

# Everglades 260 CC (2006-) (Not in Production)

## Brief Summary

The 260CC is well poised for success with great performance, generous fishing features, and solid design. From the RAMCAP production that nearly insures an unsinkable boat to the generous fishing amenities, this 26' 7" center console is a serious rig that will give you years of rigorous use.

**Test Power**-- 2 x 225-hp Honda 4-stroke outboards

**Best Cruise** -- 25.3 mph @ 3000 rpm

**WOT**-- 51.4 mph @ 6000 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

- Unsinkable high-density polyurethane construction
- Wraparound powder-coated heavy duty rails
- Lockable transom door
- Auto anchor system
- Aft 90-gallon fish box with pump out
- Forward 160-gallon fish box
- Enclosed head compartment with china bowl head
- Tilt away center console
- 2 Opening port lights with screen
- 2 forward lockable rod storage for 8 rods

## Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
700	3.8	3.3	1.4	2.78	2.42	500	435	69

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1000	5.2	4.5	2	2.67	2.32	480	417	70
1500	7.6	6.6	3.6	2.11	1.84	380	330	75
2000	9.1	7.9	5.8	1.57	1.36	282	246	75
2500	16.8	14.6	9.9	1.7	1.48	306	266	84
3000	25.3	22	10.6	2.4	2.09	432	375	83
3500	31	26.9	15.6	1.98	1.73	357	311	85
4000	35	30.4	21.8	1.6	1.39	289	251	86
4500	40	34.7	27.3	1.47	1.27	264	229	90
5000	44.4	38.6	34.7	1.28	1.11	231	201	89
5500	47.9	41.7	36.5	1.31	1.14	237	206	90
6000	51.4	44.7	39.4	1.31	1.14	235	204	91

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

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## Specifications

<b>Length Overall</b>	26' 7"
<b>BEAM</b>	9' 9"
<b>Dry Weight</b>	4,700 lbs.

<b>Tested Weight</b>	
<b>Draft</b>	20"
<b>Draft Up</b>	
<b>Draft Down</b>	
<b>Air Draft</b>	
<b>Deadrise/Transom</b>	21 deg.
<b>Max Headroom</b>	N/A
<b>Bridge Clearance</b>	90"
<b>Weight Capacity</b>	
<b>Person Capacity</b>	
<b>Fuel Capacity</b>	200 gal.
<b>Water Capacity</b>	25 gal.
<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>	
<b>Galley Volume</b>	
<b>Master SR Width</b>	
<b>Master SR fore &amp; Aft</b>	
<b>Master SR Overhead</b>	
<b>Master SR Volume</b>	
<b>Eng. Room Volume</b>	

## Acceleration Times & Conditions

<b>Time to Plane</b>	4.4 sec.
<b>0 to 20</b>	
<b>Ratio</b>	1.86 : 1
<b>Props</b>	15 1/4 x 19 3-blade Solas Saturn
<b>Load</b>	2 persons, 1/2 fuel, no water, min. gear
<b>Climate</b>	80 deg., 57% humid., wind: 5-10 knots; seas: heavy traffic chop

## **Comfort, Performance, and Fishability Make up the Everglades 260 CC**

By Capt. Bob Smith

New for 2006 is Everglades 260 Center Console. This exciting new model is much like the popular 290 Pilot I tested last year, except this one is a bit smaller and easier to manage. From the RAMCAP production that nearly insures an unsinkable boat to the generous fishing amenities, this boat is all about fishing....hardcore fishing.

### **Bow Features**

The bow area of the 260CC is well organized with benches on both sides and a forward anchor locker. Storage under the seats can handle most of the gear you'll bring on board. Behind the seats are lockers for rods to keep them organized and out of sight.

The forward 129-gallon capacity fish locker has a pump-out for easy cleaning, and gunwales around the 260 are wide and topped with aggressive grip surfaces, powder-coated rails, and pull-up cleats to keep the lines fair. In the front of the center console are signature Everglades seats with room for two, complete with headrests and grab rails for safety. Other than behind the wheel, these are the prime seats on board.

### **Complete Helm**

The helm is truly designed for comfort, starting with the plush padded console seat. Our boat had the Honda engine digital gauges, which let you keep a close eye on the engines performance. A large space for flush mounted electronics is just behind the wheel, and the power-assisted hydraulic steering made handling smooth, even in the rough water.

Inside the center console is the head compartment, which has a deep-V design and provides a generous amount of headroom. It's complete with a standard china toilet with macerator and holding tank, some storage for small items, and offers easy access to the connections for the electronics on the dash.

The T-top gave us a welcome cover from the Miami sun, and it also added more rocket launcher rod holders, trolling gear options, and more room for electronics.

### **More Fishing Features**

The leaning post workstation is very impressive and easy to work with. The boat has more signature Everglades seating, a fire extinguisher properly placed where the captain can get to it immediately, and the sides have Plano tackle boxes. The back of the leaning post is bait central. Knife and tool organizers are placed across the top, keeping tips and blades safely away. To the right is a small sink to rinse off and to the left a cutting board top to prepare the bait. In the center is the 55-gallon baitwell with clear top and magnetic catch to hold it open while dipping bait from the well. The well has rounded sides and blue lights to keep the bait calm and lively.

### **Cockpit Layout**

The aft cockpit is the prime casting space. Here you'll find three-rod storage racks, and under the gunwales is a stainless steel toe-kick board to anchor your feet while fighting a big fish. Coaming pads are also standard on this model. In the floor is a 66-gallon fish box with pump-out.

The aft bench is a real work of art. It deploys down easily, tips back up to add casting space, and when you

need to check the batteries it flips-up from the bottom to reveal them neatly organized in a tray, and well out of the bilges. This is a very innovative and smart use of space. Another good use of space is the slide-out Igloo cooler drawer located in the port corner. On top of the stern wall is another station to prepare fish or more bait, and it has an overboard drain for easy clean up. Rounding out this cockpit is the lockable transom door, which is always useful, especially when hauling in a big catch.

### **Specifications**

The 260CC has the same beam width as the 290CC and measures only 2 feet shorter at 26' 7". She weighs 4,700 pounds and carries 200 gallons of fuel and 25 gallons of water. When you want to drift close to the shallow running fish, the draft on this model is 20" with the outboards trimmed up.

### **Performance and Ride**

Testing was a bit challenging after the Miami show simply because so many other boats were tearing up the water around us, but it allowed me to see just how dry a ride this 260 is, and how well she cuts the waves. Our test boat got up on plane in 4.4 seconds and was able to reach 30 mph in 7.6 seconds. She topped out at 51.4 mph at 6000 rpm, and cruised most economically at 3000 rpm running 25.3mph for a range of 432 miles.

The 260CC is well poised for success with great performance, good fishability features, and solid design. She delivered a great ride, which was both dry and comfortable. I believe this boat will serve the fishing family for many years.