



DOUBLE TAKE

THEY CAST Robalo's new R227 dual console is a tournament-grade fishboat that doubles as a comfortable family runabout. **WE CAST** Based on the 220 CC but rebalanced to carry twin consoles, the R227 matches well with a Yamaha F225. The boat ran well, but the optional trim tabs will help you dial in the sweetest cruising spots. The bottom cleaved open the seas, and wide reversed chines kept it steady on the drift. As we drift fished for stripers, it was easy to control the angle from dead downwind to nearly beam-to by turning the engine. The nonslip hatch surfaces beneath the bow seat cushions are wide enough to stand on and cast from, while the gunwale bolsters steady your calves. The port console houses a head that's large enough to move around in, although lighting and ventilation could be improved. The helm console is comfortable for either sitting or standing, and the helm chair has a flip-up bolster that converts it into a leaning post. Under the sole is a locker with racks for half a dozen rods, plus space for PFDs and waterskis. The bow has a heavily

BOATING

Certified Test Results

Robalo R227

TEST BOAT POWER Single 225-hp Yamaha F225 V-6 four-stroke outboard with 205 cid, 3.70" bore x 3.17" stroke, swinging a 15" x 17" three-bladed ss prop through a 2.0:1 reduction.

rpm	SPEED			EFFICIENCY				OPERATION	
	knots	mph	gph	naut. mpg	stat. mpg	n. mi. range	s. mi. range	run angle	sound level
1000	4.0	4.6	0.8	5.0	5.8	504	580	0	64
1500	5.6	6.4	1.5	3.7	4.3	374	430	1	66
2000	6.4	7.4	2.5	2.6	3.0	259	298	3	71
2500	7.6	8.7	4.6	1.6	1.9	166	191	5	74
3000	9.7	11.2	7.4	1.3	1.5	133	153	6	82
3500	18.5	21.3	7.6	2.4	2.8	245	283	6	82
4000	23.8	27.4	9.8	2.4	2.8	245	282	4	84
4500	27.5	31.7	13.2	2.1	2.4	210	242	3	86
5000	32.1	36.9	15.2	2.1	2.4	213	245	3	88
5500	34.9	40.2	17.6	2.0	2.3	200	230	3	88
6000	38.7	44.5	19.4	2.0	2.3	201	231	3	89

Advertised fuel capacity 112 gallons. Range based on 90 percent of that figure. Performance measured with two persons aboard, three-quarters fuel. Sound levels taken at helm, in dB-A.

insulated cooler and two fishboxes. The livewell is located in the jump seat behind the helm. The transom has a large bench that folds away, and there's a pylon for tow toys. Plus, fit and finish is excellent. **WHO WILL FISH IT** Serious anglers with families that love other forms of water play. **OTHER CHOICES** Grady-White's Tournament 225 (\$54,900 with the Yamaha F225) is 8" longer but 6" narrower. It offers similar standards to the Robalo but doesn't have the helm bolster/chair/leaning post. **THE NUMBERS** \$51,475. Contact Robalo Boats, 229/686-7481, www.robalo.com. —**JOHN PAGE WILLIAMS**