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CRYSTAL RIVER, FL (July 23, 2007) – By designing its new 26 Express and 26 XP, Pro-Line Boats took a good thing and made it better. Working with the same concept as its popular 23 Express and 23 XP models (both introduced in 2007), Pro-Line extended the overall lengths, included a generous array of standard features and created two serious fish boats graced with comfort and security.

“The newest member of our Express family follows in the footsteps of its smaller brother,” said Pro-Line General Manager John E. Walker. “Our customers loved the 23 Express, but some told us that they wanted a little longer boat. The 26 Express is for people who want a cabin boat with a bit more cockpit and bow space.”

The same tempered glass windshield and optional hard top frame on the 23-foot model carries over into the 26. Other standard features include an integrated dive platform with ladder, drink holders and bow handrail. Pair the folding rear bench seat (standard) with an optional aft-facing helm bench seat and the cockpit comfortably seats six adults.

Also, boaters will find the 26 Express well-equipped with plenty of fishing-friendly features including a lighted 20-gallon corner baitwell, rod holders, horizontal rod racks, hydraulic steering, tackle storage, twin 37-gallon fish boxes, and raw water washdown. Serious anglers may choose to dress up their 26 Express with an optional Bimini or ITS hard top, remote spot light, spreader lights, outriggers, and windlass with rope and chain.

“We took all of the features that everyone loved in the 23 Express and expanded on them,” said Pro-Line General Manager John E. Walker. “Most of the additional space is in the cockpit, but this boat also has a very open cabin that’s nearly six feet tall.”

The 26 Express cabin features a freshwater sink, galley with butane stove, table with filler cushion, head (Porta-Potti) and choice of interior design. Comfort upgrades such as air conditioner and AM/FM/CD stereo system, along with electronics packages are also available.

Ideal for running offshore to troll for kingfish, tuna, dolphin and wahoo or anchoring on your favorite reef to bottom fish for grouper and snapper, the 26 Express provides optimal stability and functionality. For any pursuit, Pro-Line’s superior design and dependable construction ensure a safe, comfortable ride.

“We created this boat for the people who loved the 23 and found it was a little too small and the 29 was too big,” Walker said. “We put the 26 right in the middle and it’s going to fit perfectly.”

Pro-Line's 26 XP, a pilot style boat built on the same hull design as the 26 Express, is like a floating fortress that shields boaters from wind, rain and scorching heat with a solid 3-sided helm enclosure. Here again, a size increase improved a popular design.

"The 23 XP was extremely popular, but some people wanted a little more space and fishability," Walker said. "We also had a lot of requests for a twin-engine pilot boat.

"The 26 XP can let you go out in conditions that you may not feel comfortable confronting in a 23-foot boat. When you go farther out, you have a tendency to encounter challenging weather, but the 26 XP gives you the comfort of knowing that you'll make it back safely."

A popular choice for serious fishermen spending long hours on the water, or the family boater concerned with comfort, Pro-Line's 26 XP complements its protection with a full array of fishing features such as twin 37-gallon fish boxes, tackle storage, 20-gallon lighted corner baitwell with raw water washdown, and a stainless steel bow handrail that allows you to fight a fish all the way around the boat.

Other standard features include a head (Porta-Potti), two pairs of rod holders, eight horizontal rod racks, generous tackle storage, tempered glass windshield, trim tabs, transom door and an integrated dive platform with ladder. The roomy, lighted cabin includes a freshwater sink, table with filler cushion and galley with butane stove.

Originally designed for the northeast, northwest and Great Lakes regions, Pro-Line's Pilot series also serves boaters in southern climates, particularly when accented with the optional cabin air conditioning system. Other options: cockpit lights, aft curtain, remote spotlight, spreader light, helm bench seat with storage and electronics.

All Pro-Line Express and XP boats offer spacious cockpits, non-skid decking, ergonomically designed helm stations and plenty of comfortable seating that lets boaters enjoy the journey as much as the destination. Built to handle rough conditions with absolutely no sacrifice in angling performance, Pro-Line Express and XP models also provide luxurious comfort for family boating days.

Based in Crystal River, Fla., and owned by American Marine Holdings, Pro-Line Boats tops the industry in quality, dependability and customer satisfaction. A National Marine Manufacturers Association-Certified Boat Builder, Pro-Line is a 6-time recipient of NMMA's prestigious Award for Excellence in Customer Satisfaction.

With a 32-point inspection process, Pro-Line boats are built to exceed NMMA, U.S. Coast Guard and European CE standards. A 10-year transferable hull warranty comes standard on every Pro-Line boat.