



TF&G Test Pilot

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Cobia 216CC

MMMM, THOSE SNAPPER ARE TASTY, aren't they? In fact, reef dwellers and rig inhabitants are so fine they create dedicated angling aficionados-guys who need center consoles with enough beef to run through the inlet, integrated tackle, fish box, and livewell systems, and gobs of fuel capacity. If their entire family likes to go on fishing excursions, you can add an enclosed head and comfy seating to this list-a list that Cobia's 216 CC completes.

We ran a 216CC rigged with an F-150 Yamaha four-stroke outboard, brought to the boat ramp by Mt. Houston Marine, and discovered it's not only an open-water capable boat, it's also an efficient one. Fuel prices have you worried? Our test boat got better than four mpg while cruising along in the low-30's, efficiency that any boat in this class will have trouble topping. And since the 216 CC has a 100-gallon fuel tank, that means you will be able to cruise just as far from the inlet as you would like, when you go on the hunt for those snapper.

Okay: you have made it to the wreck, rigged up, and are ready to fish. You can keep plenty of live baits in the 26-gallon livewell under the cushy aft seat, and drop

your rod into any of the gunwale rodholders, or the T-top rocket launchers. You have got a bite. Bring in the fish and stow it on ice in the integrated 50-gallon insulated fish box, or use the big cooler under the leaning post. Ready for a break? Check out the forward cockpit, with comfortable bolsters all around and a low-profile grab rail. And if nature calls, the center console has an enclosed head. In fact, you can opt for either a portable head or a fully plumbed, fixed head with a pump-out system. Either way, you are bound to discover that the 216 CC does the job for this type of fishing-without leaving comfort back at the dock.



COBIA 216CC		
Category:	Center Console	
Length:	21 ft. 6 in.	Beam: 8 ft. 6 in.
Hull:	Deep V-bottom	
Max HP:	225	Draft: 14 in.
Capacity:	8 people/1600-lbs	
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