

Sailfish 312 Center Console

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There's a lot to like on the new Sailfish 312 Center Console! Starting aft and working towards the bow, the expansive cockpit is built with a fishing focus, with plenty of dancing space aft of the standard leaning post. When it's time to lay out a serious trolling spread, a trio of flush-mount stainless steel rodholders are installed in the port and starboard covering boards, with a six-pack of vertical units built into the transom cap, with an additional seven rodholders in the T-Top's over-head rocket launcher. Add the horizontal racks under each gunwale, plus a pair of vertical units up forward, this rodholder array will put a smile on every bluewater angler's face.

Insulated in-floor fish boxes port and starboard will chill your catch of the day and clean up easily via an overboard pumpout system. A pair of circulating baitwells (30 gallons in the transom; 32 gallons in the leaning post) will handle live bait needs. Crew seating includes a recessed doublewide fold down bench seat in the transom and a second bench tucked away in the starboard gunnel, for complete unobstructed fishing access when it's time to bend the rods. A huge hinged hatch in the transom bulkhead allows access down into the bilge area for critical systems like plumbing and fuel filters. The cockpit easily converts from fishing mode to the ideal entertainment platform with deployment of the aforementioned fold-out cockpit seating benches, a cockpit table (part of the optional entertainment package) and cup holders everywhere you turn.

Moving amidships, the large console and leaning post are designed for control and comfort. The dash is conveniently laid out for easy access to all switches. The trim tab buttons and engine throttle levers align, so you don't have to take your hand off the throttle to use the tabs. The roomy dash panel accommodates up to two 12-inch multi-function displays. The leaning post comes standard with a 32-gallon livewell, built in tackle storage, sink and plenty of dedicated drawer storage. Stepping down into the head area via a portside companionway, there's over six-feet of standing headroom, a freshwater sink, electric marine toilet with 7.5-gallon holding tank and dry storage. The bow offers both fishing and entertaining space, with doublewide bench seat forward of the console,

with a raised deck platform that doubles as bow seats when the cushions are installed, with additional insulated fish boxes down below. The standard thru-hull windless with remote is easily accessible via the hinged filler board, plus there's a dry storage area under the sole for keeping gear and water toys ready to go but out from underfoot.

6th GENERATION VDS HULL

The 312 CC is designed with a 6th-generation Variable Degree Stepped (VDS) hull. This three-hulls-in-one platform provides the perfect balance of stability and performance, whether at rest or slogging through a tight chop. The deepest of the three "steps" has a steep 24-degree entry-point angle designed to punch through opposing head seas. The second surface is positioned at a slightly shallower angle of 23 degrees, enabling air to flow efficiently under the hull. This aeration ensures less friction and increased fuel economy. Finally, the third and outermost stepped surface is positioned at a flatter 22 degrees, enhancing stability at rest, translating to less rocking in big ocean rollers. From a build standpoint, the 312 CC's Sailtech construction process uses composite materials including Kevlar, carbon fiber and quad-axle fiberglass reinforcements, backed by a foam-filled fiberglass stringer system to ensure the strength, quality and durability boaters need when fishing offshore or caught in stormy conditions.

The hull length (30 feet, 6 inches), beam (9 feet, 9 inches) and dry weight (10,725-lbs) are the perfect setup for a pair of Yamaha F300s, Mercury 300 V-8s or Verado 350s. Factory tests running twin Yamaha F300s and 18P three-blade SWS II stainless steel props confirmed this with a top speed of 53.7 mph at wide open throttle. The cruising band is where this boat and motor combo shines, getting 29.4 mph/16.4 gph/1.79

mpg at 3,500 rpm; 34.8 mph/22 gph/1.58 mpg at 4,000 revs; and 39.7 mph/28.2 gph/1.41 mpg at 4,500 rpm. Hole shots are also fairly nimble, consistently scooting from 0-20 mph in less than five seconds. These readings were done with a crew of five aboard and roughly quarter-tank of fuel. Her standard 265-gallon fuel cell will take you a long way between fill-ups, with an estimated range of over 375 statute miles running at 4,000 rpm using 90% of her available capacity.

The Sailfish 312 CC also comes with an impressive list of standard features; see your dealer to learn more or visit www.sailfishboats.com. 🦈



SPECIFICATIONS

LENGTH	30', 6"
BEAM	9', 9"
DEADRISE AFT	24/23/22 degrees
WEIGHT	10,725 lbs. (dry, with power)
FUEL CAPACITY	265 gallons
MAX POWER	700 HP (twin outboards)