

Albemarle 268 Express Fisherman

Brief Summary

The all-new 268 Express Fisherman is the perfect balance of performance and function. From the classic Albemarle flare and distinctive styling to the overnight accommodations, the 268 is the ultimate trailerable fish boat.

Price

Base Price \$83900.00

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

- Good overnighter for two
- Lots of interior topside with raised deck
- Molded fiberglass, self-draining cockpit
- Full V-berth with cushions
- Vinyl rub rail with stainless steel insert
- Prewiring for electronics
- Dash designed for flush-mounted electronics

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
825	3.2	2.8	0.8	4	3.48	630	548	72
1000	4.4	3.8	1.2	3.63	3.15	571	496	77
1500	6.3	5.5	1.8	3.5	3.04	551	479	77
2000	7.6	6.6	3.3	2.3	2	363	315	77
2500	8.9	7.7	5.9	1.5	1.3	236	205	87

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
3000	16.9	14.7	9.2	1.84	1.6	289	252	87
3500	22.2	19.3	11	2.02	1.75	318	276	88
4000	30	26	13.8	2.17	1.89	342	297	89
4500	35.1	30.5	17.7	1.98	1.72	312	271	90
5000	39.6	34.4	24.3	1.63	1.42	256	223	95
5200	40.5	35.2	25.1	1.61	1.4	254	221	93

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	25' 10"
BEAM	8' 6"
Dry Weight	7,500 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	34"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	

Deadrise/Transom	24 deg.
Max Headroom	5' 10"
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	172 gal.
Water Capacity	14 gal.
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	4.0 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.95:1
Props	C3 Dual Stainless
Load	Fuel: 3/4 full, Water: none, Load: 2 persons, Gear: minimal
Climate	Temp: 83 deg, Humid: 45%, Wind: 5-10, Seas: 1-2

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Tested By Captain Bob Smith

Albemarle’s 268 Express Fisherman is an all-new model, released late last year. She takes the raised foredeck from her other sister’s to add lots of room below. The 268 is 25’10” without the bow pulpit and 28’0” with the pulpit. She has an 8’6” beam so you have a lot of boat packed into a trailerable package, and she can slip into shoal waters with a draft of 34” at the stern.

Albemarle has increased the chines and changed the standard deadrise on this model to 21-degrees for a smoother more stable ride. This one had the cutout and bow roller system for the anchor, but did not have the stainless steel hawser installed yet for the line. The front of the raised foredeck is surrounded with

stainless steel rails and a starboard side windshield wiper clears the glass for the helmsman. A large hatch adds plenty of natural sunlight for lighting the cabin below.

The Helm

The dash is complimented with standard full engine instruments, and topped off with a compass on top of the flat panel areas that are pre-wired for flat panel instrumentation. If you get the anodized top, like this one has, you also get another electronics box for the radios and other gear behind a locking door mounted on the top. My test ride had the optional double-wide companion seat with a livewell on the back side and a tackle center up front.

Cabin

Down in the cabin, I was impressed with the headroom the raised foredeck provides. I had over 67 inches of headroom at the bottom of the companionway standing next to the galley. The V-berth can be set up with a table for day use or with drop in filler cushions to make a roomy berth for two adults for an overnight on the hook. The galley had a molded in sink with storage and this particular boat had a refrigerator with small freezer installed along with a microwave above the sink. Across from the galley was a stand up head complete with pull out shower faucet and electric marine porcelain head. Above the seats were two locking cuddy racks on either side with lights mounted astern facing forward.

Cockpit

Back up to the cockpit, the next item to check out was the engine compartment. A twist of two T-handle latches and the hatch sprang up to reveal a 320hp Volvo 5.7 GXi complete with Jackshaft Power System. There was plenty of room to maneuver around the engine for routine maintenance. The battery switch was readily accessible up front and an automatic halon system, which is standard, was visible in the back side of the compartment. Closing the compartment, the next obvious item was the optional top and its three additional rocket launchers per side along with the twin fishing lights across the top. If you are using this boat for its purpose, I recommend the top as a standard, not optional. Two more rod holders are in each gunnel per side. Optional coaming pads cut down on the bruising when fighting fish around the large deck. When you board the fish, you can store it in the large transom fish box with two lids (another benefit of the Jackshaft Power System). There's a large box in the floor that you can put the wet lines and small fenders in.

Performance

When running the 268, she was as nimble as her little sister, the 248, yet had the feel of a much larger boat. Without the side and front curtains on underway, we got a little wet in the heavy chop. Maneuvering to the back bay, the winds were down and the chop minimized. The Volvo 5.7 GXi was outfitted with a Penta DP outdrive and Jackshaft Power System from Albemarle. She had dual C3 props and we had two people on board.

The 280 comfortably cruised along at 3000 rpms and almost 17 mph giving the wave runners a fine wake to harass us with. We tapped the limiter at 5200 rpms and a little over 40 mph. She produced very acceptable sound levels at the helm of 72 dBa at idle and 93 dBa at top end. Time to plane was just over 4 seconds

and we were zipping along at 30 mph in just under 11 seconds. She carries 172 gallons of fuel, so you can certainly take her out for an off-shore trip to the honey holes and have plenty of juice to get back with a bunch of fish.

This new model from Albemarle gives you a great choice to move up to a more comfortable offshore capable fishing boat, while still having the convenience of trailering her to wherever you want to launch.