

Wellcraft 352 Tournament (2006-)

Brief Summary

Wellcraft is attacking the tournament crowd with the all new 352 Tournament. With a wide 9'11" beam, there is tremendous space in the cockpit for fishing and baiting. The multiple seating options allow you to design the space the way you like it, and there is plenty of room at the helm for adding flush-mounted electronics.

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

- Rigging station with washdown sink and cutting board
- 84-quart lighted baitwell
- Fiberglass T-top
- Integrated swim platform
- Stainless steel hardware throughout
- Fold-away rear bench seat
- Forward casting platform
- Easy battery maintenance trays

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1500	7.9	6.9	6.7	1.18	1.03	424	369	72
2000	9.7	8.4	10.2	0.95	0.83	342	298	74
2500	18.9	16.4	12.9	1.47	1.27	527	459	80
3000	27	23.4	16.8	1.6	1.39	578	502	80

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
3500	33.5	29.1	21.5	1.56	1.36	561	488	86
4000	40.7	35.3	29.3	1.39	1.21	499	434	83
4500	46.2	40.1	35.7	1.29	1.12	465	405	84
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5000	51.2	44.5	44.9	1.14	0.99	410	357	88
5500	56.8	49.3	52.6	1.08	0.94	388	338	89
5750	58.9	51.2	61	0.97	0.84	348	302	89

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	35' 4"
BEAM	9' 11"
Dry Weight	8,600 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	23"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	

Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	23 deg.
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	8' 4"
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	400 gal.
Water Capacity	13 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	5.2 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	2 : 1
Props	23 SWS 3-blade stainless steel
Load	2 persons, 135 gallons, no water, min. gear
Climate	83 deg., 23% humid., wind: 5-15mph; seas: 1' chop

Rugged Offshore Performance-Wellcraft's 352 Tournament

By Capt. Bob Smith

Wellcraft continues to attack the FLW tour with the all-new 352 Tournament. This performance center console is staged to not only carry Wellcraft's logo and flag to the tournaments, but also to take home the trophies! Wellcraft spends a great deal of time following, supporting, and analyzing the tournament fishing scenes and the payoff is producing solid performing center console fishing rigs loaded with fishability, comfort, and performance.

From the dock, I was first struck with the depth of the cockpit and the immense size of this 35 foot fishboat.

It is easy to imagine several tournament anglers comfortably working lines on this one. Often, when I see triple outboards, they look crammed into place, but the triple Yamaha 250's on the 352 looked right at home on the transom of this model.

Tournament-Ready Fishing

Up front, our test boat came with an optional windlass anchoring system. The anchor line is fed through the hatch on top, but there is also a hatch from the back of the peak section. Hatches were two piece bonded, finished on both sides for easy cleanup, and are supported with stainless steel pneumatic lifts. A split, low stainless steel rail surrounds the front for great hand-holds and is canted inside to keep the gunwales clean. Seven pull-up heavy duty cleats are on the boat for secure docking and anchoring and are cleanly out of the way.

At the bow storage consists of dual insulated fish boxes that double as raised casting stations and seats. Aggressive grip surfaces cover these boxes as well as every other horizontal surface on board. These boxes are huge and have overboard drains for easy cleaning and flushing. In the floor are two boxes that go all the way to the bilges for tremendous storage. These have false floors to keep gear out of the wet. The forward locker is designed to stash a few rods if needed. Below the forward console bench doubles is a 60 quart cooler.

On each side of the console under the gunwales, are twin tip-out boxes for storage of tackle, and flush-mount electronic covers. These boxes can be removed easily for access to electric lines and other service items.

T-Top Design

The T-top comes standard with five rod holders as well as spreader lights, electronic box, and PFD net storage. Wellcraft thinks ahead by molding in flats for electronic antennas, outriggers, radar, and other items added by the serious fishing crowd. I really appreciated how Wellcraft solves part of the visibility problem with T-tops by using a strong ½" thick wrap-around windshield that doesn't require additional framing. This really keeps the view open.

Battery Access

The 352 Tournament provides easy access to wiring through inspection hatches in the head compartment as well as an easily tiltable console for complete access with minimal restriction. One thing that really stood out was how they handled what could otherwise be easily overlooked. This boat had three cranking batteries (three engines) and a house battery. Two are behind the steps and the other two are inside the opposite wall. Rather than just having an access panel, they developed a sliding stainless steel tray to pull the batteries out so you can lift them directly up rather than have to tilt them out and pull them up. As if further convincing was needed, this showed me that they do their research! Everyone changes batteries at some point, so Wellcraft makes that task as easy and comfortable as possible.

At the Controls

Our helm was outfitted with lots of heavy duty standard equipment and some optional items as well. Analog gauges are arranged neatly across the top, and below is additional space. Our test boat had the optional

twin Raymarine 12" color displays installed here. Rocker switches are aligned below the displays in a single line for easy identification. Hydraulic tilt steering with dual rams is standard for triple treats like the three Yamahas we had on our test boat. We had heavy-duty trim tabs with indicators as well as zero effort throttles and shifters for each engine. Behind the leaning post seat is a bait rigging station with two rod holders for bait and a 84-quart lighted baitwell.

Fishing off at the Stern

The aft area of the cockpit is wide open and ready for serious fishing. Rod holders are in the gunwales, racks are under gunwales and coaming bolsters protect your thighs when leaning into the fish. At the transom is a rigging station with sink, raw water washdown and two removable bins for better access to the bilges.

Specifications

The 352 Tournament measures 35'4" length overall and has a beam width of 9'11". She tips the scales at 8600 pounds and carries 400 gallons of fuel. She can handle up to 900 horsepower on her stern, and has a 23-degree deadrise for wave slicing ability. Draft with the triple engines up is approximately 23" and with them down, it's 39".

How Did She Run?

We tested the 352 in some pretty steady one foot chop on the Intracoastal waterways of Sarasota Florida. Cutting through the waves was no problem and we never even felt a spray of water, even with the helicopter overhead. She was quick to plane in 5.2 seconds and was passing 30 mph in 6.2 seconds. I found she cruised best around 3000 rpm going 27 mph, for a full tank cruising range of 578 miles. The 352 topped out at 58.9 mph still delivering a smooth, dry and quiet ride at only 89 dBa.

If you are a serious fisherman and like to run offshore with confidence and comfort, the 352 Tournament provides the beef and the solid platform for chasing the fish and loading up the boxes.