

# Fountain 38 Express Cruiser

## Brief Summary

Fountain's 38 Express Cruiser is an attractive and luxurious boat fully equipped for a weekend away with overnighting accommodations for up to four. She offers high-end performance, comfort, and plenty of amenities to boast about.

## 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

Fountain's 38 Express Cruiser combines speed and luxury into this attractive boat. The cockpit on the 38 has great room for entertaining with plenty of seating for family and guests. There's also a wet bar with a sink and icemaker, large sunpad, and good stowage. Down below the 38 has a spacious cabin with a leather settee and dining table, galley complete with refrigerator, stovetop, sink, and microwave. There are two private staterooms and a spacious head with stand up shower.

## Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1000	6.9	6	5.3	1.3	1.13	335	291	81
1500	9.2	8	9.6	0.96	0.83	247	215	79
2000	10.9	9.4	19.5	0.56	0.48	143	125	82
2500	19.4	16.8	26.8	0.82	0.63	186	162	81
3000	30.3	26.3	28.8	1.05	0.91	271	235	86
3500	42	36.5	37	1.13	0.99	292	254	87

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
4000	48.5	42.1	44.5	1.09	0.95	280	244	87
4500	54.2	47.1	61.8	0.88	0.76	266	196	89
5200	66	57.4	68.3	0.9	0.79	233	203	93

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



## Specifications

Length Overall	39'11"
BEAM	10' 6"
Dry Weight	13,500 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	3' 2"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	22 deg.
Max Headroom	6' 4"
Bridge Clearance	9' 0"

<b>Weight Capacity</b>	
<b>Person Capacity</b>	
<b>Fuel Capacity</b>	286 gal.
<b>Water Capacity</b>	50 gal.
<b>Length on Trailer</b>	
<b>Height on Trailer</b>	
<b>Trailer Weight</b>	
<b>Total Weight</b>	
<b>Aft Deck</b>	
<b>Salon Inside Width</b>	
<b>Salon Fore &amp; Aft</b>	
<b>Salon Height</b>	
<b>Salon Volume</b>	
<b>Galley Volume</b>	
<b>Master SR Width</b>	
<b>Master SR fore &amp; Aft</b>	
<b>Master SR Overhead</b>	

Master SR Volume	
Eng. Room Volume	

# Acceleration Times & Conditions

Time to Plane	6.2 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.5:1
Props	17 x 33.5
Load	4 persons, 1/2 fuel, no water, min. gear
Climate	59 deg., 46% humid; wind: 15 knots; seas: 1 foot chop

**Fountain Combines Speed and Comfort With The New 38**Well Reggie Fountain has done it again! The newly released 38 Express Cruiser will give those of us who cannot decide between a speed machine or a cruiser something to think about. Fountain still manufactures the Sport Cruiser, but the Express has more beam and significantly more comfort and amenities.

Let’s start with the famous race proven hull technology that has given Fountain numerous speed and offshore world records. The notched transom and pad keel are improved by the positive lift notches that get this 13,000 pound boat off and running at a surprising top end speed of almost 65 mph. Want to go faster? The good folks at Fountain will help you with that by installing several other power plant and drive options. At the stern we find a large swim platform and a deep transom storage hatch for fenders and lines. To port is a transom door that will lead you to the large u-shaped settee that converts to a dinning table with room for all your guests during those special sunset meals. Directly to port, is a wet bar with plenty of counter space, a sink and icemaker. As we move forward we notice the inviting chase lounge to port and the famous Fountain helm to starboard. A molded fiberglass radar arch accents the cockpit and provides all the room you need for antennas and securing the convertible top.

Even though this is a cruising machine, the helm is not lacking the race inspired layout, or the Gaffrig gauges and Zero-effort controls that we have all come to love. As per a typical Fountain helm, the lefty

throttles and shifters are funky and do take a bit to get used to. But once you've adjusted to the instrumentation and controls, you find them to be totally functional. I did struggle a bit with the depthfinder readout, which is unfortunately hidden behind the top of the steering wheel. A simple relocation would help those of us that find ourselves in shallow waters. Side-by-side, electric drop bolster seats compliment the helm and make rough water passage more tolerable, something you don't find in their competitors product. All the helm switches are easily accessible and there is adequate room at the top of the dash to add your favorite electronics. The standard Azimuth digital compass is just one example of how serious this cruiser is about doing its job.

A three-piece door at the companionway leads us below deck. The upper door neatly slides out of the way for good headroom clearance, but the other two doors open and secure outward, just waiting for your unsuspecting knees. Three steps down and you're in the cabin, where the luxuries of a fine cruiser await you. A long, leather settee to starboard and its accompanying slender dinning table provide you with a comfortable spot to eat your gourmet meals made in the portside galley. The galley is complete with a fridge, sink, stovetop, microwave and a concealed TV/VCR. The granite-like counter top and cherry wood cabinets add a classy European look to the cabin. The large round ceiling hatches provide good light and ventilation when needed. The master berth is forward, just behind a cherry wood door that will give you all the privacy you desire when accompanied by guests. They can bunk in the cozy aft cabin, well it's more of a nook than a cabin, but two can sleep the night away here. Finally, and most importantly, an ample sized head with stand-up shower is located to port.

Back at topside, Fountain has made access to the bow very easy with steps neatly incorporated into the engine air intakes both port and starboard. The non-skid side decks lead you to the anchor locker and windlass controls. The custom, polished stainless steel anchor is flush mounted and conforms to the beak of the bow. Every corner of this boat is sleek and refined.

This Express Cruiser has a lot to offer with her comfort, amenities and performance. She will undoubtedly give the competition something to think about.

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