

## NEW BOAT: ALBEMARLE 330 XF

# *Thirty-three Angler Pleasing, Family Appeasing Feet*

*ALBEMARLE RAISES THE BAR WITH ITS  
THIRD NEW MODEL IN AS MANY YEARS*



Since joining the Brunswick Boat Group as part of the Hatteras Collection two years ago, the good folks at Albemarle in Edenton, North Carolina, have been awfully busy. During that time, this North Carolina builder has ramped up its product development to all time highs. The latest design to splash into the company's grueling testing waters off Cape Hatteras is the 330 XF.

"This is our third new model in the last three years," says Ted Haigler,

customer service and dealer development manager, "which is quite a jump from what we were traditionally putting out. As a member of the Hatteras Collection, new product development is a top priority and we plan to debut a new model every year."

With the support of its new partners, Albemarle has been able to maintain that commitment. "As part of such a large group there is more money available for research and development," says Haigler. "We also have a great

source to go to for information in Hatteras that allows us to share technology between the two firms."

The 330 XF replaces Albemarle's 32-footer with design changes reflecting new trends the builder sees in the ways customers purchase and use their sportfishermen. To accommodate these new attitudes, Albemarle provides owners with a compact sportfish that exudes the feel and performance of a much larger boat.

"Generally we are seeing in each size



*The helm features a stainless steel steering wheel and is prewired and large enough to support a full electronics package.*

rior is richly appointed with satin-finished teak cabinetry complementing the optional teak and holly sole. The use of Corian countertops continues the interior's refined ambiance.

While the interior is designed as a retreat from the lines, the business end of the boat is still all business. A companion helm seat and lounge seating for seven overlook a 76-square-foot cockpit. Here, anglers enjoy improved maneuverability and all the requisite amenities for a full day of fishing action. A 25-gallon livewell/cooler is located to port. Opposite, the tackle station includes storage, a sink, and an icebox or optional freezer. The tackle station performs double duty serving as rear facing seats for watching the lines. A 57-gallon in-deck fish box accompa-

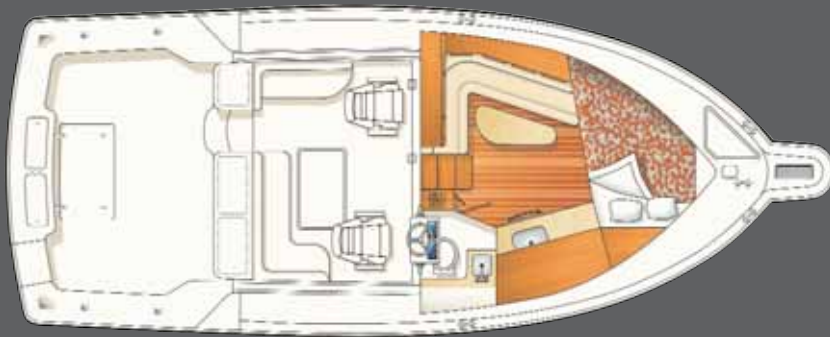
range that a larger, beamier boat seems to be desired," says Haigler. "Today's customer wants everything you can get in a 40-foot boat in a low 30-foot boat, including more onboard comfort and high-end appointments."

As the family becomes increasingly involved in the purchasing decision, these boats can no longer solely be fishing machines, they must also keep your favorite crew content.

Albemarle tackled this challenge, increasing the beam on the 330 by a

staggering two and a half feet over its predecessor. This added width is enjoyed throughout the boat, from the cockpit to the helm deck to the interior. In the cabin, the extra space allows sleeping accommodations for four with the addition of an L-shaped settee to port. A drop-down table converts the V-berths to a more comfortable double berth with a filler cushion. Across from the settee is the head and galley with under-counter refrigeration and built-in microwave. The inte-

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### Specifications

LOA: 35'  
 Beam: 13' 5"  
 Draft: 4'  
 Weight: 19,500 lbs.  
 Fuel/Water: 450/52 U.S. gals.  
 Engine: 2 x Cummins @ 425 hp  
 Cruising Speed: 28 knots  
 Top Speed: 33 knots  
 Range: 315 nm @ 28 knots

*Albemarle took great care to ensure the 330 is just as comfortable hosting overnight guests as it is a fishing party. The interior features several improvements over its predecessor including teak joinery.*

nies the 56-gallon transom fish box and the starboard tuna door, rounding out the angling amenities.

Having all the proper gear is only half the equation for a successful sportfishing boat. Being able to get out to the fishing grounds with confidence, even in less than ideal conditions, is equally as important. The 330 XF fits the bill with a newly designed deep-V hull and solid fiberglass construction below the waterline. The wide beam contributes to 330's stability while the Carolina flare and high bow sheer deliver a dry ride. Standard 425-horsepower Cummins engines allow a top speed of 33 knots with the ability to cover 315 nautical miles cruising at 28 knots. If a little more power is desired, owners can opt for 455-horsepower CATs or the 500-horsepower Cummins.

With this pocket-size battlewagon, owners will have both their fishing buddies and their families lining up for a day or even a weekend on the water. 



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