

Caravelle 187 LS Bow Rider

Brief Summary

Caravelle states that its 187 LS Bow Rider offers more room than most 18-footers, along with wood-free construction and a walkthrough transom, which is quite unusual for this size boat. We found all this to be true during our test run. Not only does the 187 LS deliver in terms of space, quality and looks, but she also performs.

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

- Custom dash with full instrumentation
- Sony CD player with 4 speakers
- Bench seating with sundeck
- Courtesy lights
- Flip-up bucket seats
- Walk-thru transom
- Adjustable driver's seat

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
700	3.4	2.9	0.8	4.47	3.88	121	105	68
1000	5	4.3	1.2	4.3	3.74	116	101	77
1500	6.7	5.8	3.9	1.71	1.48	46	40	74
2000	7.8	6.7	4.3	1.8	1.57	49	42	82

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2500	23.8	20.7	6	3.99	3.49	108	94	87
3000	31.1	27	8.3	3.75	3.26	101	88	87
3500	36.8	32	10.8	3.41	2.96	92	80	88
4000	43	37.4	15.9	2.71	2.36	73	64	94
4500	48.1	41.8	18.8	2.57	2.23	69	60	94
4800	50.9	44.3	19.2	2.66	2.31	72	62	90

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	18' 0"
BEAM	8' 0"
Dry Weight	2,500 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	21"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	

Deadrise/Transom	20 deg.
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	30 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	3.0 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.8:1
Props	14 1/4" x 21" Aluminum
Load	Load: 2 persons, Fuel: 17 gal., Water: none, Gear: minimal
Climate	Temp: 82.5 deg., Humid: 66.9%, Wind: 1-3 mph, Seas: calm

Versatile Family Fun Boat

Tested By Capt. Bob Smith

Caravelle continues its history of building quality boats without wood construction. The builder uses the same Total Composite System from Cook Composites to build the 187 LS as they use on the popular Interceptor models. Kelron composite seats are sturdy and non-degrading, unlike most used on other builder’s boats. G&T expanded vinyl help insure years of performance and great looks to the seating throughout.

Layout

Several friends will find it comfortable up front on the bow bench seats that wrap from port to starboard. Under the hinged port seat bench is a finished, gel coated compartment that doubles as a cooler for the

beverages and snacks up front. No more crawling all the way to the back for the next cold one!

Under the bow section is space for the ground tackle, and below the starboard bench seat is padded storage for more gear. Add filler cushions and one or two can stretch out and enjoy the sun up front. Our test model had the carpet option for more comfort under foot in the sun. Even if you don't choose this option, you have high traction skid resistant finish to the floor.

Enough Seating

In the cockpit, the bucket seats are really comfortable. They have leaf spring suspension seat bottoms that don't leave your brain rebounding after every large wake. They also have a large bolster for view out of the hole and swivel and adjust for personal comfort. Each side pocket has two additional cup holders for beverages in the cockpit. The companion station has a deep glove box and sturdy grab rail for better safety during some of the high speed turns I know you will do.

In the floor between this and the helm station is a large storage compartment for boards and other gear. Rubber mats protect those valuable boards from damage against the interior gel coating.

At the Helm

The helm station has rich burlwood accents for the family look on board. The wheel tilts for each driver's specific setting. To the left is a 12 volt socket for portable gear and cell phones. Rocker switches have handy red lights to indicate what is on at night. Faria gauges are warranted for life and this set includes a digital depth gauge. The driver controls the AM/FM/CD player on board which is just to the right of the wheel. A speaker, courtesy light and two more cup holders are in the side wall next to the helm.

Transom Features

The stern pad is a huge sun worshippers rest. A starboard walkthrough is wide, yet doesn't steal too much space from the pad. This walkthrough isn't wasted space, either. In the floor is another finished compartment that also doubles as a cooler. Now when the people in the back get thirsty, or when they're on the platform, they can help themselves to cold ones. The sun pad doubles as the engine hatch and lifts nicely up out of the way for daily checks and for servicing the engine when needed. A folding navigation light fits into clips under the pad so you don't have to fish around for the stern light when the sun goes down before you get back.

Specs

The Caravelle 187LS Bow Rider measures 18 feet overall and has a beam width of 8 feet. She weighs in at approximately 2,500 pounds dry weight and has a fuel capacity of 30 gallons for a good day of fun on the water. This model is rated for up to a 225-hp sterndrive for power.

Performance

I tested this boat in good weather on an inland lake in South Georgia. The only weather problem was some persistent fog. The 187 handled turns with ease, losing little power proving her ski performance. We found her cruise speed to be about 23.8mph and wide- open-throttle speed was 50.9mph. The cruising range works out to be about 108 miles on a full tank. The 187 was also quick to plane in only 3 seconds, and was turning 30mph in only 7.2 seconds.

If you are looking for a family bowrider with strength, durability and longevity, you need to take a close look at Caravelle's all new 187LS Bow Rider.