

# World Cat 295DC (2015-)

## Brief Summary

Dual console boats are a huge hit with boaters looking for crossover platforms that can fish hard one day, and then take the family out for watersports or entertaining the next. World Cat’s most successful version was the 290DC. But never one to rest on its laurels, the company has made significant improvements to the design, and renamed it the 295DC. However, it’s much more than a simple “290 V2.0”, as both the hull and interior have been improved upon.

## 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

- Bow seating with cushioned backs for 6 adults
- Forward insulated 225-quart fishbox with overboard drain
- Port seatbox houses 30-gallon insulated livewell with 1100-gph magnetic drive pump
- Lockable dry storage compartment with rod racks for 6 rods
- Fiberglass top with aluminum frame
- Helm and passenger dual custom seats with recessed stainless cupholders
- Power assisted hydraulic steering system
- Twin aft-facing seats on seatboxes with flip-down footrests
- Extended swim platform with integrated handrails and ladder
- Freshwater transom shower with 35-gal. water tank

## Specifications

Length Overall	29’ 1" / 8.86 m
BEAM	9’ 6"   2.90 m
Dry Weight	8,400 lbs.   3,810 kg

Tested Weight	
Draft	15"   0.38 m
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	8' 10"   2.69 m
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	233 gal.   882 kg
Water Capacity	35 gal.   132 kg
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	
0 to 20	
Ratio	
Props	
Load	
Climate	

## World Cat 295DC fishing

The World Cat 295DC has a LOA of 29'1" (8.86 m), a beam of 9'6" (2.90 m) and a draft of 15" (38 cm).

## Overview

The World Cat 295DC is at once a boat that can take on offshore fishing, side by side with larger sportboats and center consoles, then revert to serving as a roomy day boat for friends and family, and then again revert to a dive, watersports or picnic platform. More importantly, she can also keep her passengers safe when the afternoon winds start to pick up, as cats can take on snotty conditions far better than mono-hulls can.

## World Cat 295DC walkthrough

Above is a brief walkthrough of some of the major features offered on the 295DC.

## Construction

World Cats are built strong and this strength can be felt in the handling. The build process includes both bi and tri-directional cloths hand laminated into the molds. Down low, where the loads are heaviest, the layers overlap and a heavier 36-oz. woven roving layer is run from one chine over to the opposite side. Fiberglass reinforced composite materials are used to form structural bulkheads. A grid stringer system is bonded to the hull and foam flotation is used to fill voids for thermal insulation, elimination of hull noise and improved flotation. While on deck we can see how the quality continues with an abundance of 316-grade stainless steel. It's in all the hinges, cleats and fasteners. Additional stainless can be seen in the hatch support struts and even in the drink holders.

## VectorFlo is World Cat's trademarked hull design

that takes the air and water entering the tunnel between the hulls and creates a compressed air/water mixture that reduces surface friction to provide better economy, while at the same time serves to also soften the ride.

## World Cat 295DC vectorflo

VectorFlo works to create a softer ride when the seas start building.

## Special Boat Handling

For this reason, the entire process of handling sea conditions is reversed from what one would do when piloting a monohull. When seas build, the usual method of backing off speed in a monohull is not necessarily the correct choice in a World Cat. Our tests of several World Cats have shown that accelerating is, more often than not, the more prudent choice. It allows the force of the twin hulls to slice better through the oncoming waves, and also increases the cushioning effect of the VectorFlo hull's compressed air/water mixture.

## World Cat 295DC aerial

World Cat boats have a well-founded reputation for forging through seas and remaining comfortable while doing so.

## World Cat 295DC aft running shot

The VectorFlo hull design provides a softer ride and quicker planing times.

# The 290DC vs. 295DC

So, if there have been significant changes to the design of the popular 290, then what are they? They're both topside and below the deck. 1.

## On Deck it Starts With Seating.

Changing the twin buckets seats to bench seats with flip up bolsters, along with improvements to the design of the bow seating and adding optional under gunwale seats in the cockpit have improved the comfort level and increased the capacity to 10 people. 2.

## Below the waterline

the hulls have been deepened towards the bow to get rid of the "wave smack" when operating at lower speeds in head seas... such as when trolling. In the now-discontinued 290 when not planing which keeps the bows up, waves would slap the bottom of the under-deck structure between the hulls in certain conditions. Deepening the hulls in the new 295DC added buoyancy that raised the under-deck area solving the slapping issue. 3.

## Lighter.

This new model is also 800 lbs. (363 kg) lighter than the previous, which World Cat tells us has given her the improved lift to produce quicker planing times.

#### World Cat 295DC idle shot

With her high freeboard, the 295DC is safe in nearly any conditions.

#### World Cat 295DC running bow

The 295DC comes standard with a feature packed fiberglass hardtop.

## Features Inspection

One of the biggest advantages of a catamaran is the amount of usable space on board. Certainly this 295DC has more open space than any other boat in class for this size range.

## Bow

The beam is carried well forward so the bow seating is as roomy as we have seen. By our reckoning eight people can sit here comfortably while having a relaxed conversation with no knees knocking together. But it's more likely that it will be used for what it handles best, 2 to 3 people simply lounging around.

Wraparound bolsters and recessed grab rails add to the comfort level, recessed speakers and drink holders add to the convenience factor. In the center of the deck there is a cutout for an optional pedestal base for an acrylic table that can be transferred between the bow and stern. World Cat even includes dedicated storage for both the table and pedestal. A 225-quart fishbox that is self-draining overboard is built in. A door closes off the bow cockpit from the helm deck.

#### World Cat 295DC bow area

No other boats in class have the roominess of a catamaran and the 295DC pushes those limits.

## Helm Deck

The helm deck features what is among the biggest advantages of the 295DC's improvements. Doublewide bench seats that include flip up bolsters and flip down armrests have replaced bucket seats. The seatbacks are also remarkably high which further adds to their comfort level. We would, however, like to see World Cat take the additional step of providing flip down footrests as dangling feet get uncomfortable rather quickly.

## World Cat 295DC bench seats

Wide bench seats with flip down armrests and flip-up bolsters have replaced the bucket seats on the previous model.

## Standard Hardtop.

Overhead, the standard fiberglass top goes a long way toward ensuring that a long day on the water remains well protected from the onslaught of the sun. There is also a radio box with flat panel to mount a VHF, overhead lights, spreader lights and 6 rocket launchers.

## Helm.

The starboard side helm console has excellent ergonomics. The panel comes with open real estate for an owner to choose either a single 12" (30.5 cm) display or dual 8" (20.32 cm) displays. A quad set of engine specific multifunction gauges line in the top of the panel. The stainless steel steering wheel includes a steering knob, all amounted to a tilt base. Engine controls are mounted to a subpanel to the right side. We would change a few things to this design however. Rocker switches are all down low in the knee-strike zone. The stereo control is over to the side and way down low. And accessory plug is located below the stereo control. All three of these items could do with a repositioning, in our opinion. A footrest under the console adds to the comfort level of the bench seat with dual flip up bolsters.

## Instrument Console.

The starboard instrument console is large enough to hold two 8" screens or one 12" screen. The stainless steel steering wheel has power-assisted hydraulic steering. A 185-quart insulated self-draining fishbox is located under the helm seat. It can also double as a beverage cooler. There is also standard raw water washdown. The port side fiberglass seat box structure holds a 30-gallon livewell which has an 1100-gph pump, overboard drain and clear lid. Also located here are batter switches, a freshwater pump and tackle drawer storage.

## World Cat 295DC helm

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The 295DC comes standard with power-assisted hydraulic steering. Options include an Optimus electronic steering system, or the Optimus 360 system with electronic steering and joystick functionality.

# The Head

One characteristic of World Cat that we always love is with the deepest part of the hull being located to the sides, compartments such as this head can reap the advantages and offer standing headroom inside. This makes the head compartment fully functional as a changing room.

## The head is located inside the port console

through a door that 23" wide. The head includes a stainless steel sink recessed into a Corian counter. A VacuFlush toilet is connected to a 15-gallon (56.8 L) holding tank with a dockside pump out. The stereo is mounted in this compartment for protection and an adjacent cargo net storage allows a secure place to keep handheld electronics while either charging or playing music through the accessory plug located alongside. Overhead, there is a light and solar-powered vent. The forward end of this head compartment has a lockable locker for securing up to 6 rods.

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# Cockpit

At the cockpit deck the social area is further increased with a pair of standard fold-away seats at the transom. These seats have the added benefit of flipping out of the way when there is a need to increase the usable space of the cockpit, such as when it is time to fish.

## Opposing seating

is had by a pair of bench seats to the forward end of the cockpit adding to the social atmosphere of this wide-open space. Now the area becomes a welcome gathering spot for guests whether the 295DC is underway or at anchor. We also like that these aft facing seats include flip down footrests.

### World Cat 295DC cockpit

Fold-away transom seats add to the cockpit's usable space.

# Stern Platform.



World Cat has a done a good job of maximizing the advantages of twin hulls and at the transom is a primary case in point. Here, between the outboard engines is a large platform that can serve several purposes, each equally well. The platform is secured by an acrylic gate. When the gate is open the platform becomes an ideal place to land fish, either large or small. Think of it as a tuna door in this regard. Adjacent to the aft passageway is a bait prep location and a place to store a few tools.

#### World Cat 295DC aft facing seats

Aft facing seats to both sides of the cockpit will make gathering in this open area much more sociable.

#### World Cat 295DC catamaran advantage

One of the many advantages of a catamaran is that their wide stance provides great stability when at rest. This makes them excellent entertainment platforms. In addition, a World Cat's dual motor and fuel systems provide an extra measure of security; these boats can plane on one motor, allowing a safe, quick return.

## In the center of the transom is a boarding gate

leading out to an extended walk-through, between the dual engines, that includes high rails for safety. This beefy platform not only serves for reboarding from the water but also for boarding from the dock when the sides are inaccessible. Once aboard, a standard freshwater transom shower connected to a 35-gallon (132.5 L) water tank will allow for convenient rinse downs before boarding.

#### World Cat 295DC swim platform

Certainly, this platform, with its beefy rails, will allow the 295DC to be used as a functional dive platform.

## Entertainment Package

If entertainment is among the more primary concerns, World Cat includes as standard equipment a premium Marine Entertainment system.

## Fish Specific Features

When it's time to break out the rod and reel the 295DC is well suited to the task. While she might not be as preferable as a center console's full walk around capability, she is still a capable fishing platform in her own right. Six rod holders are in the caprails surrounding the cockpit as well as running up both sides of the

standard hardtops supports. This hardtop also include spreader lights both fore and aft, as well as reinforced areas for adding optional outriggers. The two aft facing seats at the forward end of the cockpit can now be used to watch the lines trailing off in the distance. And quite a bit of functionality is underneath these seats. The starboard seat has a raw water wash down spigot. Underneath is a 185-quart (175 L) insulated fishbox. The port seat includes a 30-gallon (113.6L) recirculating insulated livewell. Fish can be stored up forward in the starboard side insulated, 225-quart, overboard draining fishbox.

#### World Cat 295DC lockable rod storage

Lockable storage for up to 6 rods runs from the port console to underneath the port bow seating.

## Operational Features

Taking a look at operational features, we start fully forward with the ground tackle resting in a molded-in bow pulpit. Dual cleats for securing the anchor rode are positioned just ahead of the Pro Series freefall windlass. World Cat includes 300' (91.44 m) of anchor line, 15' (4.57 m) of chain, and a 22-lb. (9.8 kg) anchor as standard. The starboard cockpit seat box includes compartments for the raw water and power steering pumps for easy maintenance. The port seat box contains accommodations for battery management and a freshwater pump.

#### World Cat 295DC cockpit seats

Overhead, the standard hardtop includes a set of radio boxes with flat panels to mount a VHF.

#### World Cat 295DC walkthrough

As expected, the walkthrough can be closed off for operations on those chilly mornings.

## Power.

The rated power for the 295DC is 600-hp (2 x 300-hp) and World Cat will rig her for Yamaha engines but can accommodate other manufacturers upon request. Yamaha engines will include the Command Link + 5" (12.7cm) multi-function color displays. Another attractive catamaran feature is system redundancy. Both engines are connected to separate fuel and electrical systems giving the 295DC the added bonus of being able to get home when one might fail.

## Performance.

We have not tested this latest model as yet, but the team at World Cat has and they've shared their results with us. According to World Cat with a pair of 300-hp Yamaha Four-Strokes turning Saltwater series II propellers, they reached a top speed of 55.6 mph. Best cruise was at 2500 rpm and 21.7 mph, which produced a combined fuel flow of 9.7 gph.

## Pricing

MSRP is \$209,106 with Yamaha 300 4-stroke package with Command Link+.

## Warranty

World Cat offers a ten-year limited hull warranty and a one-year limited material and workmanship warranty.

## Observations

It's hard not to get excited when we approach a World Cat both for the sheer amount of space and the excellent handling characteristics that consistently run throughout the entire lineup. The 295DC takes a well-proven model and makes it even better in a number of significant ways.