

# BERTRAMS WIN AGAIN—1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> MIAMI-NASSAU RACES!



Bertram 21 Sport Fisherman heads out to sea at 30 knots.

## THE BOAT THE EXPERTS ARE BUYING!

**ONLY BERTRAM GIVES YOU THE SEAKEEPING QUALITIES**

**OF DISPLACEMENT HULLS, THE SPEED OF PLANING HULLS, PLUS OTHER TOTALLY NEW ADVANTAGES NOT AVAILABLE IN ANY OTHER BOAT ON THE MARKET TODAY!**

From Canada to Panama, from the English Channel to the Mediterranean, in Hawaii and Tahiti, a new breed of boat is heading to sea. Her proud owners enjoy performance, comfort, security, and versatility they never dreamed was possible in any boat!

This boat is the Bertram, hailed as the greatest design breakthrough of modern times.

News of the revolutionary Bertram hull hit the boating world like a bombshell following her sensational victory in the 1980 Miami-Nassau Powerboat Race, where she set a new course record in the roughest weather in which the event had ever been held. Consecutive victories in the 1981 Miami-Nassau Race, the Royal Long Island Marathon, and the London Daily Express

Offshore Powerboat Race confirmed the fact that a new breed of boat had indeed been born.

Knowledgeable amateur and experienced professional boaters tried the Bertram and bought the Bertram because for the first time they found in one boat every factor of importance by which one boat is chosen over another: exceptional seakeeping ability, new comfort, dryness, superb maneuverability, quality of construction, and distinctive, functional styling. Now manufactured in boating's most practical, durable material—high-impact fiberglass—four models of the Bertram 21 and two of the Bertram 25 bring you performance and construction advances unmatched by any other boat on the market today.

# Bertram — greatest design breakthrough of our time — gives you

## ADVANCED PERFORMANCE

**SOFT-RIDING FULL-LENGTH V-HULL.** The Bertram has no flat planing section aft to smack the water with bone-jarring ribs. Rather, the entire hull rises evenly, reducing wetted surface and drag as shown by the flat water and absence of rooster tail astern. She achieves speeds never before possible for a manly hull. The V shape cuts more easily through seas, giving a ride so much softer and smoother it constantly amazes knowledgeable boatmen.

**LEVEL CRUISING ATTITUDE.** The Bertram achieves her fast, smooth ride by rising evenly to plane. Lift is exerted along the entire hull length, rather than restricted to a flat section aft. Thus, she stays relatively level while planing (her bow rises less than 4°), and when the thrusters are suddenly cut, she will not toss and glow.

**HOLDS COURSE IN STEEP FOLLOWING SEA.** In a following sea, the ultimate test of any boat, waves catch under the broad, flat stern section of a conventional hull, pitching the boat forward and causing her narrow entry to act as a forward rudder. She will yaw, or may broach all the way about in a following sea. The Bertram V-hull, with no flat stern section of narrow entry, is so symmetrically balanced fore and aft that she does not yaw, does not broach. Have your Bertram dealer demonstrate the boat before a steep following sea, or running a lead inlet.

**NEW LIFT STRAKES.** Longitudinal underwater strakes sweeping from the bow set horizontally as steps to help lift the boat to plane, and vertically as bilge keels to stabilize roll.

**EXCEPTIONAL DRYNESS.** Strakes act as multiple spray strips, throwing spray out low and flat to keep wind from blowing it back on board. Take a demonstration ride in a Bertram when the going is dusty and see for yourself.

**NEW MANEUVERABILITY.** At low speeds, such as when fighting a fish, the Bertram responds instantly. Changes are above water when they cannot dig in to inhibit turning. Twin racing-type rudders give positive control. At high speeds, most boats have to be put into a turn with care. Not so the Bertram. Put the helm hard over at full throttle. She banks crisply inward in perfect equilibrium so that passengers are not thrown off balance. Her outside chine rises clear of the water so that she will not trip, while her V hull and vertical strake surfaces stop side-slips.

**MINIMIZED ROLL.** Rolling is dampened three ways: (1) longitudinal strakes act as bilge keels, (2) hull sits proportionately deeper where it is less disturbed by surface waves, (3) the V sections develop a strong righting action.

## PREMIUM CONSTRUCTION

**BUILT UP TO A STANDARD, NOT DOWN TO A PRICE.** The Bertram Yacht Company rejects planned obsolescence and styling changes for the sake of change alone. But refinements are continually made to improve performance and comfort, and to reduce maintenance. You always buy the new model when you buy Bertram!

- Deckboards, cabinet work, cushions, coaming, and decks are all finished in either teak, vinyl, or fiberglass gelcoat, giving a long-lasting finish, simplifying maintenance, and reducing cleaning to wiping down with a damp cloth.
- Molded fiberglass fuel tanks contain no welds, rivets, or solder joints to leak, will not corrode, rust, or shale, last a lifetime. Unlike metal, fiberglass is an insulator, thus the problem of water condensing in fuel tanks due to temperature changes is greatly reduced.
- Large fuel filler pipes and vents reduce back pressure, permit rapid filling from fuel pumps.
- Engines, tanks, fuel lines, all fittings are bonded to a common electrical ground to prevent electrolysis and to ground static electricity.
- Nonstick vinyl headliner for cabins reflects sound, is mildew and moisture resistant, cleans easily with a damp cloth.
- Molded fiberglass engine hatches may be completely removed.
- Circuit breakers replace old-fashioned fuse boxes on Bertram 31's.
- Teal and color-coded wiring for easy identification.
- Rubber-mounted engines, sound insulation for reduced noise.
- Molded fiberglass forward hatches.
- Heavy-duty woodless aluminum rub rails act as bumpers, withstand shocks that would leave wood rails in splinters.
- More controls for positive and reliable engine operation.
- All components impacted just once, not twice, but five times to ensure greatest possible quality control.

Whether you buy a Bertram for family fun in sheltered waters, or for offshore cruising and fishing, she will give you deep satisfaction in her performance and comfort, and justifiable pride in her exceptional quality and appearance. See your nearest Bertram dealer, or write us for color brochure and for the name of your nearest dealer today. Address Department Y-6, Bertram Yacht Company, 5503 N. W. 37th Avenue, Miami, Florida. Phone NE 3-8111.



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