

Fountain



Fountain 32

When *Sport Fishing* profiled the Fountain 32, its editors picked a lousy day. The wind outside the St. Johns River mouth at Jacksonville, Florida, was blowing at 20-plus-knots from the north against the current. Despite those conditions, Dean Clarke wrote, “The 32 leapt onto plane in two seconds with full tabs and down trim on the engines. Two-way speed runs averaged out to a top speed of 63.8 mph at 6,350 rpm, burning 48 gph total.”

Imagine the 32 on a decent day.

Fountain specifies twin 225-hp Verado outboards as standard power with the 32. Fountain installs the handsome SmartCraft tachometers and GPS speedometer.

You can idle along at just 650 rpm and use less than a gallon of fuel per hour. With two 275-hp Verados, *Sport Fishing* found two-way speed runs averaging out to a top speed of 63.8 mph at 6,350 rpm, burning 48 gph total. Cruising along at a leisurely 5,500 rpm afforded Clarke a speed of 55 mph. “We felt like we were loafing along at 36 mph at 4,000 rpm, using about 16 gph,” he commented. “That works out to 2.3 miles to the gallon. Pretty darn good for a performance boat.”

Then the Fountain 32 carves sharp, 180-degree, about-face turns in as little as three boat lengths. As the steps in the vented hull hit the crest of each wave, nothing rattles, works or flexes anywhere aboard. You can sense the sea’s roughness only from the chatter transferred to your feet.

When Fountain started building fishing boats, almost all the design input came from Southern Kingfish Association types. But as more and more people have discovered the advantages of Fountain’s boats for more varied species, the layout and features

now reflect greater diversity.

You’ll love the ability to fight a fish 360 degrees around this boat without having to pass the rod around a single obstruction. Plus coaming pads never lower than midhigh offer a great sense of security as well as comfort.

You’ll find two rod holders under each gunwale — and the standard-issue seven across the back of the T-top, five more across the back of the leaning-post backrest, three in each gunwale and more in lockable fish boxes forward! At a 7-mph trolling speed, you couldn’t ask for a cleaner wake. All subsurface turbulence dissipates by the second wave back — about 15 feet. Surface white water barely exists.

Each hull/deck joint is laminated, thru-bolted, screwed and glued together with advanced marine sealant. Even in that foot-high chop at 60 mph, nothing aboard rattled.

If you want a big, fast, seaworthy boat but can’t quite manage a 34-footer, be sure to drive this 32. It’ll be the last boat you sea-trial before buying.

Specifications

L.O.A.	32 ft.
BEAM	9 ft. 6 in.
DEADRISE	22.5 deg.
DRAFT	2 ft.
FUEL	287 gal.
MAX. POWER	(2) 275-hp OB
MSRP	\$190,448 (w/225-hp Verados)

NOTABLE FEATURES:

- Custom T-Top
- Vacu-flush head
- Leaning post
- Five in-deck fish boxes
- 50-gallon livewell
- Engine- and tab-trim indicators