



Seaswirl Striper 3301 Walk Around

Comfortable, whether fishing or cruising.

BY TOM THOMPSON

Seaswirl is known for its line of sport and fishing boats under 30 feet. The Striper 3301 Walk Around is the first model over that mark and it's a proud new flagship for the boatbuilder. This cuddy cabin is equipped with all the tools for serious offshore angling. A long list of standard features includes comforts such as air conditioning and a generator.

Max power totals 600 hp, but our test boat's pair of Evinrude 250 E-Tecs reached a top speed over 44 mph. I measured the time to plane at 6.6 seconds. At a cruising speed of just under 30 mph, the fuel burn was a thrifty 1.3 mpg, which would yield a 393-mile range with a 10-percent reserve. The V-Trac hull slices through rough water as a deep-V would, yet, because it flattens out at the transom, there's stability for fishing. Power-assist hydraulic steering makes for easy handling, and the boat tracks tightly in turns.

On deck, the 3301 WA is rigged to go after the big ones. There's a large livewell in the transom and two fishboxes in the cockpit sole. The countertop of the bait station on the port side lifts to reveal a cooler. There's also tackle storage in its base. A fiberglass hardtop with rod holders and a floodlight comes standard. A bench seat folds out of the transom, with a walk-through door to starboard.

The bridge has an L-shaped bench to starboard and a wide wraparound bench at the helm. A third seat runs along the starboard side behind the helm. The helm console itself has room for a 12-inch elec-

tronics display, and there's space for a VHF radio in an overhead compartment in the hardtop. The 3301 WA is a true walk-around boat, with side walkways to access the foredeck and a walk-through windshield reached by steps on the centerline. An electric windlass comes standard, too.

Above-deck, the 3301 WA may be all business, but the cabin is made for comfort. Headroom is a surprising 6 feet, 6 inches. The space is climate-controlled with the standard AC and genset or shorepower hookup. The full galley along the port side includes a stove, refrigerator, sink and microwave. A pair of bunk berths can be created by flipping up the V-berth backrests, and two can sleep in the aft cabin. The head features a porcelain toilet and a molded vanity with a sink. For entertainment, a wall-mounted LCD TV with a DVD player comes standard.

The Seaswirl Striper 3301 Walk Around is equipped for serious offshore fishing. And when the day is done, head below for some creature comforts. ↓

Specs

LOA.....	33'5"
Beam.....	11'
Draft.....	2'7"
Weight.....	10,700 lbs.
Fuel capacity.....	347 gals.
Base power ...T/Yamaha O/Bs (225 hp)	
Base price.....	\$186,371
Power as tested ...T/Evinrude E-Tec 250s	
Price as tested.....	\$191,333

seaswirl.com

