



## ON THE WATER

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### PURSUIT 375 OFFSHORE

It's no secret that many big inboard boat owners are trading down to more manageable boats in the 35- to 40-foot range over the past few years due to a variety of global economic conditions. As a result, many traditional outboard manufacturers have been busy designing and building extremely seaworthy outboard-powered craft in the 35- to 40-foot range to accommodate this spike in consumer demand, a concept that was helped recently by the introduction of the Suzuki DF300 and the Yamaha F350 big block outboards.

Pursuit has joined the competition in a major way with their new 375 Offshore, the largest outboard-powered craft in the Pursuit fleet and a truly magnificent flagship at that.

#### HARDCORE FISHING IN LUXURY

One of the most eye-catching features on the new Pursuit 375 Offshore is the infused fiberglass windshield with tempered safety glass, which provides a panoramic, obstruction-free view to the bow, complete with pantographic wipers with a freshwater washer system.

The cabin, with a custom convertible master berth also features a spacious convertible curving lounge/settee on

the port side and continues on to a seating area which opens to the mid-cabin area. The mid-cabin is complete with overhead lighting, sleeping quarters for two and additional storage. The galley features a two-burner electric glass cook top, polished stainless steel sink, microwave, Corian countertops, plenty of storage and stainless steel refrigerator/freezer.

The spacious bridge deck features a tilt-away helm with horizontal instrumentation and a large area for flush-mounting electronics. Docking is made easier with a standard 5.4 hp bow thruster with dedicated battery power. The cockpit has a split forward-facing aft seat with padded backrest, drink holders, dockside freshwater inlet and a cockpit hot and cold freshwater shower and a complete custom-molded outdoor entertainment system with an electric grill, sink with folding hot and cold water faucet, storage, molded-fiberglass curved covers and Corian cutting board.

Fishing features include 300-quart, insulated fiberglass refrigerator/freezer transom fishbox with digitally controlled thermostat and overboard drain; a 50-gallon recirculating livewell with vertical flow distribution; twin in-deck 40-gallon insulated fishboxes with macerated overboard discharge. The deck is reinforced for a fighting chair and the gunwales are reinforced port & starboard in the aft gunwales for downrigger installation. Eight gunwale rod holders, a six-pack of horizontal racks under the coamings, a tackle storage center and standard cockpit bolsters complete the fishing setup.

#### POWERFUL OPTIONS

Outfitted with a pair of Yamaha F350 outboards, the Pursuit 375 Offshore will hit a top speed of 45.5 mph, with cruising speeds that range from 25 to 38 mph from 4,000 to 5,000 rpms. With a fuel efficiency of approximately 0.85 mpg in this engine speed bandwidth, combined with her 370-gallon fuel capacity, you are looking at a realistic 290-statute-mile range, with a 10 percent of your tankage kept in reserve. If you do a lot of trolling, you will actually extend your useful range a bit, since the Yamahas will drink only 4.7 gph at 7.6 mph for a net of 1.62 mpg.

If you decide that triple F350s are for you, you'll add about \$36K to the base MSRP of the boat, and another 9 mph to the top end. The triple-powered Pursuit 375 Offshore will hit a top speed of 54.3 mph, with faster cruising speeds from 34 to 44.5 mph from 4,000 to 5,000 rpms.

Fuel efficiency will vary from 0.90 to 0.75 mpg within this power curve and will probably average out very close to the aforementioned 0.85 mpg rating of the twin outboard powered craft.

The MSRP is \$444K for the twin F350 rig and \$480K for the triples; and the list of standards contained within this big and burley sportfisher is a nautical mile long – it's pretty turnkey as it is. I'd definitely opt for the six-pack of vertical transom rodholders (+ \$1,265) and the 23-foot Rupp outrigger package (+ \$5,545). For more information, call 772-465-6006, or visit [www.pursuitboats.com](http://www.pursuitboats.com).



### Specifications

Length	36 feet, 10 inches (39 feet, 2 inches with standard bow pulpit)
Beam	13 feet
Weight	17,600 pounds (with twin F350s)
Deadrise Aft	18 degrees
Draft	25 inches drives up; 42 inches drives down
Fuel Capacity	370 gallons
Water Capacity	65 gallons
Max Power	3 x F350 outboards (1,050 HP)