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➤ EBBTIDE 2320 Z-TRACK

A PORTABLE HEAD adds all-day comfort for boating families.

THE WIND DAM blocks the cockpit from wind in cooler weather.

STOWAWAY FILLER cushions turn the bow seating area into a second sun pad.



Tommy Trabue is the brains behind Ebbtide Boats. His roots are in performance — some from racing and some from being a hard-core bass-boat enthusiast. So all of his recreational boat hulls are tuned to get the most speed and maneuverability from the horsepower on board. When he puts the letter “Z” in a boat’s call numbers, we know what he has in mind.

The 2320 Z-Track we grabbed from the dock on Tennessee’s Percy Priest lake was tugging on the mooring lines. Boarding was easy as we stepped onto the platform and through the hideaway transom walkway. Cushions cover the

walkway in a snap, completing a generous, curved lounge and spacious sun pad. A molded cockpit sole is quick-cleaning and durable. Ebbtide trimmed it nicely with snap-in Berber carpet.

I let the bucket helm seat draw me in. The dash is padded vinyl with “sun brows” for a no-glare peek at instruments. For comfortable driving, the seat slid easily fore and aft, and it swivels for idle conversation.

The forward walkway is wide and easy to step through. Bow seating on the port side is abbreviated to accommodate a changing room with a portable head. Most families will be happy

about that adjustment. On the starboard side, the lounge stretches luxuriously in an ergonomic slant that just may induce napping. When the engine is fired up to maximum rpm, stainless-steel grab rails give perfect grip for secure riding.

At full speed, the boat steps up on its wide strakes, getting on plane quickly and snapping a ski rope taut in a flash. Vented chines help add speed, make for faster planing and aid in carving crisp turns.

The 2320 Z is one model that proves what Tommy knows: People want some excitement with their comfort. — *Randy Vance*

At a Glance

EBBTIDE 2320 Z-TRACK

Hand-built for flawless fit and finish with great performance.



VITAL STATS

■ LENGTH OVERALL: 23'2"
 ■ BEAM: 8'6" ■ DRY WEIGHT: 4,650 LB. ■ FUEL CAPACITY: 70 GAL. ■ MAXIMUM HP: 425 HP
 ■ SEATING/WEIGHT CAPACITY: 13/1,950 LB. ■ NMMA CERTIFIED? YES ■ MSRP: SEE LOCAL DEALER

TEST DRIVE

■ TEST ENGINE: VOLVO PENTA 8.3L DPS ■ TEST PROP: F6 ■ TEST LOAD: PEOPLE (230 LB.), FUEL (20 GAL.) ■ TOP SPEED: 57.3 MPH @ 5,000 RPM ■ TIME TO 30 MPH: 6.9 SEC. ■ TIME TO PLANE: 3.0 SEC. ■ MINIMUM PLANE: 16 MPH @ 2,000 RPM

PROFILE

Recreational HardCore
 Fresh Water Salt Water
 Protected Water Open Water
 Value Premium

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