

Duracraft 1860 Oyster Bay (2006-)

Brief Summary

Brand new for 2006 is their all-aluminum Duracraft 1860 Oyster Bay. This is a boat designed to appeal to the bay fisherman who wants an affordable, highly stable, and smooth-running fishing boat.

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

- All-aluminum
- Slight V-design giving wide forward platform
- Anti-skid vinyl used throughout
- Bow configured for a trolling motor
- Wide forward fishing platform

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	3.4	3	0.2	22.67	19.71	408	355	65
1000	3.3	2.9	0.3	11	9.57	198	172	66
1500	3.8	3.3	0.5	7.5	6.52	135	117	67
2000	4.5	3.9	1	4.68	4.07	84	73	75
2500	8.7	7.5	1.7	5.25	4.56	94	82	74
3000	18.1	15.7	2.2	8.4	7.3	151	131	77

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
3500	22.4	19.4	3	7.58	6.59	136	119	80
4000	27	23.5	3.4	8.06	7.01	145	126	84
4500	31.5	27.3	4.9	6.48	5.64	117	101	86
5000	33.4	29	5.9	5.65	4.92	102	88	86
5600	40.9	35.5	7.7	5.34	4.64	96	84	87

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	18' 5"
BEAM	6' 6"
Dry Weight	920 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	N/A
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	12 deg.

Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	20 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	2.6 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	2.33 : 1
Props	20 Laser II 3 Blade
Load	2 persons, 1/2 fuel, no water, minimal gear
Climate	60 deg., 47% humid.; wind: 6-10 mph; seas: minimal chop

Affordable and Fun Bay Boat

Duracraft’s 2006 All-Aluminum 1860 Oyster Bay

By Captain Keith Burton

So you are a saltwater angler and you are into bay fishing. If you think you have to buy one of those pricey fiberglass bay boats to get something that will be both good looking and perform well, you might be in for a surprise from Duracraft.

Duracraft has long been known for their rugged aluminum boats, but they usually were sold to fishing enthusiasts in freshwater areas and the boats were painted in hunting colors and outfitted for those environs.

But Duracraft's engineers and designers saw that some folks would like a rugged all-aluminum boat for saltwater bay fishing too. While fiberglass boats are typical for bay boats, rugged aluminum boats have long been a favorite in northwest for their durability and performance.

Construction and Design

Duracraft has painted the 1860 Oyster Bay an attractive tan that definitely gives this open fishing boat an upscale look that would fit right into the fishing scenes in Florida's azure blue waters. The paint is a tough material that stands up to scrapes and nicks so it should look good for years.

There's no wood anywhere in the 1860 Oyster Bay. The tough anti-skid vinyl used throughout the deck is applied to a sheet of aluminum and strongly attached. The vinyl is also glued to the gunnels for a good consistent look throughout the boat.

While the 1860 looks something like an 18-foot open skiff, its hull has a slight V-design. The bow is angled-off to give a wide forward fishing platform and to add stability. Beneath are a series of strakes attached to the bottom for strength and improved performance when running at high speed.

The bow is configured from the factory for a trolling motor. A stout all-aluminum mount that looks somewhat like an air-intake tunnel runs from the port side of the bow back about two feet. Controls are placed on a flat panel for raising the outboard and for plugging-in the trolling motor.

For the Gear

A large storage compartment for gear is located at the rear of the bow fishing platform. It has one large compartment door to the starboard and a small door into the same compartment. Duracraft says that was designed to make it easier to get to any gear stored in the compartment. The lid is especially stout and pretty watertight. A large rubberized gasket runs around the edge of the hatches and even includes a water drainage channel and drain tube.

Forward of the helm is a large all-aluminum livewell. The lid doubles as a seat for a passenger. The helm itself is nicely finished and solidly constructed of aluminum. The white on black gauges are easy to see and laid out in a logical way. They are multifunctional gauges set within two circular rings.

Smart Seating

One of the interesting things about Duracraft is how they handle their seating. Both the bow and stern pedestal fishing seats are hinged with a folding support that is designed to both handle the pedestal mount, and then be reconfigured to be attached port and starboard from the center console seat. Duracraft's engineers designed a neat ridge into the leading edge of the stern fishing platform where the seats can be "hung" from a recessed ridge that forms the leading edge of the fishing platform.

A similar recessed ridge extends along the top edge of the boat's gunnels where other Duracraft accessories, such as rod and bait holders, can be mounted. Over all, it is a pretty efficient solution to adding convenience and flexibility to a small boat.

One thing fishermen will appreciate is the stability of this boat underway and while fishing. You can walk all around it without worrying about tipping. The open deck is expansive and flat throughout.

Performance

Underway, the Duracraft 1869 Oyster Bay is a predictable performer with good speed and handling. It handles most wakes and waves with an unexpected finesse considering that it is a light boat with a fairly blunt bow. One of the advantages for fishermen is this light boat (920-pounds dry weight) performs very well

with a less powerful outboard than needed in a heavy fiberglass boat. This means better fuel mileage on the water and when towing, something to consider as fuel costs continue to rise.

Overall, the Duracraft 1860 Oyster Bay brings to the table an attractive, rugged all- aluminum boat with great stability and performance. It looks good in a simple, rugged sort of way, and is very affordable.