

Calcutta 263

Brief Summary

The Calcutta is a solid fishing and diving boat built for the rigors of offshore work. This fishing machine has been built for over 10 years and the list of standard features show it's built for the serious fisherman. The unique aft stern wall makes it simple to pull the largest fish on-board without hurting your back or potentially losing it to a bad gaffing.

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

- SeaGate fold down transom wall
- 100% composite construction
- Foam Filled crush compartment at stem
- Teleflex Sea Star Hydraulic steering with liquid tie bar for twin engine installations
- Forward 350-quart fishbox
- 126-gallon non-corrosive fuel tank
- Integrated 50-gallon baitwell with leaning post and cushion

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
670	3.5	3	0.5	6.9	6	782	680	60
1000	4.9	4.3	0.7	7	6.09	794	690	63
1500	6.4	5.5	1.4	4.54	3.94	514	447	67
2000	8.3	7.2	2.3	3.69	3.21	418	364	68

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2500	10.9	9.4	3.7	2.93	2.55	333	289	75
3000	16	13.9	4.7	3.43	2.98	389	338	74
3500	19.9	17.3	5.3	3.78	3.29	429	373	78
4000	25.1	21.8	8.3	3.04	2.64	344	299	84
4500	28.1	24.4	11.6	2.43	2.12	276	240	84
5000	32.9	28.6	15.9	2.07	1.8	235	204	84
5500	35.1	30.5	17.4	2.02	1.76	229	199	87
6100	39.5	34.3	20	1.98	1.72	224	195	88

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	26' 3"
BEAM	8' 6"
Dry Weight	2,800 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	13"
Draft Up	

Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	126 gal.
Water Capacity	optional
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	3.2 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	2.33:1
Props	Power Tech PTR 3R 17 PH 115
Load	Load: 2 persons, Fuel: 2/3 full, Water: none, Gear: minimal
Climate	Temp: 51 deg., Humid: 47%, Wind: 11 knots, Seas: 1ft chop

Calcutta 263 Best of Both Fishing Worlds...Catamaran and Center Console

By Capt. Rob Smith

At first glance you may be fooled into thinking the Calcutta 263 is just like any other center console. Not so, the 263 is a center console catamaran, which gives avid fisherman both the room and rugged performance they rely on during tournaments. Calcutta has been marketed in house until recently, but now the demand is so high, they are now building two models and sell through Three Rivers Marine so the company can

concentrate on building boats that meet the high demand. These are 100% composite built boats that are built to last, and carry a 10-year hull warranty.

Before climbing on board, the guys from Calcutta pointed out the underside of the bow. The area between the hulls is designed as a foam filled crash compartment that will help keep this boat upright and safe if you ever do run head-long into an object (heaven forbid!). All the topside surfaces have an aggressive grip surface for sure footing as you struggle to boat the big one.

Bow Fishing Features

The bow casting deck has a raised toe rail that helps you find the edge before going over it without having to take your eyes off the rod tips. Gunwale tops have stainless hawsers to lead the lines cleanly through to stainless cleats in the walls. The light and the anchor cleat on the bow pop up when needed and stow away to keep the topside clear when fishing. Two lockers topside have a raised deck inside to hold the anchor and deep lockers to either side for hundreds of feet of line and room for fenders. Stepping on down is a 350 quart fishlocker for your catch or to store gear when you have to go back to the office. The piano hinge is currently riveted in place, but Calcutta is upgrading to a screwed in hinge, and adding additional insulation to the already insulated lid. Additional storage is located in the sole lockers at the bow.

Our rig had a T-top that adds protection from the elements and is set up to add outriggers. Sturdy 2-inch aluminum framework gives you great handholds when underway. The back had six rod holders, spreader lights, and the soft top had life jacket storage.

At the Control Station

The huge center console sufficient room inside for any storage may need, or even adding a Porta-Potti, if you take the family along. The batteries and battery switch are located at the back. I would rather have seen this at the door, so I would not have to move stuff around to reach it. The console dash offers good room to outfit the helm with all the electronics you'll need to hunt down your favorite sportfish. Our test model had the Honda digital gauges, a VHF radio and a GPS 3210 mapping unit in it. A standard three spoke stainless wheel with speed knob and Teleflex Sea Star Hydraulic steering made handling near effortless. This system also had the liquid tie bar between the engines in case you run with only one engine of the twins. The padded leaning post has a 50-gallon bait well in the back, convenient to the aft casting deck.

Stern Features

Under the gunwales, you get plenty of room to add rod racks of your choice. Our test boat had indirect lighting by red rope lights, which is effective and unusual for a center console boat. The large fishboxes in the stern have the fuel/water separators inside as well as pumps in the lower end to clear out the box.

Unusual Transom Helps When Fishing

One of the most unusual things on board was the clever drop down stern wall on this boat. When you want the safety of a stern wall, flip it up out of the recessed sole and two locks will hold it in place. When diving or dragging a big fish on board, drop it down and you have a clear path from the port or starboard aft end to the cockpit.

Specifications and Ride

The Calcutta 263 Center Console measures 26 feet 3 inches length overall with a beam of 8 feet 6 inches. She weighs in at a light 2,800 lbs. without the engines, and only draws 13 inches with the outboards trimmed out of the water. The Calcutta 263 carries 126 gallons of fuel and is rated for a maximum of 260 horsepower outboards.

The 263 handled very smooth and delivered a dry ride even in the rough chop of boat show traffic. She had no difficulties driving through big wakes and did not crash through them like many mono hulls would. The 263 was on plane in just 3.2 seconds and up to 30 mph in 7 seconds. Best cruise was around 19.9 mph and she reached a maximum speed of 39.5 mph with the twin 90 horsepower Honda outboards.

For no-nonsense, serious fishing or diving, the Calcutta 263 has much to offer. Solid ride, power catamaran space and performance.