



# WORLD CAT 280 DC-X

The rise of the dual console has paralleled the rise of luxury center-consoles and outboard-powered bowriders, in part because they are a combination of both. They have the functionality to entertain the family, the credibility to satisfy hardcore anglers, and the ability to

made possible by the twin hulls allowing the beam to be carried all the way forward while still allowing each hull to maintain a sharp wave-slicing forefoot. No one will knock knees sitting forward in this boat. The same applies to the main cockpit,

3-footers to contend with on test day, and the 280 DC-X handled them superbly whether we ran in head, following or quartering seas. In calmer waters, we hit a top speed of 46.5 mph at 5,500 rpm. Throttle back to 25 mph at 3,500 rpm and this boat has the range to run offshore all day.

Cats are not usually known for their dockside curb appeal, but the pickle-fork-bow look, frameless windshield design, sleek hardtop, rising sheer line and aft tumblehome give the 280 DC-X serious style points. —*Pete McDonald*

roam far outside the inlet. In many ways, in the battle between fishing and family entertainment, it's the perfect compromise. Perhaps no boat is better suited to meet that mission than a power catamaran like the World Cat 280 DC-X. The dual hull provides superior sea-keeping and stability when compared to many monohulls of the same length and displacement, and the twin hulls allow World Cat to maximize deck space.

Note how wide and deep the bow seating is,

with double-wide seats at the helm and portside consoles. The portside backrest is adjustable to create a rear-facing recliner. The port console also hides a spacious head. The transom sports an aft jump seat that folds out of the way for fishing. On that note, the livewell, coaming bolsters, fore and aft rod holders, insole fish boxes, and hardtop rod holders and outrigger mounts will satisfy any angling itch.

Performance? We had plenty of tightly stacked

### High Points

- ▶ Double-wide helm seat leaves room for a co-captain.
- ▶ Huge bow cockpit is deep and secure.
- ▶ Terrific water access from the aft platform thanks to the On-Ramp swim ladder between the two engines.

### Low Points

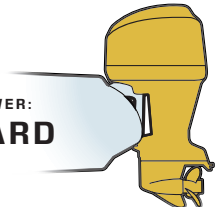
- ▶ Optional SureShade is great for keeping guests cool but, even when retracted, makes it harder to access the hardtop rod holders.
- ▶ A boat made to handle rough seas would do well to add fiddles to the head and entertainment-center counters.

### Toughest Competitor

- ▶ Because it's hard to find a comparable cat, take a look at a monohull like the Boston Whaler 270 Vantage (\$222,309 with a Mercury 300 and joystick).

- LOA: 27'6" • BEAM: 9'6" • DRAFT (MAX): 3'0"
- DISPLACEMENT (APPROX.): 7,250 lb. • TRANSONM DEADRISE: NA • BRIDGE CLEARANCE: 8'4" • FUEL CAPACITY: 220 gal. • WATER CAPACITY: 16.5 gal.
- MAX HORSEPOWER: 400 • AVAILABLE POWER: Twin Yamaha gasoline outboards

**Price: \$226,421**  
(as tested)



AVAILABLE POWER:  
**OUTBOARD**

**ENGINE:** Twin 200 hp Yamaha F200 four-stroke outboards **DRIVE/PROPS:** Outboard/Reliance 14 1/4" x 18" 3-blade stainless steel **GEAR RATIO:** 1.86:1 **FUEL LOAD:** 145 gal. **WATER ON BOARD:** 0 gal. **CREW WEIGHT:** 500 lb.

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rpm	SPEED			EFFICIENCY				OPERATION	
	knots	mph	gph	naut. mpg	stat. mpg	n. mi. range	s. mi. range	angle	sound level
1000	6.00	6.90	1.70	3.53	4.06	698	804	1	70
1500	6.52	7.50	2.70	2.41	2.78	478	550	2	67
2000	8.34	9.60	4.50	1.85	2.13	367	422	4	72
2500	12.34	14.20	7.00	1.76	2.03	349	402	4	76
3000	17.73	20.40	9.30	1.91	2.19	377	434	3	80
3500	21.81	25.10	13.00	1.68	1.93	332	382	2	83
4000	26.94	31.00	17.00	1.58	1.82	314	361	2	85
4500	30.59	35.20	23.00	1.33	1.53	263	303	2	87
5000	35.71	41.10	31.00	1.15	1.33	228	263	2	90
5500	40.41	46.50	37.00	1.09	1.26	216	249	2	92

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