

Yamaha SR 230

Brief Summary

The SR 230 is a day boat with an incredible amount of seating for a 23-footer. With her dual engine design she's able to maximize performance and deliver a thrilling ride.

Price

Base Price \$26999.00

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

- JVC Radio with CD Player
- Seating for up to ten
- Swim Platform
- Trailer
- Full Instrumentation
- Sound Suppression System
- Walk-thru Transom

Test Results

| RPM | MPH | Knots | GPH | MPG | NMPG | STAT. MILE | NM | dBa |
|------|-----|-------|-----|------|------|------------|-----|-----|
| 2000 | 3.4 | 3 | 1.2 | 2.88 | 2.51 | 141.7 | N/A | N/A |
| 3000 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 2 | 2.75 | 2.39 | 137.5 | N/A | N/A |
| 4000 | 6.9 | 6 | 2.8 | 2.46 | 2.14 | 123.2 | N/A | N/A |
| 5000 | 7.9 | 6.9 | 3.8 | 2.08 | 1.81 | 104 | N/A | N/A |
| 5500 | 9.2 | 8 | 5 | 1.84 | 1.6 | 92 | N/A | N/A |

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| Air Draft | |
| Deadrise/Transom | 20 deg. |
| Max Headroom | open |
| Bridge Clearance | N/A |
| 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 | |

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| Galley Volume | |
| Master SR Width | |
| Master SR fore & Aft | |
| Master SR Overhead | |
| Master SR Volume | |
| Eng. Room Volume | |

Acceleration Times & Conditions

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| Time to Plane | 3.0 Seconds |
| 0 to 20 | |
| Ratio | 11.4:1 |
| Props | 2x3-Blade, Stainless Steel (17 pitch) |
| Load | 3 persons, 3/4 fuel, minimal gear |
| Climate | 72 degrees, 39% humidity, 8kts. wind, Seas Calm |

Tested by Capt. Brandon De Natale

At the 2003 Miami Boat Show, Yamaha was awarded the National Marine Manufacturers Association Innovation Award for the new SR230 sport boat. I concur with the judges that this is a top selection in the runabout category.

The Design

The feature that caught my attention first was the stern design. I had read the literature on the boat before I headed out to test it, but after testing several runabouts with walk-through transoms the question arose...? Why didn't anyone else come up with this before? It's like having a floating patio that the whole family can

enjoy without giving up the stylish lines of a sportboat.

Yamaha says that this is a family sportboat and I agree. Not only is there loads of seating and accommodations for family and friends but the stern platform is the perfect place for families to socialize together. There are backrests all the way around and the dinette table can be used with either the longer mounting post for the cockpit or the shorter one for the swim platform.

It's the perfect setting for lounging around while at anchor and brings a new dimension to the way families spend their time on the water. And parents will also like the carefree environment that the jet propulsion system provides. There is no need to worry about the propeller. It's all enclosed and out of reach.

The hull itself features a deep-V, multi-chine hull with 20-degrees of deadrise. This formula adds up to a comfortable ride in almost any sea condition. The hull features a fiberglass liner, which is constructed separately and combines the floor, stringer, and engine mounts. This along with injected foam and the use of both mechanical fasteners and polyurethane adds up to a structure with unbelievable strength and rigidity.

Engine

One of the most intriguing advancements on any boat that I have seen recently is the new MR-1 marine engine by Yamaha. This is a four-stroke inboard engine that is compact, lightweight and packs 140 horsepower. The SR230 packs two of these powerhouses into here belly for unsurpassed performance. Even with the dual engines the entire boat only weighs in at 2,900 pounds. Team that up with Yamaha's twin 155mm Hyper-Flow jet pump propulsion system and you have plenty of power for towing or just cruising around.

Another feature that I particularly liked especially if your planning on running the boat in saltwater is the built-in flush system. Simply attach a hose to the fitting and then run the hose and the engine to clean out all the unwanted saltwater in the system. This will help keep your engines in top condition for years to come. For convenience there are two jet pump clean-out plugs that are located on the stern. These allow you to easily clean the inlet cavity of the pumps ensuring there isn't any debris to clog things up.

Another thing I noticed while running this boat was that there was an absence of gas fumes. Even at idle in calm conditions I never noticed any fumes. This is because these engines are quiet, clean and efficient. It is also one of the reasons that the SR230 has exceeded the Federal EPA 2006 emission requirements.

Features

From the comfortable helm seats to the luxury of having fifteen storage compartments, you'll find loads of features aboard this boat. The abundance of drink holders and handles for holding on while underway give the driver and the passenger a feeling of comfort. Yamaha has also included a fire extinguisher and automatic bilge pump that turns on when water is present. The dashboard is well laid out and doesn't look cluttered like other boats and the tilt steering wheel is a feature that gets used more than others. Even the sound system is top of the line and comes with a remote control built into the helm station for easy operation. It is really a very complete package that is ready for use from day one. Yamaha has really done a

great job of making the SR230 one of the most complete sport boats packages on the market.

Test

The biggest thing I noticed while driving the SR230 was that the twin four-stroke jet propulsion system made a big difference in performance. The boat practically leapt out of the water and onto plane. There is plenty of pull for any water enthusiast, and handling was great at all speeds. While driving this boat I always felt in control, even while turning at full throttle. Altogether I think this is a well-rounded boat, and at an MSRP of \$26,999 you get a lot of boat with some very innovative features, which the whole family will enjoy.