

# Crestliner Sportfish 1850 OB (2004-)

## Brief Summary

The Crestliner 1850 Sportfish reflects the growing trend of multi-use boats, which are designed both to be a great fishing platform, and a family fun boat for wake boarding and skiing.

## 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

- Lifetime + 3 Year Protection Plan
- 22-gallon aerated livewell
- 84" rod storage
- Baked Armor-Guard paint
- Concept DX fishing chairs with pedestals
- Extruded chine with spray deflector
- Navigation lights with bow task light
- No feedback steering system
- SL3 elevated helm with custom
- Stereo AM/FM cassette with 2 speakers
- Tilt stainless sport steering wheel
- Toe-holds on both port and starboard
- Trolling motor panel with 12/24 volt outlet & trim
- X.G.S. II (Extruded Gunnel System)

## Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	3.5	3	0.6	6.36	5.53	223	194	65
1000	5.5	4.8	1.1	5	4.35	176	153	72

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1500	7.1	6.2	2.1	3.38	2.94	119	103	74
2000	8.6	7.4	3.1	2.76	2.4	97	84	77
2500	16.4	14.3	3.9	4.21	3.66	148	128	83
3000	25.5	22.1	5.6	4.54	3.95	160	139	87
3500	29	25.2	8.7	3.33	2.9	117	102	87
4000	34.9	30.3	9.5	3.67	3.19	129	112	86
4500	41.4	36	11.6	3.57	3.1	125	109	88
5000	48.3	42	14	3.45	3	121	105	90

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

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# Specifications

Length Overall	18'2"
BEAM	95"
Dry Weight	1,470 lbs
Tested Weight	
Draft	N/A
Draft Up	

<b>Draft Down</b>	
<b>Air Draft</b>	
<b>Deadrise/Transom</b>	N/A
<b>Max Headroom</b>	open
<b>Bridge Clearance</b>	N/A
<b>Weight Capacity</b>	
<b>Person Capacity</b>	
<b>Fuel Capacity</b>	39 gal.
<b>Water Capacity</b>	none
<b>Length on Trailer</b>	
<b>Height on Trailer</b>	
<b>Trailer Weight</b>	
<b>Total Weight</b>	
<b>Aft Deck</b>	
<b>Salon Inside Width</b>	
<b>Salon Fore &amp; Aft</b>	
<b>Salon Height</b>	

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	3.0 sec
0 to 20	
Ratio	N/A
Props	20 Raker
Load	2 persons, 1/2 fuel, no water, min, gear
Climate	Temp: 65 deg., 58% humid, Wind: calm, Seas: calm

## Convertible Performer

Tested By Captain Keith Burton

If you haven't shopped an aluminum boat in a while you may be shocked to see how much they have improved in recent years. A great example is the Crestliner 1850 Sportfish, which upon first viewing, looks like a fiberglass boat with its smooth hull.

But there is more to this boat than first meets the eye.

The Crestliner 1850 Sportfish reflects the growing trend of multi-use boats, that is, a boat designed both to be a great fishing platform, and a family fun boat for wake boarding and skiing. The Crestliner 1850 fits both bills with a remarkable number of features plus the rugged durability and smooth ride you get in an all-aluminum boat.

### **The Design**

The smooth surface of the hull is the result of special extruded-aluminum manufacturing process that eliminates the rivets aluminum boats have long been associated with. The all-aluminum hull is fully welded and has no rivets. What this means is that you get a hull that is super strong and durable, with none of the flexing you might see in other aluminum hull boats.

Crestliner is so confident of their hulls that they offer a lifetime warranty on the welds of the hull and a full three year warranty for everything else.

### **Good Use of Space**

This roomy 18.2-foot boat first impresses with the amount of open deck space and walkaround room available throughout. A large fishing platform fore and aft, plus a roomy cabin provide the space to fish or ski. Standard equipment is extensive. Such things as an aerated livewell, a large rod locker, full instrumentation, tilting steering wheel, and a CD radio are just a few of the things you get.

On board storage is plentiful including specialized storage for rods, and large lockable bins for gear. t what is truly impressive is the way Crestliner has made this boat a real convertible.

### **Forward Features**

The bow and optional stern seating areas can be folded over to create much larger and flat fishing platforms with all the room a serious angler would need. These conversions, which Crestliner has patented, take only a couple of seconds to perform and do not require removing cushions or seats. The great part is that when seating for your family is a premium concern, you have what you need. But when fishing is called for, you have the open and flat deck space that usually only a dedicated fishing boat offers.

If there is a downside to the conversion process it is that the rear platform is large and a bit heavy. There is no hydraulic assist to make folding the platform less strenuous.

### **Abound with Storage**

For storage needs, the Crestliner 1850 Sportfish doesn't disappoint. It is likely you may forget some items in the numerous storage compartments found from bow to stern. Practically every space onboard has been utilized and well thought out.

We also like the numerous hand holds installed throughout the cabin for passengers. Combined with the deep 27-inch freeboard, young kids will feel safe at high speeds.

Adults will like all the room to get around. All the main cabin seats are on pedestals and are removable for use at the bow and stern fishing platforms.

### **Comfort While Driving**

The seats deserve special mention the company spent over a million dollars in research and development money on those seats to make them durable and comfortable.

The seats even have their own name, Concept DX, and they are designed to channel water away from the seat to help keep them dry from water spray and rain. I found them well padded and the back rest provides plenty of support, much better than the flat-style seats on other boats. There is also no wood used in the seat, so they will provide years of use.

### **Performance and Ride**

Over the water the Crestliner 1850 offers a remarkably smooth and predictable ride. It is also very quiet with very little of the slapping noises you hear from the hull hitting the waves.

The helm answers easily and the 1850 Sportfish is fun to drive. It also provides a modest wake at speed but wakeboarders won't be disappointed.

What we really like is how the 1850 Sportfish cuts through waves and wakes that would jar many other boats. For a boat that feels light on its feet, the performance is more like a heavy boat in cutting the waves. It is clear the Crestliner's engineers have been hard at work on hull design and your passengers will appreciate not being bounced around in rough water.

Part of the quiet performance mentioned earlier is due to a special coating on the backsides of storage bins and more called "Crest-Liner" by the company. This coating, which is much like the spray-on material on pickup truck beds, reduces the noise from vibrations and practically eliminates corrosion on the coated panels. The coating is used liberally all over cabin and behind storage compartment doors and we can say that it does work for reducing sound vibrations.

### **Test Power**

Our test boat was powered by a Mercury 150 horsepower Direct Injection outboard. Performance with this power was more than adequate with a top speed of 48.3 mph. This is good speed out of a 150 and no doubt due to the hull design and light weight.

With so many innovative features that don't compromise a wide variety of uses, the Crestliner 1850 offers value, rugged durability and performance that would make this boat one to own.