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# SAILEFISH 360 CC

A luxury center-console fishing boat with family appointments at an attractive price.



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**S**ailfish Boats sets a standard with its new 360 CC, a wide-beam 36-footer. It's elegant and sophisticated, well-planned and well-executed. With the 360 CC, Sailfish blends a hardcore fishing machine with a comfortable family cruiser.

You certainly get a sensation of mass when boarding. Unusually high gunwales offer security to passengers, and everywhere you look has someplace to sit—comfortably.

An expansive forward area for bow fishing converts to lounges with an electric table on centerline. Removable backrests let you face forward—or sprawl on the huge centerline lounge hiding tons of stowage for fenders, lines, tackle, dive gear and cleaning supplies.

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Sailfish also insulates it so it can double as a coffin box for all those fish it will raise. In fact, throughout the 360, a masterful use of space provides copious storage.

A through-stem anchor roller and a windlass work in concert with another big-boat feature: a freshwater washdown outlet (along with transom and amidships outlets) to clear the mud off the anchor and rode.

The console houses a stand-up shower, berth, Corian counters

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and head, all capped by a handsome T-top with tinted opening vents and molded channels to carry water away from passengers.

Sailfish employs a “dot-matrix” nonskid pattern that grips well yet doesn't tear up your bare feet or knees and cleans more easily than more aggressive patterns. Additionally, all lights aboard are LED and can flood the boat with 360 degrees of illumination. Underwater lights come standard as well. The only options include a Garmin electronics package and the outriggers.



Pricewise, this boat is middle of the road for its type. Compare the Sailfish 360 CC to Cobia's 344 CC (\$222,583 with twin Yamaha F350s). Also check out Boston Whaler's 350 Outrage (\$414,991 powered by triple 300 hp Mercury Verado outboards).

Triple Yamaha F300s powered our test boat admirably. It's a big, heavy boat, so we didn't experience head-snapping acceleration or frightening top speed, but these engines delivered ample performance.

The 360 proved stable and dry. It runs flat, so you won't need to use tabs except for lateral trim. If anything, it would be nice if the bow rode a bit higher in a

third of the bottom is a panel with slightly less deadrise. And the most outboard hull panel, terminating at the inside edge of the reverse chines, is a different deadrise angle again. For a simple visual, imagine an inverted shingled roof, in which each course of shingles is at a slightly steeper angle.

A side door opens inward so you can easily board from a floating dock. This one also has an excellent four-step ladder for climbing out of the water. However, such doors and ladders are no substitute for a real boarding ladder that you can deploy while in the water. The 360 CC transom has one of those as well. Space has even been engineered into the 360 to fit a Seakeeper stabilizer, should you choose that option.

In addition to comfortable seating for three at the helm (with impact cushioning on an adjustable-height platform), mezzanine seating faces aft for another three, and a foldout transom seat accommodates more. The huge console fits a pair of 16- or triple 12-inch multifunction displays.

With 34 rod holders, two pressurized baitwells of 42 and 32 gallons with a dedicated sea-chest pump system, built-in tackle storage, outriggers, insulated coffin box and choice of several fish boxes, the Sailfish 360 CC leaves little doubt as to its angling chops.

—Dean Travis Clarke

**Your choice of optional joystick controls is a worthwhile investment; so equipped, anyone can capably maneuver this boat into or out of the slip without anxiety.**

following sea. However, prudent seamanship combined with all that internal volume in the bow should alleviate any problems. The boat responds instantly, and if you turn the wheel hard over at speed, it grabs and turns sharply rather than sliding the transom around. It's a good riding hull, and unique too.

Sailfish boats ride a hull design the builder calls a variable degree stepped hull, or VDS. Rather than a transverse step—or steps across the beam—with chine vents, as is more common, Sailfish's VDS hull features longitudinal steps.

From the centerline along the keel to about one-third of the hull bottom's width is a panel with a deep deadrise. The middle

### High Points

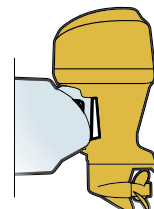
- ▶ Impressive standard equipment list.
- ▶ Boat is roomy, with elegant styling, fit and finish.
- ▶ Auto-engine flush system included.

### Low Points

- ▶ Runs flat without any tabs; would prefer a little higher bow angle for following seas.
- ▶ A little more "slide" in hard-over turns might be welcome.

• LOA: 36'0" • BEAM: 11'2" • DRAFT (HULL): 2'4"  
 • DISPLACEMENT (APPROX.): 12,700 lb.  
 • TRANSOM DEADRISE: 22 to 24 degrees • BRIDGE CLEARANCE: 9'10" • MAX CABIN HEADROOM: 6'5"  
 • FUEL CAPACITY: 400 gal. • MAX HORSEPOWER: 1,050 • AVAILABLE POWER: Twin or triple Yamaha outboards to 1,050 hp total

**Price: \$430,995**  
(base with test power)



AVAILABLE POWER:  
**OUTBOARD**

### HOW WE TESTED

**ENGINE:** TRIPLE 300 HP YAMAHA F300 OUTBOARD  
**MOTORS DRIVE/PROP:** OUTBOARD/15" X 20" **GEAR RATIO:** 1.75:1 **FUEL LOAD:** 160 GAL. **WATER ON BOARD:** 35 GAL. **CREW WEIGHT:** 499 LB.

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**BOATING  
 CERTIFIED  
 TEST  
 RESULTS**

rpm	SPEED			EFFICIENCY				OPERATION	
	knots	mph	gph	naut. mpg	stat. mpg	n. mi. range	s. mi. range	angle	sound level
1000	5.69	6.55	3.60	1.58	1.82	569	655	NA	84
1500	7.99	9.20	6.30	1.27	1.46	457	526	NA	89
2000	9.95	11.45	11.10	0.90	1.03	323	371	NA	95
2500	14.25	16.40	16.80	0.85	0.98	305	351	NA	95
<b>3000</b>	<b>21.33</b>	<b>24.55</b>	<b>20.90</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>1.17</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>95</b>
3500	29.46	33.90	28.60	1.03	1.19	371	427	NA	85
4000	33.46	38.50	37.30	0.90	1.03	323	372	NA	90
4500	37.63	43.30	51.50	0.73	0.84	263	303	NA	92
5000	42.28	48.65	66.50	0.64	0.73	229	263	NA	88
5400	46.36	53.35	78.90	0.59	0.68	212	243	NA	92

**MOST ECONOMICAL CRUISING SPEED**

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