

Sea Ray 270 Amberjack (2005)

Brief Summary

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Sea Ray has married the features and comforts of a cruising model with the needs of a serious sport fishing nut in their all new 270 Amberjack.

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

- Standard SmartCraft™ Diagnostics with optional upgrades
- Lighted transom storage area
- Satellite-ready AM/FM stereo with CD changer
- Spacious cabin with full v-berth
- Full galley
- Full stand-up fiberglass head
- Cockpit rod storage
- Meets Applicable USCG, NMMA and ABYC Standards

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	3.7	3.2	1.3	2.96	2.57	266	232	68
1000	5.6	4.8	2.2	2.58	2.24	232	202	72
1500	7.5	6.5	3.2	2.33	2.02	210	182	69
2000	8.9	7.7	5.6	1.59	1.38	143	124	73

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2500	11.1	9.7	10.7	1.04	0.91	94	82	79
3000	18.5	16.1	13.9	1.34	1.16	120	105	79
3500	26.9	23.4	15.2	1.77	1.54	159	139	80
4000	33	28.7	18.3	1.8	1.57	162	141	81
4500	37.3	32.4	27.5	1.35	1.18	122	106	87
5000	41.9	36.4	31.1	1.35	1.17	121	105	88

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	30' 0"
BEAM	8' 6"
Dry Weight	7,325 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	44" drive down
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	

Deadrise/Transom	21 deg.
Max Headroom	N/A
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	100 gal.
Water Capacity	28 gal.
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	5.5 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.81:1
Props	24"
Load	Load: 4 persons, Fuel: 1/8 full, Water: none, Gear: minimal
Climate	Temp: 68 deg., Humid: 70%, Wind: calm, Seas: flat

Sea Ray Merges Cruising and Fishing Once Again

The 270 Amberjack combines the best of both worlds when it comes to comfort and fishability.

By Capt. Bob Smith

Every year when I return to a builder for the new model year testing I expect improvements on the past. This year, Sea Ray surprised me again with the all new 270 Amberjack. The company has married the features and comforts of a cruising model with the needs of a serious sport fishing nut.

Features

Starting at the bow the 270 has nice high, sturdy rails for safety. Deck fills are separated with the fuel fill near the stern area and the water fill near the bow. This feels rather clunky, but you are less likely to mix up the water tank for the fuel at the docks. My test ride was outfitted with an optional windlass with foot controls

as well as a floodlight/spotlight with joystick at the helm. The wraparound windshield has a starboard wiper for clear view in rainy weather.

Getting up front is made simple using molded-in steps in the center hatch and walkthrough windshield. The companion seats on my test boat were back-to-back ski boat style, that flatten for a lounge. Personally, I would exchange this for a bucket seat, but hey, that's me.

At the Controls

The helm does have a bucket seat and the dash has standard Mercury SmartCraft diagnostics which I really like. Our boat also had the optional Raymarine Chartplotter/Fishfinder/GPS which comes with the fishing package. Another great feature of the fishing package is the bait-prep station just behind the helm. It has a recirculating live baitwell system with a light for finding the bait in low light, sink with pull out sprayer, cutting board and carry-on cooler.

Down Below

The cabin has cherry wood Formica cabinetry, a full galley with microwave, sink with faucet and a refrigerator/freezer below. The V-berth provides a comfortable area to set up the table for serving meals, playing cards or dropping the table and relaxing for the night. The starboard side head has a vanity with sink and pull out shower, VacuFlush toilet and a shower curtain.

Cockpit Features

The cockpit has a large in-floor storage space with a stainless gas assist shock. The battery switch and main breakers are on a panel in here as well. Aft of this storage space is an easy lift floor hatch for access to the engine room, which I found spacious. With twin 496 Mags in here, I still had room to stand inside to check out the set up. The water tank was on the starboard side and water heater was over on the port. There is even room forward for the optional generator, which still would not crowd the space.

Moving Aft

Sea Ray has come up with a handy rear bench that you don't have to stow to open the engine hatch. When it is stowed, my only complaint was it didn't leave any toe kick space at the stern. There are bolsters on both sides and a large fish box is built into the stern wall, and a port side walkthrough makes access from the stern easy. The swim platform has plenty of room for playing at anchor and in the stern hatch are the shore connections and line organizers.

Specs

The 270 Amberjack measures 30'0" length overall and has a beam width of 8'6". She weighs in at just 7,325 lbs dry. Draft requirements are 15" with the outdrive up and 44 inches with the outdrive in the full down position. You can plan a long day offshore or weekend with this one since she carries up to 100 gallons of fuel on board and 28 gallons of water.

Performance

The 270 was smooth out of the hole and handled well in a strong current going up river. I had to stay off the trim tabs until I got used to them, but this boat really doesn't seem to need them anyway. I found she could be on plane in just 5.5 seconds and up to 30mph in only 9.6 seconds. We found her best cruise speed at

33mph turning 4000 rpm, which gave us a cruising range of about 162 miles on a full tank. At wide-open-throttle she was traveling 41.9mph at 5000rpm with a fuel burn of 31.1gph and range of about 121 miles. The 270 did a great job of making quick turns to miss the sticks and debris coming down river and glided smoothly to the dock when we finished.

If you enjoy getting out for a day of serious fishing, yet typically have friends and family aboard for cruising Sea Ray has a great new model for you to see. The 270 Amberjack looks and feels just as comfortable as a cruiser as she does a coastal fishing boat.