

# Duracraft DV169 (2006-)

## Brief Summary

This aluminum walleye or big water fishing boat is built with pride by the Duracraft Company that is now part of Bentley Industries. The DV 169 is a sturdy fishing boat for your walleye hunt with a deep-V that delivers a dry ride.

## 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

- 33 gallon livewell with overflow plumbing
- All metal floor with 3 cockpit bases and a driver's base
- All welded .100 gauge aluminum hull
- 2 fishing seats with cockpit base poles and mounts
- 33-gallon built-in fuel tank
- All welded transom

## Test Results

| RPM  | MPH | Knots | GPH | MPG   | NMPG  | STAT. MILE | NM  | dBa |
|------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-------|------------|-----|-----|
| 700  | 2.2 | 1.9   | 0.2 | 11    | 9.57  | 327        | 284 | 53  |
| 1000 | 3.2 | 2.8   | 0.2 | 16    | 13.91 | 475        | 413 | 61  |
| 1500 | 4.7 | 4     | 0.4 | 11.63 | 10.11 | 345        | 300 | 64  |
| 2000 | 5.8 | 5     | 0.5 | 11.6  | 10.09 | 345        | 300 | 66  |
| 2500 | 6.8 | 5.9   | 0.9 | 7.94  | 6.91  | 236        | 205 | 70  |

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|------|------|-------|-----|------|------|------------|-----|-----|
| 3000 | 8.5  | 7.4   | 1.4 | 6.07 | 5.28 | 180        | 157 | 70  |
| 3500 | 13.8 | 12    | 1.9 | 7.24 | 6.29 | 215        | 187 | 76  |
| 4000 | 19.3 | 16.8  | 2.5 | 7.88 | 6.85 | 234        | 203 | 80  |
| 4500 | 22.7 | 19.7  | 3.1 | 7.31 | 6.35 | 217        | 189 | 82  |
| 5000 | 26.2 | 22.7  | 3.8 | 6.97 | 6.06 | 207        | 180 | 82  |
| 5500 | 30   | 26    | 4.6 | 6.58 | 5.72 | 195        | 170 | 83  |
| 6000 | 30.1 | 26.1  | 4.6 | 6.53 | 5.68 | 194        | 169 | 84  |

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

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# Specifications

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Length Overall | 16' 9"     |
| BEAM           | 7'8"       |
| Dry Weight     | 1,450 lbs. |
| Tested Weight  |            |
| Draft          | N/A        |
| Draft Up       |            |
| Draft Down     |            |

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| <b>Air Draft</b>            |         |
| <b>Deadrise/Transom</b>     | N/A     |
| <b>Max Headroom</b>         | open    |
| <b>Bridge Clearance</b>     | N/A     |
| <b>Weight Capacity</b>      |         |
| <b>Person Capacity</b>      |         |
| <b>Fuel Capacity</b>        | 33 gal. |
| <b>Water Capacity</b>       | N/A     |
| <b>Length on Trailer</b>    |         |
| <b>Height on Trailer</b>    |         |
| <b>Trailer Weight</b>       |         |
| <b>Total Weight</b>         |         |
| <b>Aft Deck</b>             |         |
| <b>Salon Inside Width</b>   |         |
| <b>Salon Fore &amp; Aft</b> |         |
| <b>Salon Height</b>         |         |
| <b>Salon Volume</b>         |         |

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Galley Volume        |  |
| Master SR Width      |  |
| Master SR fore & Aft |  |
| Master SR Overhead   |  |
| Master SR Volume     |  |
| Eng. Room Volume     |  |

# Acceleration Times & Conditions

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Time to Plane | 4.7 sec.  |
| 0 to 20       |   |
| Ratio         | 1.83 : 1  |
| Props         | 12 x 22 aluminum                                    |
| Load          | 2 persons, 1/2 fuel, no water, min. gear            |
| Climate       | 48 deg., 47% humid., wind: 6-10 mph; seas: min chop |

## Duracraft Delivers a smooth ride with the All-new DV169

By Capt. Bob Smith

A very chilly fall morning on Lake Murray in Columbia, SC offered us a great opportunity to test the DV169. This aluminum walleye or big water fishing boat is built with pride by the Duracraft Company that is now part of Bentley Industries. There is no wood used in the construction of this boat which means she will last for as long as you are interested in fishing and then a few more years. The .100 gauge hull and heavy extruded bracing added to the all-welded transom and built in splashwell system provide a very sturdy yet stable fishing rig.

## **At the Bow**

Up front there is a casting deck space with a large open storage area below the deck. This space is big enough for a foot pedal controller or other like-sized pieces of gear. In the port corner of this space are the 12 volt connection and engine tilt switch so you can manage the engine tilt without hopping back into the helm to raise the engine as you get into tighter and tighter spaces. The floor aft the casting deck has a lockable storage compartment so you can keep your valuable fishing lures right on hand to quickly take advantage of the changing habits of the fish. In the aft end of the forward space is a huge 33 gallon livewell with overflow plumbing.

## **Just off the Line**

When you watch the test video, keep in mind we took this new model straight off the line before they had the chance to put a finished dash on board. The helm will have a nice sport wheel and analog gauges for speed, tachometer and fuel which are arranged along the top of the helm panel. The driver gets a drinkholder for a warm beverage on a chilly morning or for a cold beverage on a steamy summer afternoon. The under helm space is open and large for you to put your feet underneath without cramping up. In front of the dash is another built-in storage box for smaller items.

## **Fishing Features**

Across from the helm station is a long lockable rod locker. The lid has a gasket to keep moisture at bay and to help prevent annoying rubbing noises underway. There are six places to mount the two casting chairs. With the chairs in the forward and aft casting decks, the cockpit opens up nicely for someone else to go to work on catching dinner. Each of the seats has a swivel base and fold over for better storage and less wind resistance while towing to your next fishing hole. More drinkholders are in the sides so your buddies also have a place for their beverage of choice. I walked along the port side from the aft deck down the rod locker top to the front deck and found the stability of this boat to be excellent. One of the scariest things on a fishing boat is feeling like you will be pitched overboard as your buddy grabs the net to boat his catch. You will not have that problem on this boat!

The aft platform is also large enough to comfortably work the fish. You can easily mount the casting chair back here. There are three lockers across the stern deck. The port and starboard lockers have room for lots of gear and to store the life jackets while the center locker is set up for the battery bank.

## **Specs**

This fishing machine measures a surprising 16'9" on a 92" beam. It feels like much more. The DV169 weighs about 1450 lbs with a Mercury 50-hp engine strapped to her sturdy transom. Deadrise at the stern is 30 degrees. Add that to the Deep-V designed bow and you have a smooth riding, dry running fishing boat. Fuel capacity is a built-in 33 gallon tank and she carries as much as 33 gallons of water in her forward livewell.

## **Performance**

While it was quite chilly, we did have some fun testing the DV169. With two people on board, she proved she could get up on plane in 4.7 seconds and be up to 30 mph in only 7 seconds. All this with just a 50-hp

Mercury outboard! Cruise speed on this model is about 19.3 mph. Cruise range works out to be around 234 miles on a full tank and carrying minimal gear.

If you are looking for a sturdy aluminum fishing boat for your walleye hunt or just want a good deep-v boat that wraps safety and dry ride around you while you run from hole to hole, the DV169 from Duracraft can fit the bill.