

Caravelle Interceptor 232

Brief Summary

The 232 delivers the ultimate sportboat experience with its V8 engine and deep-vee hull that pushes this boat to a speedy 57 mph. She offers good seating and plenty of features to keep everyone aboard comfortable.

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

- Sony CD player with 4 speakers
- Zero effort racing controls
- Adjustable tilt steering
- Cockpit courtesy lights
- Adjustable driver's seat
- Full fiberglass cockpit liner
- Flip-up bucket seats

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	3.7	3.2	0.9	4.24	3.69	138	120	65
1000	5.8	5	1.5	3.99	3.47	129	112	71
1500	8	6.9	2.9	2.78	2.42	90	78	75
2000	12.8	11.1	5	2.54	2.21	82	72	78
2500	27.2	23.6	6.6	4.12	3.58	133	116	83

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3000	34.3	29.8	8.7	3.94	3.43	128	111	85
3500	40.1	34.8	12.1	3.3	2.87	107	93	88
4000	46.9	40.7	16.1	2.91	2.53	94	82	89
4500	52.6	45.7	18.9	2.79	2.43	90	79	91
4700	57.1	49.7	20.3	2.82	2.45	90	79	92

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	23' 0"
BEAM	8' 4"
Dry Weight	3,500 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	19"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	20 deg.

Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	36 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	1.8:1
Props	Vengeance 21" stainless steel
Load	Load: 2 persons, Fuel: 1/2 full, Water: none, Gear: minimal
Climate	Temp: 82.5 deg., Humid: 66.9 %, Wind: 1-3 mph, Seas: calm

Caravelle’s Interceptor 232 Offers Good Value for the Money

Tested By Capt. Bob Smith

Every Caravelle features wood-free construction, including seat bases throughout the craft insuring years of trouble-free use. Even the stringer system is all fiberglass. Closed cell foam is injected between each stringer further increasing support and durability. TCS 6000 resin completes the Total Composite System producing one of the finest gelcoat/resin combinations in the industry. Caravelle’s high performance XPV extended running surface, pad bottom, deep-vee hull delivers great low speed performance and high end handling.

Bow Features

Starting up front our test model had a pop-up cleat up front for handling the anchor rode or docking lines as well as a stainless steel wraparound rub rail to protect from accidental dock strikes or when rafted up with friends. Bow seating wraps from a port lounge back all the way around to a matching lounge back on the

starboard side. Lift up the hinged seat on the port side and you will find a finished compartment that is also insulated to become an ice chest for keeping cold beverages up front for these riders. Lift off the bow seat and you have a space for storing the anchor and rode along with clips to hold a standard Danforth style anchor. Flip up the hinged bow seat and you find a carpeted compartment for keeping gear stowed up front. There is a cup holder just ahead of the windshield on each side for the forward riders. The walk through is plenty large for everyone to easily get from the cockpit forward.

Behind the Wheel

The helm has a color coordinated Dino sport wheel with tilt adjustment. Just to the left of the wheel is a 12volt socket to charge up your cell phone or portable gear like a GPS. Rocker switches have red night lights for easy identification in the dark, and even the Faria gauges have been color coordinated to match the boat's scheme. Instrumentation includes a digital depth gauge to the right. The rest of the switches are to the right of the wheel along with a cupholder for the driver. I particularly enjoyed the Zero Effort throttle and shifter on this model. Be careful and practice with these before you actually use them. If you haven't had them before it is easy to get confused at a critical time and use the throttle for the shifter.

Spacious Cockpit

A wide opening floor hatch gives you access to a padded floor storage compartment for long and bulky items like boards. The bucket seats on this boat were great, and featured leaf spring suspension, ventilated backs and adjust for swivel and slide positions. The navigator also gets to be the DJ as the stereo is on their side. In my case it was a Sony satellite ready system with CD player just below the grab bar. Wraparound seating fills the stern for more family and friends on board, and of course, there is more storage under the benches.

At the Transom

You get a large sun pad at the stern of this boat that doubles as the engine hatch. The stern navigation light clips under the hatch for easy location when you need it. We also had an extended platform on this model with pop up cleats and a low center tow eye for skiing. A long reach three-step boarding ladder should make it easy for everyone to climb back on board from the water. Caravelle offers three separate graphics packages with three different color schemes for the Interceptor 232 this year.

Performance

The Caravelle Interceptor 232 Bowrider measures 23 feet in length overall and has a beam width of 8 feet 4 inches. Her dry weight is approximately 3,500 pounds, and this model has a standard 36 gallon fuel tank. I tested the Interceptor 232 on Lake Blackshear in Southern Georgia in the early fall. It was a foggy calm day which gave us a chance to really see how she performed in turns and hole shots.

The Interceptor 232 did not disappoint us on test day. She delivered a smooth dry ride and cut tight corners that will make your skiing partners smile. She was out of the hole in only 3.3 seconds, and she was traveling up to 30 miles per hour in only 6.6 seconds. I found her best cruise speed to be about 34.3 miles per hour which will give you about 128 miles on a full tank of fuel. Wide-open-throttle speed was achieved at 57.1mph. Our test boat was equipped with the Corsa selectable exhaust system. Even with the exhaust

open, sound levels didn't exceed 92 dBa.

If you are looking for a high performance, family and friends ski boat and appreciate the value of no wood construction, then you really should take a closer look at this new model from Caravelle, which I feel is going to be very popular on the lakes this year.