

Worldcat 325 CC **Review**

One of the hallmark features of catamaran style hulls is the amount of added acreage onboard compared to their monohull cousins. I had a chance to jump aboard the new Worldcat 325 CC at the Ft Lauderdale Boat Show and this feline offers a generous amount of both cockpit space and room down under to give the look, feel and utility of a larger vessel.

Starting aft, the roomy fishing cockpit can get even more spacious with removable 65-quart fiberglass Frigid Rigid insulated boxes that double as stern jump seats. Twin 300-quart insulated boxes set under the cockpit sole will take care of business, with diaphragm pump-outs to help clean up the icy gurry at day's end. There's an additional insulated transom storage tub that can ice down some baits where you can get immediate access when working the rods. The good stuff continues with lockable port and starboard rod stowage compartments that can accommodate a trio of heavy duty offshore outfits per side. There are also handy swing-out gunwale-mounted lockable tackle and bulk storage lockers built into the inwales of the cockpit liner, with each measuring 54-inches L x 16-inches W x 9-inches D. The engineers at Worldcat have solved a major conundrum by incorporating a total of 14 combo drink holder/flush fishing rodholders in the cap rail, and the standard hardtop comes equipped with an overhead 5-rod rocket launcher. And if that's not enough, Worldcat offers optional motor well rocket launchers that equip the 325 CC with an additional trio of vertical rodholders port and starboard.

The leaning post/tackle center is a combination of unique capabilities, starting off with an insulated 45-gallon raw water recirculating livewell with overboard drain, five-compartment Plano tackle tray center, bait prep station with sink and raw water faucet, a trio of deep tackle drawers on the front side, plus access down under. The double wide bench seat at the helm features up/down back bolsters and adjustable arm rests to insure comfortable travel in any type of sea conditions. There's room to flush-mount a pair of 16-inch diagonal multi-function displays at the helm, with plenty of nooks and crannies to stow your essential gear out of the way. The pantograph-style heavy-duty windshield wiper includes a convenient freshwater rinse button to prevent salt spray from obstructing your visibility. Stepping down into the console, there's a standard marine head with 15-gallon holding tank to take care of business when nature calls. Power assist hydraulic steering is standard, as are a gang of battery select switches with parallel capability.

The bow area features a molded pulpit with anchor roller, pro-series free-fall windlass, two anchor locker hatches for easy access, raw water washdown hose, along with 300-



feet of rode, 15-feet of chain and a 22-lb anchor with foot switch operation. The U-shaped bow seating, along with the double-wide bench seat forward of the console, will allow a half-dozen of your guests to mingle at dockside. Add in the optional removable bow table with dedicated storage area and you can entertain with the best of them. The bow's bench seating offers additional utility with insulated 225-quart port and starboard storage compartments with overboard drains, with a 105-quart center storage compartment with overboard drain that can be employed as an extra fishbox, beverage cooler or dry-storage area.

POWER UP

Standard power on the Worldcat 325 CC is provided by a pair of Yamaha's 4.2L F300 V-6 four-strokes and she'll hit a top speed of 49-mph spinning 15-1/2 D x 17 P stainless steel 3-blade props. According to recent factory tests, with two crew onboard, 100-gallons of fuel, four marine batteries, along with a bunch of test gear and safety equipment, she achieved optimum cruising speed at a rather sedate 3000 rpm, hitting 23.3-mph at 14.3-gph, netting 1.63-mpg. Bumping up the twin digital throttles to 3500 revs will hit 28.3-mph on the GPS Nav unit, while drinking 19.2-gph, for a bottom line of 1.47-mpg. If the tuna are waiting at the 100-fathom line, dialing in four-grand will get you from here to there at 32.6-mph, consuming 26.5-gph, which translates to 1.23-mpg. Anything above 4500 rpm will see fuel economy drop below 1-mpg, so be advised.

Worldcat's new 325 CC has a lot to offer, with a list of optional features that will let every owner customize his/her ride. For more information, visit www.worldcat.com. 🐟

SPECIFICATIONS

LENGTH	32-feet, two-inches
BEAM	10-feet, six-inches
DRAFT	16-inches
TRANSOM HEIGHT	25-inches
DRY WEIGHT	10,100-lbs (with twin Yamaha F300 V-6 outboards)
FUEL CAPACITY	279-gallons (twin 139.5-gallon tanks)
MAX HP	600 HP (twin 300s)