Jupiter 29

Men at Work

When you have a job to do.

It's hard to look cool in a minivan. It's also hard to look serious about sportfishing when you're in one of the many modern "family fisherman" boats that throw fishing into the back seat. Enter the new Jupiter 29. It looks slick and sporty, provides what the hardcore angler in you wants, and doesn't kick the family to the curb either. Think of it as an SUV that can mow down the neighborhood station wagon.

Take the cushioned bow, for example. Comfortable backrests and numerous cupholders make it a great spot to hang out and enjoy the sunshine, but flip those seats to discover twin insulated overboard-draining fishboxes with room to stow enough tuna to feed the extended family. Then there's the large macerated box in the deck, which could swallow up a 200-pound tuna. In the console you'll find a roomy head with a vanity and freshwater sink, but that console also extends upward so it can accommodate twin 15" displays. Every inch of the boat is exquisitely finished. Joints are blind, cushions are piped, the exterior is finished in Imron, and most of the hardware is blind-fastened. Pipework is curved and styled to match the boat's lines, and you won't find a rough edge or wavy fiberglass anywhere. A mahi-mahi just threw blood across the deck? No problem: Both fresh- and raw-water washdowns come standard.

Other features that will raise your temperature include twin lockable rodboxes in the deck that will hold up to eight rigs, a 45-gallon livewell behind the leaning post that's rounded and painted in bait-calming blue gel coat, and a well-insulated drinkbox in front of the console.

What about performance? We pounced through Port Everglades Inlet and ran at three-quarter throttle into a 4' head sea without any rattles, pounding, or excessive spray. The key lies in the Jupiter's small pad in the stern along with a 24-degree deadrise; the combination helps the boat ride atop the seas. That deep-V bottom rolls a bit when drifting in a beam sea, a trait common to this hull design. Of course, *real* men will take that tradeoff, especially when they know that in the Jupiter 29 they'll look and live like the hardcore angler they truly are. —**JON MEADE**

BOATING
Certified Test Results

SPEED			EFFICIENCY					OPERATION	
rpm	knots	mph	gph	naut. mpg	stat. mpg	n. mi. range	s. mi. range	run angle	sound level
1000	5.0	5.8	2.5	2.0	2.3	454	522	0	66
1500	6.9	7.9	3.9	1.8	2.0	396	456	3	68
2000	8.3	9.5	6.5	1.3	1.5	286	329	4	73
2500	11.5	13.2	9.4	1.2	1.4	275	316	5	79
3000	17.4	20.0	12.2	1.4	1.6	321	369	5	82
3500	26.1	30.0	16.1	1.6	1.9	364	419	3	84
4000	30.6	35.2	20.5	1.5	1.7	336	386	3	85
4500	34.5	39.7	24.5	1.4	1.6	317	365	3	86
5000	39.2	45.1	33.7	1.2	1.3	262	301	2	89
5500	43.3	49.8	38.8	1.1	1.3	251	289	2	90
6000	46.2	53.2	43.0	1.1	1.2	242	278	2	90

Advertised fuel capacity 250 gallons. Range based on 90 percent of that figure. Performance measured with two persons aboard, two-thirds fuel, full water. Sound levels taken at helm, in dB-A.

LOA	29'6"
Beam	9'4"
Draft (max.)	2'9"
Displacement (lbs., approx., w/o power)	6,650
Transom deadrise	24°
Bridge clearance	6'9"
Fuel capacity (gal.)	250
Water capacity (gal.)	37
Price (w/standard power)	$139,990
Price (w/test power)	$139,990

STANDARD POWER Twin 250-hp Yamaha F250 four-stroke outboards.

OPTIONAL POWER Twin outboards to 500 hp total.

TEST BOAT POWER Twin 250-hp F250 Yamaha in-line-6 four-stroke outboards with 204 cid, swinging 15" x 21" three-bladed ss props through 2.0:1 reductions.

STANDARD EQUIPMENT (*major items*) Bait prep center w/45-gal. livewell, tackle stowage, rodholders, freshwater sink, raw-water washdown; 4 gunwale rodholders; trim tabs; compass; custom steering wheel; hydraulic steering; adjustable Plexiglas windshield; lockable rod stowage boxes; boarding ladder; macerated and abovedeck fishboxes; drinkbox.

Monthly Payment $835
(6.50% interest with 20% down on test boat power, tax not included; 20-year loan to qualified buyers estimated by Excel Credit)

High Points Clean, open layout makes for lots of fishing territory. Imron finish provides limitless color choices and low maintenance. Gobs of well-insulated fish-stowage capacity.

Low Points Fixed seating at the bow makes it harder to chase fish around the anchor line. Low-profile railing is discreet but not as comfortable to hold as the less attractive full-height bowrails.

Toughest Competitor Regulator's 29 is 6" shorter but 2" wider, also has a 24-degree deadrise, and is priced nearly identically to the Jupiter. The Regulator holds more fuel with a 285-gallon capacity and can be expected to post similar top-end speeds and fuel economy. Both boats are at the top of the class for fit, finish, and seakeeping abilities.

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