

## PURSUIT S280 SPORT CC

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**T**he new Pursuit S280 Sport CC is a stylish 28-footer that will fish “almost” as well as her more Spartan 280 CC sibling, and will turn heads wherever she goes with her unequaled style and grace.

## MIAMI NICE

It's hard to choose a better venue than the Miami International Boat Show to introduce a stylish offshore capable center. The influence of the long-running *Miami Vice* TV drama is visible all over the Miami waterfront. You just can't run a well-made, name-brand fishing boat in this part of the world where fishing and boating is a 24/7/365 event and expect to garner any head-turning attention. To make it down in Miami, it's got to have pedigree as a prerequisite, but must also possess an equal measure of style too. To make points on the Miami scene, your ride must be classic “steak and sizzle”; to this challenge the new Pursuit S280 Sport delivers a mega-dose of each in an attractive twin-outboard package that few competitive rivals can equal.

What separates the S280 Sport from the recently introduced C280 Center Console is the exhaustive list of comfort and appearance features included as standard issue on the S280. With her four powder-coated hardtop legs mounted squarely in the gunwales, the S280 Sport is not to be confused with a bare bones hardcore sport fishing machine. She can run and fish with the best of them, and when the fish aren't biting and it's time to stow the rods for other fun activities the S280 Sport delivers big time. Many boats claim to be waterborne SUVs the S280 Sport's includes that title in its impressive resume. To make room for some of the add-ons, the S280 employs a smaller console when compared to her more one-dimensional sibling, the C280 CC. The molded fiberglass two-piece leaning post features an integral slider with armrests, teak accents, teak backrest, an aft-facing fold-down seat and port side storage locker with acrylic access door. There's also an Isotherm stainless steel drawer-type refrigerator and a fiberglass footrest with teak insert at the helm, plus plenty of space to flush mount a pair of large screen color LCD multi-function displays for your fave marine electronics.

There are plenty of places to sit on this seagoing SUV, with a fold-down bench seat aft, the aforementioned aft-facing bench seat connected to the leaning post, split forward bench seats (with lockable storage for rods and safe-

## S P E C S

<b>LENGTH</b>	28 feet
<b>BEAM</b>	9 feet, 6 inches
<b>WEIGHT</b>	8,380 pounds (dry, with twin Yamaha F250s)
<b>DEADRISE AFT</b>	24 degrees
<b>DRAFT</b>	19 inches (drives up); 34 inches (drives down)
<b>WATER CAP</b>	20 gallons
<b>FUEL CAP</b>	220 gallons
<b>MAX POWER</b>	500 HP (twin outboards)



ty gear down under) in the bow, plus a bench seat positioned at the front of the center console. The console offers lockable dry storage and conceals a head compartment with holding tank, pump-out and macerator. Other comforts include a molded-in 140-quart combination cooler/cushioned stern bench. Fishing amenities include twin 29-gallon insulated fish boxes set under the cockpit sole with macerator pump-outs, a tackle center with three removable trays, four flush-mount rod holders, horizontal rod holders under each gunwale, an insulated

45-gallon transom fish box, which can be turned into an optional 45-gallon re-circulating livewell.

## CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

Compared to the usual I/O powered 28- to 30 foot wide-beam sport boats, the Pursuit S280 Sport will blow them away with a top speed of almost 54 mph at wide open throttle and a 1.82 mpg cruising efficiency when dialed in at 3500 rpm, where she will hit 28 mph at 15.4 gph. If you throttle up a bit to beat the crowd to the best spot at the beach, there's minimal penalty - the twin F250 Yamaha four-strokes will hit 34.8 mph at 4000 rpm while burning 19.8 gph, for a net of 1.76 mpg. Bumping the twin electronic throttles up to 4500 revs will hit almost 40 mph at 25.2 gph, for a net of 1.58 mpg, which is still probably better than 90% of the S280's competitors, especially twin inboards and I/O powered craft.

Notable standard features on the S280 include a six-pack of 8-inch stainless steel pull-up cleats; a quartet of LED cockpit courtesy lights; fresh and raw water wash-down systems; hydraulic steering with adjustable tilt helm; cockpit coaming bolsters; dockside power with 20-amp battery charger; two auto bilge pumps; a trio of fire extinguishers; Lenco electric trim tabs with indicator panel and auto retract feature; a Ritchie marine compass and more. For a bolder first impression, the hull is also available in a choice of three colors, namely fighting lady yellow, ocean blue or flag blue as an added cost option. The base price of this stylish sportfisher was \$191,700 at the Miami Boat Show with a street price of \$178K outfitted with twin Yamaha F250 outboard power. Like all Pursuits, the S280 Sport is backed by a 5-year structural warranty on the hull and deck. For more information, call 772-465-6006, or visit [www.pursuitboats.com](http://www.pursuitboats.com).