

Fountain 29 Fever

Brief Summary

The 29 Fever is a high-performance boat that offers a wicked fast ride and quality accommodations below.

Price

Base Price

Prices, features, designs, and equipment are subject to change. Please see your local dealer or visit the builder's website for the latest information available on this boat model.

Key Features

Just from the looks of her you know the 29 Fever is a fast boat ready to take on her competition. She comes equipped with either single or twin engines depending on what you’re needs are. The cockpit features an aft bench seat large enough for three or four people, and two bolster style seats for the driver and passenger, so they’ll always be locked in when taking tight turns and traveling at high speeds. The cabin has wraparound seating with an ultra-leather sofa and a V-berth forward with a privacy curtain so up to four people can enjoy the overnight stay. There’s a refrigerator and sink with pressurized water below, as well as a porta-potti.

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1000	6.5	5.6	3.1	2.08	1.81	262	228	74
1500	8.9	7.7	5.9	1.49	1.29	187	163	75
2000	9.3	8	9.2	1.01	0.87	127	110	79
2500	30.2	26.3	10.5	2.86	2.49	361	314	81
3000	39.3	34.1	14.1	2.78	2.42	351	305	84
3500	47	40.9	19.2	2.45	2.13	308	268	85

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
4000	52.8	45.9	24.2	2.18	1.89	274	238	87
4500	59	51.3	30.8	1.92	1.67	241	210	89
4900	76	66.1	39.8	1.7	1.48	214	186	92

[View the test results in metric units](#)

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Specifications

Length Overall	29' 0"
BEAM	8' 4"
Dry Weight	5,500 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	2' 10" (max)
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	24 deg.
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	~

Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	140 gal.
Water Capacity	none
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	
Aft Deck	
Salon Inside Width	
Salon Fore & Aft	
Salon Height	
Salon Volume	
Galley Volume	
Master SR Width	
Master SR fore & Aft	
Master SR Overhead	

Master SR Volume	
Eng. Room Volume	

Acceleration Times & Conditions

Time to Plane	4.7 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.5:1
Props	26
Load	2 persons, 3/4 fuel, no water, min. gear
Climate	68 deg., 60% humid; wind: 5-10 knots; seas: lt. chop

Reggie Fountain builds boats, fast boats. Since early in his racing days, Reggie has constantly worked towards attaining and improving on the fastest V-hull design out there. This is all very apparent in Reggie’s 29 Fever sportboat.

The 29 Fever cranks up with a throaty roar that dares others to join her for a little water exercise. Her competition may not be ready for the speed and control this craft offers. The 29 Fever is offered with the recommended single Mercury 500-hp MerCruiser Magnum I tested, or with a single 425-hp 496 MPI Mag, 575 SC EFI MerCruiser. If you opt for twin engines in this boat you’ll get a pair of 300-hp 350 MerCruiser Magnums.

Boarding the 29 Fever seems safe and comfortable. The eight-foot beam remains stable when boarding and walking around. She carries a fuel capacity of 140 gallons that, depending on speed, will get you from 127 miles to 361 miles of cruising before having to stop for more. We reached planing speed between 2000 and 2500 rpm, in a matter of 4.7 seconds. The feel of speed is immediate on this boat, and you definitely feel the force as you add throttle. The advantages of Reggie’s hull design become apparent when you are moving at top speed and run through performance turns without the dreaded skip, slide, or chine walking many others give at lower speeds.

Up front, you have an anchor locker and bow rails. There's plenty of room to spread out for sunning, but it's not an area to ride when the boat is underway. Pop up cleats are also in this area and maintain the smooth surface when stowed.

The cockpit is protected by a full framed wraparound windshield that does not block the view of the driver. All controls are easy to reach at the helm. The three-spoke wheel presents minimal obstruction, and racing influenced the placement of the Gaffrig instruments. The throttle and drive controls are located on the left, so be prepared to do some training for your visitors if they want to try their hand at driving. Trim tabs and drive position is indicated with mechanical indicators which are easy to read even at top speeds.

In addition, the steering is very responsive thanks to the hydraulic system. The bolsters have bottom cushions that are power driven and are very comfortable for long-range trips. The seats drop away for the fast runs and safely hold you in position, even in the tightest turns. When you are cruising, you can easily bring the seat up for a comfortable ride. The ultra leather seating continues with a bench behind the driver and companion seat. Here three more people can rest in luxury and comfort. Even after an hour of hard riding and testing, all seats remained comfortable.

Using the standard power lift, you will find all the essential checkpoints on the power plant easy to reach. Fountain left plenty of room in the single engine configuration to get to all areas in the engine compartment. With the engine hatch closed, the cover makes a comfortable padded area to soak up the sun. The pad also is good to your feet when you are coming back aboard. Getting aboard is simple using the folding swim ladder on the integrated swim platform.

Accommodations below are ample for two people overnighting, yet can handle up to four thanks to a privacy curtain for some separation. A small galley with pressurized water; porta-potti and a built-in ice chest make the long days on the water much more inviting. You can upgrade to a refrigerator if you plan more than day trips.

A lengthy list of 48 items is standard aboard the 29 Fever. And you have an equally lengthy list of optional items.

Our test boat reached 67.6 mph carrying four beefy crew, gear and a nearly full tank of fuel for the day. Competing for speed was a 20 mph wind and the waves that go with it. Fountain claims this model can go over 70 mph and I believe that under best conditions it probably can. I found best cruise at a comfortable 2500 rpm that gave this boat a cruise of 30.2 mph (26.3 knots) and a range of 361 miles. This means I got an incredible 2.86-mpg in a boat that is built for speed!

If you want a boat that will grab everyone's attention from the moment you're cranked up to the seconds it takes to become a fuzzy image on the horizon to those watching, be sure to check out Fountain's 29 Fever. This boat just might be for you!

By Capt. Bob Smith
Test Captain