



# CAPTIVATING NEW CROWD-PLEASER

**PREMIER'S NEW 275 INTRIGUE PTX  
IS AN APPEALING MIX OF LUXURY,  
PERFORMANCE AND SMART LOOKS**



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Minnesota-based pontoon builder Premier Marine Inc. is known for building a high-end product, and it has had so much success with its larger, top-of-the-line boats that it decided to kick off 2007 with a brand-new line of top-shelf luxury 'toons. The Premier 275 Intrigue PTX is one of those boats, and we can vouch for this boat's refined attitude and powerful performance.

There are four boats in the Intrigue line

ranging from 23 to 31 feet in length. All come standard with an 8-foot, 6-inch beam, or you can go with an optional 10-foot beam on any one of the models, which was the case with our test boat. Each comes with stout 27-inch diameter, .090-gauge aluminum outboard tubes, and the optional PTX performance package with a 36-inch U-shaped center tube is available for those who desire more capacity for passengers and power.

Premier uses a number of design fea-

**PERFORMANCE**  
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# » PREMIER 275 INTRIGUE PTX



## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Length</b>	27 ft., 8 in.
<b>Beam</b>	8 ft., 6 in. (10 ft. optional)
<b>Capacity</b>	19 people
<b>Dry weight</b>	3,100 lbs.
<b>Fuel capacity</b>	53 gals. (PTX)
<b>Maximum power</b>	300 hp
<b>Tubes</b>	PTX

at the forward end of the helm to starboard.

In the cockpit area there's a large L-shaped lounge to port with a brushed champagne table (there's another one of these tables between the port Flexsteel recliners). Aft of that is a large raised sunpad with a pop-up changing room with a vanity convenience center that includes a mirror, light and towel holders.

At the rear to starboard there is a large passage space as well as a rear-entry gate and a boarding ladder. This space will work great for staging watersports and also gives you plenty of room for one of Premier's optional galley packages, which range from a full-on bar complete with stools to a simple affair with counter space and a cooler. Above it all you get a standard 13-foot Bimini to provide shade when the harsh midday sun becomes too much.

▶ We're used to seeing Flexsteel chairs on pontoon boats, and in this case you get a trio of redesigned Flexsteel 10-Star seats, one for the captain and a pair over on the port side, which really enhances comfort for a couple of your passengers. This boat also had couches built by Flexsteel Industries that have steel innerspring seat bases and backrests for long-lasting comfort. All the seats feature rotocast construction and storage under the seats.

Thanks to the 10-foot-wide beam on our boat and a standard filler seat for the bow gate area we had an enormous wrap-around lounge area that started at the forward port quarter, wrapped along the bow and ended

tures to separate the 275 and other Intrigue models from the rest of the pack. The most noticeable feature inside any pontoon is the furniture, and Premier uses what it calls a Sultan soft-touch vinyl, which is exclusive to the Intrigue. The vinyl is soft and supple while still being able to endure the harsh elements of the marine environment.

Another area where the Intrigue pontoons stand out is the helm. The Intrigues are the only models available with Premier's brand-new optional Imperial Helms. The Imperial Helm features a built-in refrigerator in the forward end of the helm — it is powered by two batteries, and a built-in charger is included. A large and deep covered sink with a pressurized faucet is built into the forward end of the helm, and just outboard of that is a flip-over granite cupholder/paper towel holder.

The Kenwood stereo is tucked in behind a door on the inboard side of the helm, which gives passengers quick and easy access to the tunes — there's a remote for the driver to port of the wheel. Also remember that Premier uses directional speaker mounts, which are exclusive to Premier and project the sound up into the passenger areas.

On the starboard side of the steering wheel there's a standard flush-mount Lowrance X-52 depth/fish finder — 332C with color GPS is an upgrade option. The dash panel and wheel feature brushed champagne accents, and the four-spoke wheel features tilt operation and hydraulic SeaStar steering. The captain gets a fully redesigned Flexsteel 10-Star helm chair, which is set on Premier's 6-inch Command View riser for an improved view. The Command View riser is actually integrated into the build of the Imperial Helm and features LED courtesy lights around the base.

Another brand-new upscale touch for 2007, this time one that helps set all Premier pontoons apart from the pack, is the optional hammered powder-coated rails. The hammered finish on the rails helps create a warm, earthy look and feel that goes well with Premier's black graphics.

## PERFORMANCE

While the standard setup includes a pair of 27-inch-diameter tubes, our test boat was equipped with Premier's optional PTX performance package. The centerpiece of the PTX package is a 36-inch-



wide U-shaped center tube with a 12-inch flat surface to enhance lift. The center tube also creates room for a 53-gallon fuel cell, which improves balance and enhances range. Up forward, the center tube allows Premier to build in a 7-foot ski locker for all your water toys.

In addition to the center tube, the outboard tubes receive lifting strakes to further enhance lift. The end result is increased capacity for power and passengers thanks to the additional buoyancy the center tube brings, as well as increased lift and performance.

Our 275 Intrigue was equipped with a 250 hp Yamaha F250 four-stroke outboard spinning a 17-pitch three-blade stainless steel propeller — the maximum for this boat (with the PTX package) is 300 hp, and a stern drive setup is also an option. We opened the throttle wide for top speed and were rewarded with a peak of 40.1 mph, not too shabby for a big pontoon like this. Acceleration was crisp with a 0-to-30-mph time of 4.5 seconds, and the 53-gallon tank will net you a 19 mph cruising range of just over 180 miles. Quietness also counts on a ride like this, and we were more than pleased with our 67 dBA reading at cruising speed and our 82 dBA reading at full speed (anything under 85 dBA at full speed

is great).

The conditions for our test were calm and smooth, and the ride was pure silk. The nearly 28-foot boat was agile in the corners thanks to the PTX setup, and the standard SeaStar hydraulic steering was certainly appreciated by our test crew.

## OVERALL

We're always glad when a builder goes in a direction that gives boaters what they want. Premier focuses on the upper end of the pontoon boat market, so you can be sure that when it comes out with a new product like the 275 Intrigue, it strongly believes that is what boaters are asking for. In this case it's a brand-new high-end pontoon that is heavy on luxury, style and performance.

As you would expect, the price tag of this boat matches its upscale posture. With our 250 hp four-stroke Yamaha test motor you're looking at a base price of \$56,833, which is reasonable considering the size, power and amenities of this pontoon.

And if nearly 28 feet long and 10 feet wide is more pontoon than you want, you can get all the style and top-shelf attitude with the smaller Intrigue models, with or without the PTX performance package. Or, if it's more you want, there's a 31-foot version that will really expand your horizons. **GO**

## PERFORMANCE & PRICING PREMIER 275 INTRIGUE PTX

### PERFORMANCE

	MPH	RPM	MPG	RANGE	DBA
PEAK	40.1	6,000	1.85	88	82
CRUISE	19.3	3,000	3.78	181	67
0-30 MPH ACCELERATION	4.5 seconds				

Fuel consumption measured with FloScan digital fuel-flow meter; range based on 90% of total fuel capacity

### TEST POWER

MOTOR	250 hp Yamaha F250 four-stroke
PROP	17-pitch 3-blade stainless steel Salt Water

WOT RANGE 5,000-6,000 rpm

Craft available with outboards ranging from 150 hp to 300 hp from most manufacturers

### LOAD

	PEOPLE	FUEL (GALS./LBS.)	MISC.
TEST	2	27/169	15 lbs.
TYPICAL	9-11	53/332	180 lbs.

### BASE PRICE

WITH TEST POWER \$56,833\*

\*Price can vary depending on options and location — price does not include trailer or freight

### FINANCING

\$477/month for 15 years\*

\*Assuming a final price of \$59,000 with a 10% down payment and a fixed interest rate of 7.0% — does not include sales tax

### FIVE NOTABLE OPTIONS

PTX triple-tube performance package, 10-foot-wide deck, double Bimini top, day enclosure, rear galley

### FIVE NOTABLE STANDARDS

Imperial Helm w/refrigerator, Sultan soft-touch vinyl, Flexsteel furniture, 27-inch tubes, Berber carpet

### BUILDER

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