

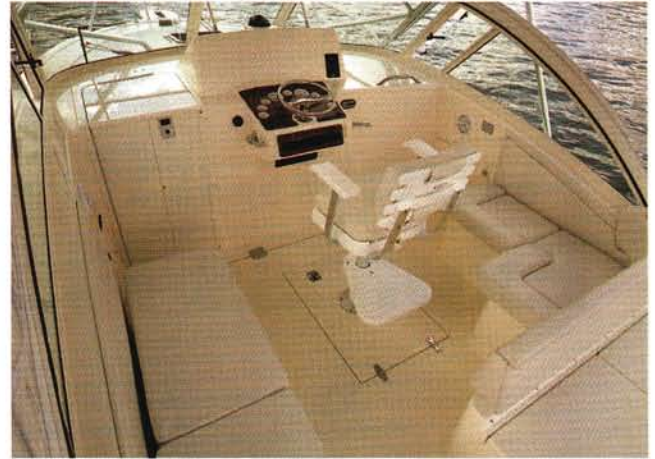
## Albemarle 310 Express Fisherman

**E**xpress boats have a great appeal to fishermen, as well they should, especially those in the 28- to 35-foot class. The beauty of these tight little rigs is that they can be handled and fished like a much larger sport fishing boat without the help of a crew, plus they have a look that is quite stylish. When considering this class of fish boat, Albemarle Boats of Edenton, North Carolina, immediately comes to mind, as

it has been building this style of boat for over 20 years. The company's latest model, the 310 Express Fisherman, is a prime example of ideas and practical-use experience being integrated into a very functional boat.

**ALBEMARLE TAKES THE EXPRESS DESIGN TO THE NEXT LEVEL.**





From its sleek shearline to the integral molded tower, the 310 screams "Carolina boat."

Powered by twin 350-hp Caterpillar 3126 diesels that are accessible via a hydraulic engine-hatch lift, the 310 is a very comfortable boat, achieving a fast-cruise speed of 29.1 knots at 2500 rpm, and 24 knots at 2200 for a slower cruise. It'll run 31 knots in the corner at 2800 rpm. The 310 gets on plane quickly and maintains a stable and dry ride at cruising speed.

The 310 Express has power steering, allowing only 4.5 turns of the wheel, lock-to-lock. This means greater response and better control of the boat in any maneuvering situation. On our test run, the 310 proved very agile while spinning and backing downsea. It even responded to the rudders in reverse, indicating that the running gear is spread apart in relation to its beam. In other words, the farther apart the running gear is placed from each other, the better any boat will handle in either forward or reverse.

One of the other main reasons for its excellent handling ability is the center-mounted helm pod with single-lever controls. If there is one thing that will help the average or beginner helmsman, it's single-lever controls. Albemarle's placement of the helm pod in the center of the boat not only creates excellent visibility all around the boat,

but the pod design offers a perfect mounting solution for the single-lever controls. Additionally, the 310's powder-coated aluminum windshield frame is not in the line of sight and makes a great mounting rail for curtains. The spacious helm deck features helm and companion pedestal chairs, as well as an L-shaped lounge to starboard with an abundance of tackle-storage space below. A bench seat with more storage space runs the length of the port side and features a large drink box at its aft end.

The 310 Express has a fully molded, self-bailing deck. The in-deck fish/storage box (with macerator) is removable for access to the lazarette, and the transom features a door and a molded fishbox with flip-up lid. The tackle center features a 28-gallon live well positioned on the centerline and a rigging station with sink to starboard and tackle drawers below. Other features include molded-in corner steps that allow easy access to the gunwales for moving forward, along with fresh and raw-water washdown outlets.

Belowdecks, the 310 boasts an ample galley positioned along the aft bulkhead. It features Corian countertops, a sink, under-counter refrigerator and microwave. A full head with shower, sink and Corian countertops with storage below is positioned just forward of the galley to starboard. A hanging locker and

TV are just forward of that. The cabin has accommodations for four, including a large slant berth along the starboard side and a bench-seat berth with Pullman berth above. A large Corian table makes this area a very nice dinette.

With its extensive list of standard features and well-configured layout, the new 310 Express from Albemarle is a great little boat with lots of big-boat features. Its consistent ride, nimble handling qualities

## SPECIFICATIONS

Length w/ pulpit	32' 2"
Beam	11'
Draft	34"
Approx. weight	15,400 lbs.
Transom deadrise	18°
Fuel	325 gals.
Water	30 gals.
Price w/ twin Caterpillar 3126 350-hp diesels	\$278,812

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and fishing-friendly features make the 310 an excellent move up from a large center console. Known for quality and consistency, the folks at Albemarle have once again brought a formidable boat to the plate, one that's sure to be well received at docks up and down the coast. *Albemarle Boats, Edenton, N.C.; (252) 482-7600; [www.albemarleboats.com](http://www.albemarleboats.com).* ~