

Hurricane SunDeck 217 O/B (2006-)

Brief Summary

The 217 OB is a sporty deckboat designed to be versatile for either fish or ski activities. The boat has a seating capacity of ten persons and enclosed changing compartment or optional head. Hurricane builds its boats with what they call a Category 5 hull. This design features a widebody hull that is the same width bow to stern, along with lifting strakes, sponsons, a shallow draft, and reverse chine hull, all which enhance the overall comfort level of the ride.

Test Power-- 1 x 225-hp Honda 4-stroke

Best Cruise-- 17.6 mph @ 3000 rpm

WOT-- 46.7 mph @ 5200 rpm

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

- Automatic bilge pumps
- Nextwave electrical system
- Stainless steel hardware
- Full instrumentation
- Jensen single disk CD player with MP3 input
- Enclosed head with sink and faucet
- Stainless steel rear boarding ladder

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
700	2	1.7	0.3	6.67	5.8	312	271	60

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1000	7.5	6.5	0.4	18.63	16.2	872	758	66
1500	11	9.6	0.6	18.33	15.94	858	746	70
2000	12.3	10.7	1.3	9.84	8.56	461	400	72
2500	10.5	9.1	3.9	2.69	2.34	126	110	77
3000	17.6	15.3	5.2	3.38	2.94	158	138	79
3500	24.3	21.1	7.8	3.11	2.7	146	127	85
4000	33.1	28.8	9.1	3.64	3.16	170	148	85
4500	38.3	33.3	11.4	3.37	2.93	158	137	89
5000	44.6	38.8	14.4	3.1	2.69	145	126	90
5200	46.7	40.6	16	2.92	2.54	137	119	89

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

Length Overall	20' 10"
BEAM	8' 6"
Dry Weight	2,630 lbs.
Tested Weight	

Draft	14"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	12.5 deg.
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	52 gal.
Water Capacity	N/A
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	4.4 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	N/A
Props	N/A
Load	2 persons, 1/2 fuel, no water, min. gear
Climate	85 deg., 38% humid.; wind: 3.4 mph; seas: light chop

Hurricane 217 SunDeck

By Capt. Bob Smith

Test Captain

The Godfrey line of deck boats continues to deliver versatile fiberglass boats that combine the utility and stability of a pontoon with the sporty ride and action of a fiberglass V-hull style boat. Hurricane has been building these quality deck boats for over thirty years and continues to listen to customer comments to improve their models. You will find the latest in technology on these fine boats as well as in the Honda powered outboards.

At the Bow

Up front on the 217 SD is an aggressive grip surface on the forward boarding platform complete with a beach boarding ladder as well as cup holders for two beverages. To keep those beverages cool there is a built-in cooler in the bow step. Low safety rails are above the seats and nicely cushioned seat backs and bottoms conceal tons of storage below. Lounger backs face forward from the helm and companion station fronts. Over on the starboard side is a dock side entry. You don't have to worry about finding room for your skis and wakeboards, there is a large compartment in the front floor. The companion side of the cockpit has a handy changing room with a vanity and faucet for cleaning up. The Porta-Potti is a convenient option, especially with small children on board. The windshield top rail is stainless steel and the remainder of the frame is powder-coated. The walk-thru is nice, but I would like to see a lower shield added for the times when needed to block the cold air while heading out or back home on a cool day.

Helm Features

Over at the helm station is storage large enough for another carry-on cooler. Godfrey really shows its stripes when you check out the doors. They have gasketed the closer to prevent the fiberglass to fiberglass noises you usually hear on boats today. The helm seat is double-wide with a handy glove box below for your wallet and other papers. The gauges are laid out in logical order for easy view and use and the wood accents dress up the helm. Two cup holders are on the starboard wall for you and your helper. Steering on my test model was hydraulic and had a tilt wheel. A Clarion Satellite-ready system provides the tunes underway and while you are holed up in your favorite spot.

Speaking of entertainment, there is a wet bar with faucet/shower head, a covered sink and storage aft the helm. The snack table locks into place with a twist making a very sturdy table. The L-bench seat brings all your guests together for the action at anchor with comfort. A swim shower is at the transom walk-thru. The transom swim platform has a three-step boarding ladder making for a quick and safe reboarding after a swim or turn at the skis.

Specs

Godfrey's Hurricane 217 Sun Deck is 20'10" length overall. The beam width on this model is 8.5 feet. She is rated for up to the 225-hp outboard we had on our test model. She weighs about 2630 lbs dry and has a draft requirement of 14 inches. Her fuel capacity is 52 gallons which should give you a great day for fun on the water. Our test boat had a optional wake board tower installed for even more fun on the water.

Engine and Performance

Honda's BF 225-hp Four-Stroke is the flagship of this series of high performance, efficient workhorses. It is

the same engine as Honda Automotive uses in the Odyssey and Pilot. Air induction on the BF225 is a two stage system, pulling fresh air from the top and running through long intakes to a butterfly that opens at 4000 rpm insuring the proper air for low speeds as well as high speed performance. A belt driven 90 amp alternator insures plenty of charge for the electronics aboard. It delivers a powerful jolt of 60 amps to the battery insuring a good charge with power left for everything else. The lower unit has a forward and reverse gear and oil pump. Above the gear case is the water pump impeller that will need periodic routine service. Lean burn feedback on the BF225 will save you about 20% on fuel cost over many of its competitive models.

We tested this boat on an inland lake in Indiana. We found she cruised at 3000 rpm and 17.6 mph for a range of 158 miles on a full tank of fuel. She topped out at 5200 rpm and 46.7 mph. I found she was on plane in just 4.4 seconds and at 30 mph in 7.9 seconds. She handled very smoothly and cut turns great for skiing.

If you are looking for a boat that delivers the stable ride of a pontoon boat yet has the versatility of a ski boat, then Godfrey has just the right boat waiting for you.