create storage space. You'll find it under the berths, dinette seating and galley console, in addition to a group of toe-level cubby holes off the teak and maple sole that are ideal for things you don't need too often.

Pursuit rates the 3370 Offshore to sleep six people. That's all well and good, if they're paired off by close relationships. To my mind, however, the sleeping accommodations are excellent for three unrelated adults — one in the forward V-berth, another on the convertible dinette and the third in the aft berth under the upper cockpit floor.

Cross ventilation in the 3370's cabin is provided by three hatches in the overhead, a pair of portlights on the sides and another hatch above the aft berth, as well as a sliding screen at the entryway.

The head is located in the aft port corner of the cabin and is equipped with a standard VacuFlush marine toilet. It also has a fiberglass Granite Cote vanity top with a molded-in sink.

There's a storage cabinet underneath and a mirror above. The space is completely fiberglass-lined for easy cleaning.

Pursuit puts a Clarion AM/FM CD player with six speakers aboard every 3370. You can upgrade the audio system by adding a six-disc changer and a Sirius satellite radio head unit.

A 15-inch flat-screen LCD television is also an option — and if you really want to call the cabin home in

the summertime, you can order the boat with air conditioning.

POWER UP

As we mentioned, the Pursuit 3370 has two outboard power options, both from Yamaha: twin 300 hp two-strokes and twin 225 hp four-strokes. Our test boat had a pair of the 300s, and it moved out smartly.

We took it out into the Atlantic Ocean near Pursuit's factory on a bright and sunny but rather breezy winter day. Seas were very confused in the lengthy Ft. Pierce inlet, due to a brisk east wind and an outgoing tide. We took a few waves over the bow, but the 3370 tracked well and rode smoothly.

Once in deeper and calmer water, we put the boat through a few moves, one of which was a tight high-speed turn. The hull leaned at about a 45-degree angle, but there was no loss of stability.

The 300 hp Yamahas took the 3370 from a standing start to planing speed in about eight seconds — a good number for a boat that will tip the scale at just over 13,000 pounds loaded. Midrange acceleration was strong.

The major contrast between the two engine options is in top-end speed vs. fuel economy. The 300s top out at just under 50 mph at wide-open throttle, while the 225s produce 6 mph less.

Pursuit's numbers show that a 4,000 rpm cruise will yield 36 mph and a 29.5 gallon per hour fuel consumption rate with the two-strokes. With the four-strokes, a 4,500 rpm cruise at 31.6 mph provides a fuel consumption rate of 23.5 gallons per hour.

So, knowing that, all you have to ask yourself is, how much of a hurry are you in to get your lines wet? 🍷

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