



ON THE WATER

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CAROLINA SKIFF

JVX SPORTSMAN SERIES SKIFFS

With gas prices through the proverbial roof, keeping it simple and basic makes a lot of sense and can save you a lot of “cents” in the process. Carolina Skiff’s JVX Sportsman’s Series of very affordable bay and coastal skiffs are going to be the right boat for a lot of folks who want to get back to basics with a basic no-frills seaworthy boat to bend the rods in the back bays, inlets or off the beach.

FAMILY APPROACH

The JVX Sportsman Series of fishing boats is based on the JV Sportsman’s running bottom, which starts off with a modified shallow Vee design. However, the JVX Sportsman hull design takes it one step further by featuring a wider beam with higher gunwale sides than the JV Sportsman, and the ride is soft and dry with easy handling. The modified-vee hull delivers excellent maneuverability at both trolling and planing speeds and will appeal to both shallow water and coastal fishermen.

The JVX Sportsman Series is similar to all the other Carolina Skiff center consoles in this lineup in that it features identical 78-inch wide hull with 19 inches of internal cock-

pit freeboard. The primary difference between these boats is the overall length (and weight, which is 15 feet, 10 inches for the JVX16CC, 17 feet, 9 inches for the JVX18CC, and an even 20 feet for the JVX20CC. Translated, all three compact hulls should be easily trailerable by the family vehicle, even loaded up with a full tank of fuel.

All three of these open skiff center console layout models also share a similar standard features list, which includes a livewell mounted in the raised aft casting deck, bow and stern eyes, a 12-Volt trolling motor plug, a quartet of 6-inch black nylon cleats, standard 18-gallon fuel tank (optional 27-gallon tank available), a bilge pump; bow and stern lights, console cushion set, console grab rail, a control lever with wiring harness for your outboard of choice, a flip-flop cooler seat, low-profile stainless steel side rails, engine instrument panel, remote steering system, stainless steel steering wheel and a windshield.

CASTABILITY & TRAVEL

Both the forward and aft raised casting deck platforms feature an effective non-skid sole design for sure footing when drifting and casting in a chop. The JVX16CC is offered with a medium sized center console command station, whereas the JVX18CC and JVX20CC are built with a large console for more potential stowage down below. If you go for the Bimini top option, you can choose from four available colors, specifically black, navy, red or teal.

The base MSRP for the JVX-18 Center Console is \$9,600 and the larger JVX-20 CC is \$10,458. If you are looking for something simple just like this, but don’t prefer the center console configuration for whatever reasons, Carolina Skiff also offers

JVX Sportsman’s Series boats in slightly different flavors, with a pair of dual console layouts (18 and 20 footers), a trio of single side console craft (16, 18 and 20 footers), plus three unique “stick steering” models (16, 18 and 20). These JVX Sportsman Series skiffs are both durable and affordable and it’s nice to know that you’re traveling to and from the fishing grounds in a virtually unsinkable boat.

Considering the current status of marine fuel prices and the economy, these Carolina Skiffs are the right boat at the right time. For more information, call 800-422-7282, or visit www.carolinaskiff.com.



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SPECIFICATIONS

	JVX16CC	VX18CC	JVX20CC
Length	15 feet, 10 inches	17 feet, 9 inches	20 feet
Beam	78 inches	78 inches	78 inches
Weight	650 pounds	750 pounds	850 pounds
Draft	4 to 8 inches	4 to 8 inches	4 to 8 inches
Gunwale Height	19 inches	19 inches	19 inches
Max Horsepower	60-HP	75-HP	90-HP