

High performance speed and handling provide thrills while traveling between fishing spots.



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**BONEFISH BOATS Hill Tide 22**

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**B**onefish describes the Hill Tide 22 as a model that “blurs the line between a bay boat and a flats boat,” which may be the case, but the only thing blurry from behind the wheel in my case was my peripheral vision at 60+ MPH. Powered with an Evinrude 250 HP engine, the Hill Tide 22 easily pushed past the 60 MPH mark and offered sports car acceleration throughout the throttle range. The



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- LENGTH** .....22'
- BEAM** ..... 8' 7"
- DRAFT** ..... 11"
- DEADRISE** .....12 Degrees
- WEIGHT** ..... 2,200 lbs.
- MAX HP** ..... 300
- FUEL** ..... 44 Gallons
- MSRP** . \$77,000 (w/Suzuki 200, aluminum trailer)

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hull is rated for up to 300 HP but I can't imagine any scenario where you would need it. Fuel economy was also impressive throughout the range including a miserly 10 GPH burn at 40 MPH for 4 MPG.

Ride quality was equally impressive. The single-step bottom walked quietly across a moderate ocean chop and handled wakes from numerous large yachts uneventfully. The carbon fiber/Kevlar/glass construction provided a tight, solid feel; not the slightest rattle.

From a fishability standpoint, the Hill Tide 22 was a standout. Most notable was the amount of deck area and inherent stability in this slightly wider than average design. An 8-foot, 7-inch beam for 22 feet of length gave us the impression of standing on a larger boat and despite the large footprint, this boat was easy to maneuver in tight quarters. While doing battle with a large tarpon on light tackle, the Hill Tide backed and spun effortlessly without the need to over-rev the Evinrude.

The added square footage of deck provides plenty of space beneath it for storage including a large center deck storage compartment forward set between a pair of outboard rod lockers/storage compartments and a forward

20-gallon livewell. Alongside the center well at the step up forward is a recessed pocket step which we each agreed made the quick run to the bow deck while chasing a fish around the boat easier. At the rear casting deck, an additional pair of outboard corner storage compartments flanked a larger, center-located 30-gallon livewell.

The sport center console featured a comfortable forward seat which lifts forward providing access to the console interior for extra storage and systems access. Alongside the console walls to port and starboard were eight vertical rod holders for storage and hand rails which proved necessary at times when I couldn't resist the urge to drop the hammer on the throttle. A classic leaning post seat with a storage seat and four more rod holders was a perfect complement to the clean lines; and as in each Bonefish model we've seen, classy trim and upholstery added just the right amount of style to this serious fishing rig.

The Hill Tide 22 is offered in several helm layouts including traditional T-Top or Hard Top, Mid-Station Riser, and Full Tower with a Second Station. PowerPoles and a trolling motor are also available options.