



CLEAN CUT CLASSIC

Boat tester Dave Lewis flies to the Channel Islands to test the Atlantis 20, a high-spec 20ft multi-functional boat that can raid the offshore marks in suitable weather

BUILT IN THE Channel Islands by Guernsey-based Atlantis Marine, the original design criteria for the Atlantis 20 was, in the manufacturers' own words, to produce a high strength, multi-functional craft with clean cut functionality at a competitive price.

Having tested the 20 in the swift-flowing waters that surge through the reefs and rock outcrops that abound around the Channel Islands, I'd say that Atlantis Marine has surpassed its original goal.

The hull design is a classic deep-V with reverse chines, providing a smooth, dry ride through the short choppy seas that are encountered around the British Isles.

Freeboard height is perfect – waist height on an average adult. This, combined with a full height transom, makes for an especially safe fishing cockpit. This is all the more noteworthy when you consider, as I will later discuss, that this boat is absolutely perfect for setting off on long-range, high-speed sorties to fish distant marks.

As you will have seen, the Atlantis 20 I got to try is a centre console design that features an especially large amount of deck space; an open cabin version is also available. The amount of deck space is especially notable forward, where it is possible to stand right into the bow and fish or work the anchor – another great safety/comfort feature. The anchoring arrangement is perfect, with a sizeable stowage hatch to swallow both the ground tackle and extra-bulky items of equipment such as fenders.

The console design is superb, and features a seat at the forward edge along with ample stowage space within. It is plenty big enough to install a full set of marine electronics, and the test boat featured a smart canvas Bimini top that incorporated four useful rod holders, which is just one ►