

Sun Tracker Party Barge 24

Brief Summary

The Party Barge 24 is Sun Tracker’s largest pontoon boat and features an extended motor pod, new aft entry, freshwater sink, and many other innovative features that will make cruising easy and enjoyable for everyone on board. The 24 even comes with two fishing chairs if you decide to throw out a line.

Price

Base Price\$16495.00

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

- All-Welded, All Aluminum Extended Motor Pod with 23-Gallon Built-In Fuel Tank Anodized Deck Rails and Trim
- Wheelchair Accessible Gate
- Sound and Vibration Deadening Fence Insulation
- Padded Aft Sun Deck
- Two Bow-Mounted Fishing Chairs with Stain
- Aft Changing Room with Bench
- Aft Entry with Boarding Platform and Ladder
- Sink with Freshwater and Storage
- Table with 2 Locations
- AM/FM CD Stereo Lighted Rocker Switches
- 36-Quart Carry-On Cooler

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
650	2.3	2	0.6	3.83	3.33	79	69	58
1000	3.7	3.2	0.9	4.11	3.57	85	74	59

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1500	5.5	4.7	1.1	4.95	4.31	103	89	66
2000	7.5	6.5	2.5	3	2.61	62	54	69
2500	10.3	8.9	3.6	2.89	2.51	60	52	72
3000	14	12.1	4.2	3.32	2.89	69	60	72
3500	17.9	15.6	4.9	3.65	3.18	76	66	74
4000	21.1	18.3	6.2	3.42	2.98	71	62	68
4500	24.9	21.6	8.1	3.09	2.68	64	56	80
5000	25.7	23.7	10	2.74	2.38	57	49	83
5500	27.6	24.8	12.2	2.35	2.04	49	42	88

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



Specifications

Length Overall	25'8
BEAM	8' 1"
Dry Weight	1,750 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	~

Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	~
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	~
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	23 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	2.8 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	2.07:1
Props	13 3/4 x 15 aluminum
Load	2 persons, full fuel, no water, min. gear
Climate	77 deg., 73% humid, wind and seas calm, fresh water lake

Fun in the Sun

Sun Tracker Party Barge 24 Has Room to Spare

Tested By Captain Keith Burton

When folks first get into boating, they often think that they want a fast fishing boat, or a bowrider for fun on

the water. But we can tell you that a big pontoon boat, such as the Sun Tracker Party Barge 24, might be a better choice for overall water-borne fun.

We had a chance to run a Sun Tracker Party Barge 24 Signature Series through a full set of performance and use tests at scenic Table Rock Lake near Branson, Missouri. What we found out is that here's a fun, stable boat that offers the REAL luxury in a boat, and that is room to move around, at a price well under \$20,000 equipped as our test boat was. More on that later.

Tracker Marine, the main company of Sun Tracker pontoon boats, has really put together a nice package in the Party Barge 24.

New this year in the company's pontoon boats is what Sun Tracker calls an engine pod that moves the outboard from being attached directly to the pontoon platform, to an all-aluminum pod extending from the stern. The pod also has a built-in 23-gallon fuel tank.

This new engine pod does several great things for a pontoon boat. First, it frees up deck space, which can be used for other things besides a place to mount an engine and store fuel, as in most other pontoon boats. And with the motor now further back at the stern, the boat also handles better and planes with more authority.

The engine mount for the pod is heavily constructed for failsafe use with a thick, solid aluminum transom and heavy welds that should easily hold up throughout the life of the boat.

The Party Barge 24, which was already a very spacious pontoon boat, now has the deck space of a boat almost two feet longer. And Sun Tracker wasted no time, it seems, in putting the new-found room to good use.

Included in the many standard features of this pontoon boat is an enclosed dressing room at the stern where an engine would normally be found. When not in use, the dressing room is a sunning area. But when needed, the sunning cushion can be raised (assisted with a hydraulic support) to allow a curtain to be unfolded to provide privacy.

There is also space in the dressing area to use a portable toilet if that is something you wish to purchase separately.

Also at the stern is a handy folding ladder and boarding platform that has its own door access from the cabin.

The main cabin area of the Party Barge 24 is enormously roomy. The boat is rated to handle up to 12 people, so your family and friends can easily join the fun without being too crowded.

An L-shaped lounge is at the rear with plenty of built-in storage beneath the seats. They will hold up over time too as there is no wood used in their construction. All the lounge seats on board have composite roto-formed bases covered with high-durability vinyl exterior fabrics. A plastic liner is used in the storage bins beneath the seats.

The Party Barge also has a built-in entertainment area on the port side across from the control console with a sink and freshwater storage tanks in a closable compartment.

A small, kidney-shaped dining table is also part of the package. This table screws into a rugged mount and

can be used either in the rear or bow seating areas. Speaking of the bow, fishermen will be happy to know that there are two pedestal seats that are easily accessed by a bow door.

Another aspect of the added space onboard the Party Barge 24 is room for a large port-side door that is wide enough for a wheel chair.

The control console features easy-to-see black on white instruments laid out in a burl-wood-like surface. An AM/FM/CD radio is included. We especially liked the fact that the speakers were mounted to the rearward portions of the front lounge seats. This resulted in radio's sounds being directly toward the stern, which sounded great from the captain's chair. By the way, that chair swivels.

Underneath the control console is a bin for storing a standard 32-quart cooler.

Performance of this large pontoon boat is impressive with a 115-hp Mercury outboard. Standard is a 25-horse outboard, but while that would get you around, we would recommend you select a larger outboard for more optimum performance.

The 115 provided very quick time-to-plane acceleration and could easily tow a skier as the boat could reach nearly 30 mph. But as you may expect, a pontoon boat at speed produces very little wake for wake boarding.

Handling is easy with no surprises, even at high speeds. We like the way pontoon boats handle choppy water and move over other boat's wakes with none of the pounding you experience in regular boats. But speed and handling aren't what a pontoon boat is all about.

Pontoon boats are about having the room to enjoy the water at a modest cost. A living room on the lake, so to speak. And with prices starting at just under \$11,000 for a boat this big, you might just consider the Sun Tracker Party Barge 24, one of the best values for on-the-water fun you can get.