Out Island 38 Express

Brief Summary

The Out Island 38 is a custom express fishboat that features an exciting look and unique hull design. She delivers a smooth, dry ride thanks to her pronounced bow flare, and sports a long list of standard features.

Price

Base Price $383100.00

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Key Features

The Out Island 38 features a unique hull design that gives the boat a smooth, dry ride out in choppy water. Her unobstructed bow also gives the driver excellent visibility forward, and her sleek lines gives her an attractive look. The 38's unique center console station also allows quick and easy access to the helm from all directions. This 38-footer is great for a weekend get-a-way for two, or for hosting a party full of anglers for a day of fishing and fun out on the water. Below she features a dinette and directly to port is the galley complete with a refrigerator/freezer, two-burner cooktop, and microwave. Forward is a comfortable double berth with good storage all around, as well as beneath.

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
700	6.8	5.9	4	1.7	1.48	770	669	77
1000	9.2	8	6.6	1.39	1.21	631	549	85
1250	10.7	9.3	10.2	1.05	0.91	475	413	86
1500	15.9	13.8	15.8	1.01	0.88	456	396	87
1750	19.3	16.8	18.6	1.04	0.9	470	408	88

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RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2000	24.6	21.4	24.2	1.02	0.88	460	400	92
2250	29.7	25.8	31	0.96	0.83	433	377	92
2500	33.5	29.1	38.6	0.87	0.75	392	341	92
2750	36.6	31.8	44.6	0.82	0.71	371	323	92
2900	38.2	33.2	51.6	0.74	0.64	335	291	92

View the test results in metric units

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Specifications

Length Overall	37' 10"
BEAM	14' 2"
Dry Weight	22,000 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	3' 4"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	

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Max Headroom	6' 0"
Bridge Clearance	~
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	503 gal.
Water Capacity	112 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	

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Master SR fore & Aft	
Master SR Overhead	
Master SR Volume	
Eng. Room Volume	

Acceleration Times & Conditions

Time to Plane	7.7 seconds
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.76:1
Props	24 x 28 4-blade Nibral- Med. cup
Load	3 persons, full fuel, full water, min. gear
Climate	84 deg., 68% humid, wind:5 knots, seas: calm

Survival of the Fishiest In the early days of sport fishing, boats were not designed as much as they evolved. Wooden boats, which were individually crafted, were altered with each successive hull until the ideal proportions were derived. Through years of trial and error boats such as Hemingway's Pilar incrementally became the sportfisherman of today.

With the prevalence of fiberglass and mass production techniques, this evolution process has slowed and in some cases regressed. For example "tumblehome" hull sides, where the cockpit is wider at the waterline than at the coveringboards, was common on wooden boats. While ascetically pleasing, this feature is actually utilitarian. With tumblehome, when the mate handles a billfish, he is reaching directly underneath his shoulders, rather than awkwardly back toward his feet. Unfortunately, tumblehome is difficult to incorporate into a fiberglass mold; therefore it has all but disappeared in sportfish design.

Outside of a few custom yards such as Rybovich, Scarborough, and Merritt, one of the few places to find an uncompromising sportfish design is in the Carolina charter fleet where many boats are still built of wood,

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one hull at a time. That is until today. Out Island Sport Yachts has introduced a 38 foot Express Fisherman that is true to the “Carolina Custom” design heritage while utilizing modern, low maintenance construction techniques. While her sharp entry, flared hull sides, and high bow are decidedly that of a Carolina boat, her designers have incorporated the best features from the entire sportfish family tree, such as a “Palm Beach” helm console with single lever controls for easy maneuvering on a trophy fish. Her curved transom backs well into a sea and aids in fighting fish from a chair.

Tumblehome sides, a transom door, and two large fish boxes help to handle the catch. A baitwell is built into the transom and a huge tackle center incorporates a bait prep sink, drink cooler or optional bait freezer, and drawers for organized storage. The tackle center and cockpit feature rounded corners and smooth curves, and are devoid of nooks and crannies that collect debris. The non-skid surfaces are “popcorn”, a finish similar to the textured ceilings in many homes. While this profile generally works well and is easy to clean, the non-skid pattern on the test boat could be a bit more aggressive.

Fishing involves the whole boat, not just the cockpit; therefore everything has been designed with maintenance in mind. This is particularly true in the engineroom. All corners are radiused. Fiberglass surfaces are smooth gelcoat and painted with industrial Imron™ for easy clean up; and overhead sound insulation is covered with perforated, powder-coated aluminum panels. The bridge deck raises on hydraulic rams and the storage lockers in the seats have removable inserts, providing unsurpassed access to the entire engineroom. A small hatch forward of the helm is convenient for engineroom checks and light maintenance.

The prototype we tested had a fixed engineroom ladder that obstructed access to the front bulkhead, but according to the manufacturer, future boats will be equipped with a removable ladder.

One feature typically not found on a Carolina boat is the Out Island’s deep-vee hull. Seventeen degree deadrise at the stern and thirty degrees forward of the engines cut through the seas well. Our test boat, equipped with optional 500 horsepower Yanmars, cruised comfortably at 30 knots, able to leave many larger boats in her wake even when the wind picks up.

The cabin sleeps four with a double bed forward and a convertible dinette to starboard. The galley to port features a microwave, two burner stove, and refrigerator. Aft of the galley, the spacious head incorporates a separate shower stall. Numerous lockers and drawers provide plenty of storage, including a rod locker concealed aft of the dinette. While the maple interior is beautiful, the fit and finish of the boat we tested was not in keeping with the extraordinarily well crafted exterior. This is not uncommon on prototype vessels. A visit to hull number two, which was not yet commissioned at the time of our test, revealed solid craftsmanship and superior attention to detail. An electric pedestal raises the convertible dinette table at the touch of a switch. Full extension drawer slides increase access to the contents of the drawers. The optional teak cabin sole contrasts the maple well, and other interior wood selections are available. Unfortunately, with the teak sole headroom was only about 6’1’’; although the manufacturer has redesigned the cabin sole and promises more on future boats.

Not just boats but fishermen evolve as well. For some, what was once occasional amusement became a

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burning desire, a quest, even a crusade. If your peccadillo is fine fishing and fine fishing boats, the Out Island Sport Yachts 38 Express may satisfy your lust. This thoroughbred was born to fish, with a Carolina Custom skin and a fisherman’s heart. One more advantage, because she is not a custom boat, her gestation period is only 10 weeks from the fiberglass mold to the ocean. Try that with a custom boat!

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