

The Air Flite 270 Prototype

A 27' concept boat designed and built to prove that a multihull outboard sportfisherman/cruiser can be made attractive to the type of boat buyer who would otherwise be purchasing a monohulled Grady White, Pursuit, Hydrosport, etc.

The 270's stepped inverted vee hull is designed to provide above average cruising speeds and fuel efficiency in a variety of boating environments and sea conditions. It offers the stability of the semi-displacement catamarans now on the market, while producing a cruising speed 10 mph higher than that generally provided by those designs. Its fuel consumption at cruise speed, while higher than that of semi-displacement catamarans of similar size, is lower than that of competitive monohulls.

The appearance of most catamarans has been found objectionable by the majority of monohull boat buyers. Even though the cabin exterior of the 270 prototype has not been refined to production boat standards (compound curves, radiused corners, etc.), its profile can easily be mistaken for that of an attractive monohull.

The deck plan is non-traditional and more functional and spacious than that of most or all of the competition. While providing excellent visibility and accessibility at the raised helm station, this layout also has a surplus of area on the main cockpit deck and the largest cabin entry opening in its class.

Finally, does any other 27' cuddy fisherman offer a cabin that includes a fully rectangular queen size berth/dinette combination and over six feet of headroom in the galley and head areas - not to mention air conditioning, a hanging locker and several suitcases worth of other storage?

The Air Flite 270 prototype represents a unique package of performance, aesthetics and utility that can facilitate the entry of the multihull into a market that, up to now, has been the exclusive territory of high quality monohulls.

Upon successful completion of final sea trials, this design concept will be available for purchase by anyone in the boating industry with both the interest and ability to properly and successfully introduce it to the marketplace.

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