

Pearson True North 38

Brief Summary

The Pearson 38 is a classic cruiser with beautiful lines and open layout. She offers a family-friendly platform with plenty of room for socializing, and a good turn of speed.

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

The 38 features a wide cockpit with plenty of room to put out a few folding chairs for “al fresco” dining. The cockpit sole has large storage lockers for fenders and lines, and anything else you want to get out of the way. The helm is sophisticated with everything within easy view and reach. The galley comes complete with refrigerator, microwave, three-burner stovetop and double sink. The dinette can sit four to six people and also converts into a double berth for guests. The stateroom is spacious and features a hanging closet with four drawers and private head.

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
700	5.1	4.4	1.1	4.59	3.99	909	790	68
1000	7.2	6.2	2.4	2.98	2.59	590	513	69
1500	9.6	8.3	3.6	2.67	2.32	528	459	70
2000	11.7	10.1	7.9	1.47	1.28	292	254	77
2500	19.6	17	11.6	1.69	1.47	334	290	83
3000	26.3	22.8	19.4	1.35	1.18	268	233	79

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
3250	28	24.3	23	1.22	1.06	241	210	80

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	38'6"
BEAM	13'6"
Dry Weight	15,000 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	3'6"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	
Max Headroom	6'4
Bridge Clearance	
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	

Fuel Capacity	220 gal.
Water Capacity	100 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	8.4 seconds
0 to 20	
Ratio	2.65:1
Props	26x30 4-blade nibral
Load	5 persons, full fuel, full water, 4 pers., min. gear
Climate	78 deg, 75% humid, wind: 20 knots; seas: 1-2 feet

A Romantic Classic Cruiser

The Pearson 38 True North is a very beautiful, yet interesting boat. She has the classic lines and fine entry of a New England lobster boat, while being a roomy, good performing cruiser. The 38 True North makes good use of fiberglass, composites and other strong and easily cared for materials, which still provide a good looking boat without the maintenance headaches of a wood trimmed vessel. It is really a practical design for those who want to use a boat but not be married to woodwork and trim cleaning and refinishing. She has nice wide side decks, a good foredeck for handling lines and anchoring, and enough Bomar hatches to allow plenty of fresh air into the cabin if you want to leave the a/c off. The hatches in the side decks for storage of bumpers and lines are a wonderful innovation. Large flush mounted cleats allow you to move around the side decks without tripping worries.

The cabin is laid out with a V-berth and a nice sized head with stall shower. An optional V-berth loft bunk is available as an option for the kids. Most of your time will be spent in the main cabin or salon area, which is open at the aft end, but can be closed off when necessary. The helm station is on the starboard side and passenger seating for two is to port. The helm is hinged for access to the back of the instruments and the wiring. The seat is hydraulically adjustable and well made. All the hardware on the boat is high quality and very "yachty" looking and apparently stronger than necessary.

The galley is behind the helm station, and has a nice deep stainless steel sink and ample counter space. There's seating for four at the table on the port side. Both the seats slide athwartships to increase the seating to three each, and the table had a hinged section to allow it to expand to accommodate these six people, while still leaving ample room to move around in the salon. The table can also be dropped down, hydraulically, to make an additional double berth. The large opening windows provide a lot of ventilation and 360-degree visibility.

The salon deck has a large hydraulically operated hatch which provides access to the engine and

machinery spaces. All the components are readily at hand and there is good storage below the deck. The large cockpit aft of the salon has the interesting feature of a transom door which is actually a clamshell-like unit that opens sideways from the center to reveal the cockpit deck continuing to the back of the boat, with a six foot wide opening ending just above the waterline. It is like a pickup truck bed. You can carry anything here: dinghy, jet skis, canoes, and more. She also provides great water access. This is a boat I'd love to play with this boat in the Bahamas.

The boat has a flat cabin top which is ideal for stowage of large gear for playing or long trips. The low clearance lets you keep moving on your cruises while other yachts are waiting for bridges to open.

The single prop has a skeg to protect it, and a bow thruster provides all the added maneuverability you will need. The engine and drive train is well insulated and vibration free. The True North is really quiet and it's a good thing she has a tach or you wouldn't know the engine is running. We were impressed by her top speed of 28.0 mph and overall performance.