

Kayot Z211

Brief Summary

A perfect entry-level boat for the whole family that is easy to handle and maneuvers well. She's a sportboat designed for a full day of activities.

Price

Base Price

Prices, features, designs, and equipment are subject to change. Please see your local dealer or visit the builder's website for the latest information available on this boat model.

Key Features

- Delivers a fast ride and is quick to plane
- Delivered tight turns
- Easily trailable boat
- Good layout with lots of seating
- Large ski locker and other storage
- Bow filler cushions
- Equipped with a porta-potti
- Good access to the engine

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	3.8	3.3	0.9	4.22	3.67	190	165	71
1000	5.6	4.9	1.3	4.31	3.75	194	169	71
1500	7.5	6.5	2.4	3.17	2.76	143	124	73
2000	9.4	8.1	4.7	1.99	1.73	90	78	77
2500	19.5	16.9	6.1	3.19	2.77	143	125	82

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
3000	26.7	23.2	7.4	3.63	3.16	163	142	82
3500	32.4	28.1	9.5	3.41	2.96	153	133	88
4000	39.6	34.4	13.2	3.01	2.62	136	118	89
4500	46.3	40.2	16.8	2.75	2.39	124	108	93
5000	50.1	43.6	21.3	2.35	2.05	106	92	97

[View the test results in metric units](#)

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Specifications

Length Overall	21' 1"
BEAM	8' 6"
Dry Weight	3,740 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	17"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	21 deg.

Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	4' 6"
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	50 gal.
Water Capacity	none
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	
Aft Deck	
Salon Inside Width	
Salon Fore & Aft	
Salon Height	
Salon Volume	
Galley Volume	
Master SR Width	

Master SR fore & Aft	
Master SR Overhead	
Master SR Volume	
Eng. Room Volume	

Acceleration Times & Conditions

Time to Plane	3.3 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	2.0:1
Props	22P
Load	2 persons, full fuel, no water, min. gear
Climate	66 deg., 35% humid., wind: 5 knots; seas: calm

Harris Kayot is known for their quality pontoon and deck boats. In 2003, they are introducing a new line of deep-V bottom sport boats. Having recently acquired several models of hull molds from another well-known manufacturer, Harris Kayot is off to a good start with these stylish runabouts. Recently, I had the opportunity to evaluate the Z211 and here is what I found.

Geared towards the active family seeking an all-day cruising machine. The Z211 is a fun, easy to drive boat and at only 21 feet, this bowrider has a rated capacity of up to 10 people. Now that might be a little excessive, but with wrap-around seating up front, two-bucket seats at the helm and a large, wrap-around settee at the rear, no matter how many friends and family you decide to bring with you, it's guaranteed that they will all have a comfortable place to sit. Seating comfort is one of the Z211's strong points. I found all the cushions to be supple and most are removable to conceal ample storage beneath. All this storage is great

should you decide to take weekend trips or overnight adventures.

Up front, the seating space is not as large as some other bowriders in this class, but still provides room for two or three adults to enjoy the ride. A filler cushion can be installed to convert the bow area into a sun lounge. It is a good thing too, because the engine hatch sun pad is very small and does not have enough room to stretch out and sunbath. Nonetheless, the bow area has a wrap-around, stainless steel grab rail for security and an anchor locker for convenience. The use of pop-up cleats is another smart idea that guest will appreciate up front at the bow.

Transitioning aft from the bow, you'll find a small cabin on the port side, just below the tempered glass windshield. This cabin is equipped with a porta-potti and a small window for ventilation. When nature calls, large adults won't fit inside the cabin, but children and small adults will find the cabin space useful. Directly across from the cabin, on the starboard side, is a deep storage cabinet that houses the bow's filler cushions and other large items.

Up at the helm, the captain is treated to a super simple, three-tier dash. A large speedo and tach are at the top tier, and engine instrumentation is located on the second tier. Switches, stereo remote and a tilt steering column fill the bottom tier. The dash panels are available with a choice of faux finishes like wood, or in our case, engine turned titanium. Both are stylish, contemporary and are joined by a matching steering wheel. The captains' chair, as well as the companion seat, are fully adjustable fore and aft and, in addition, offer 180 degrees of swivel. Both seats also have flip-up bolsters should you need them for maneuvering. The cockpit is well laid out for a 21-footer. The large, u-shaped aft seating has hinged, flip-up cushions on the port and starboard sides. Below, you'll find plenty of storage and a removable, insulated cooler. The aft bench seat is integrated with the engine hatch sun pad, and can be raised with the touch of a button. An electric ram powers the hatch, and when fully opened, reveals even more storage space. Adjacent to the engine are two massive storage compartments. These compartments also provide good access to the engine should you need to perform work beyond basic maintenance. Finally, in the sole of the cockpit is a large, carpet lined, ski locker to store all sorts of water toys.

Back at the stern, you'll find the molded swim platform is a bit narrow, but is fully functional with a transom shower and one of the best swim ladders I've found on any boat.

Underway, I found the Z211 performed well. Acceleration and top end speed was typical for a boat of this size powered by a MerCruiser 350 Mag MPI and Bravo 3 drive. The dual, counter-rotating propellers of the Bravo 3 makes backing into any slip a breeze. Even under extreme backing maneuvers, the Z211 was very forgiving with just a little water over the transom. During our slalom tests, the Z211 carved super tight turns with confidence, no matter what the speed. Unfortunately, one side effect was cavitation, either induced from the drive or from the hull. The other characteristic I did not like was the noise level. This little runabout is noisy, and sounds like a truck at speeds above cruise. When I mentioned this to the folks over at Harris Kayot they explained that they are always trying to reduce dB levels in their products. This was evident from the noise suppression materials installed on our test boat, although not enough, they are moving in the right direction.

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