

BLACKFIN AND THE SWIMSUITS

The three models for Southern Boating's annual swimsuit photo shoot shared the spotlight with three, just as beautiful, Blackfin Boats.

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When it's warm, boating becomes a favorite pastime, and as winter turns to summer, the swimsuits come out of storage for swimming, sunning, and water sports. For those in the far south, such as Florida, the Bahamas, and the Caribbean, it's a year-long happening. To highlight *Southern Boating's* annual swimsuit issue, Blackfin Boats offered up three of its hottest models to show what fun in the sun is all about.

Blackfin was set to debut the 242DC at the 2019 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show last October, but before the world could see the new dual console, *Southern Boating* got the first peek in September when the versatile boat shared the camera lens with three beautiful swimsuit models. Also in the camera's eye were the 272CC and the 332CC.

Blackfin feels the 242DC (27' 5" LOA with engines, 8' 10" beam) is the ideal mix of fishing performance and recreational

luxury. The dual-console design allows easy walk-through access from the stern to the bow with a variety of seating options, including a foldaway transom bench. Everyone on board will enjoy the wet bar with sink, the 35-quart Yeti Tundra cooler, transom shower, and Porta Potti (an electric toilet with holding tank is an option). Anglers have plenty of gunwale- and transom-mounted rod holders, an insulated baitwell, and in-floor fish boxes with macerated pump-outs. A walk-through transom door makes it easy for swimmers or for fisherman reaching to grab the catch. The fiberglass hardtop with powder-coated aluminum framework is equipped with additional rod holders, LED overhead lighting, and spreader lights. With Blackfin's Advanced Carbon Fiber Technology (ACT) hull laminate, Core Rigid Technology (CRT) molded composite stringer grid, and Closed Mold Technology (CMT) fiberglass hatches, the 242 DC is strong enough to reach the fishing grounds or the family beach.



The Blackfin 242DC features a foldaway transom bench, an optional Garmin or Raymarine electronics package, and insulated baitwell.





The 272CC (above) and the 332CC (below) offer a multitude of features to make an enjoyable day out for the fisherman and the family.

The 272CC (29' 5" LOA with engines, 9' 4" beam) is known at Blackfin as a "battlewagon with built-in finesse." It can handle the toughest seas and keep you dry inside. Built with the ACT hull along with the CRT stringer and grid system and CMT hatches, this center console has a fold-down transom seat with flip-up backrest, a 30-gallon see-through baitwell with a cutting board lid, and a patented pantographic head door that opens with minimal interference for the walkway. The hardtop has a tempered glass windshield with wiper and power-actuated vents, and the helm area with entertainment center incorporates helm seats with flip-up bolsters, a pull-out (and removable) 45-quart Yeti Tundra cooler, freshwater sink, bait prep station, slide-out tackle/utility boxes, and a Fusion Apollo Series stereo with JL speakers. There are plenty of rod holders, storage areas, and seating. Whether fishing or entertaining, the 272CC provides a secure and comfortable ride.

Winner of the 2019 Miami International Boat Show Innovation Award, the 332CC (35' 10" LOA with engines, 10' 6" beam) offers "one of the smoothest rides in its class." It is ideal for the dedicated fisherman, yet offers comfort and space for family and friends. The tackle station/entertainment center is extra wide for rigging or setting up cocktails, and the two Yeti coolers give

both lots of options. Two in-floor fish boxes with macerated pump-outs offer plenty of room to keep your latest catch, and there are lockable rod storage compartments under the port and starboard combings. Add to that two insulated baitwells (35 and 20 gallons), raw and freshwater wash down faucets, rod holders everywhere, plenty of storage, and the optional Garmin, FLIR, or Raymarine electronic packages, and fishing is serious business. On the other hand, a walk-through transom and side dive door offer easy access for water sports, and the bow seating arrangement includes a large sunpad for relaxing while cruising. The 332CC can accommodate 900 horsepower through twin outboards and is built with the same technology as the other Blackfins. The 332CC's stepped hull improves performance and fuel efficiency.

Every Blackfin Boat is designed by fishermen, but becomes the perfect recreation vessel for snorkeling, diving, and family fun, even swimsuit models. blackfinboats.com

