



# When you want to know which boats hold together and which ones fall apart, ask the guys in the boondocks.

That white blob in the middle of the Dominican jungle is a Bertram.

It's not unique. Just one of the Bertrams you might stumble across in a hundred outposts from Moorea to the Congo, from the icefloes off Alaska to blistering oil ports in Arabia.

Out where help is a couple of horrid miles away, a boat has to work. Day in, Day out. That's why the Bertrams are there. But not many of the prima donnas that press for boats in the U.S.

The Bertram in the photo usually chases gamefish in the reefs between Saona and Boca de Yuma. But this day its job was to chug up the mucky Chavon to a fishing camp sixty miles



from Santo Domingo. Which is still 180 miles from anything like your boatyard back home. No place for paper tigers.

It's a Bertram 31. Much like the first one we turned out eleven years and a thousand 31's ago. And it's still back-ordered.

One of the reasons is the staggering cockpit space. You can mount a huge bait box, put in two fighting chairs, and still have room for a mate to race around without bowling you over.

Another reason is pure beauty. There's no port in the world where even the most primitive won't admire her sleek silhouette.

But the big reason is they work. The meaty deep-V fiberglass hull soaks up shock. The wiring is very heavy-duty immaculately fast-tapped every eight inches so nothing snags. The hardware is husky. And bolted so solidly that one Bertram, caught dockside in a tornado, ripped a 16 foot piling it was tied to right out of Biscayne Bay. The deck held. The piling couldn't.

And even if something goes wrong with the engines, you can't find engines easier to get at than on our 31.

Every Bertram, from 25' to 45', is built extraordinarily tough but oh-so-gentle riding. Some men are willing to pay 7000-mile freight bills just to own one.



Think about that when you're trying to decide which boat will run better and last longer and cost you less to own.

It's a Bertram.

The proof? Out in the boondocks, where men don't eat if the boats don't work, Bertram is bigger than anyone.

Go see a Bertram dealer. You won't have to search the boondocks to find one.

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