

Forest River Marine South Bay 925CR (2007-)

Brief Summary

Test#0929061388

Test Power-- 1 x 225-hp Honda 4-Stroke Outboard

Best Cruise-- 19.0 mph @ 3000 rpm

WOT-- 40.9 mph @ 5900 rpm

Forest River Marine builds one of the most executive looking pontoons I have ever seen. These high quality boats have set a high bar for others to reach with great standard amenities and a healthy list of options. The 925 CRTT not only provides a comfortable, high quality ride, it provides performance with its three tube design with splash guard underneath to prevent drag from the water hitting the bottom.

****Video coming January 2007****

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

- .090 gauge aluminum tubes
- Heavy duty continuous riser
- Dual bank shore power battery charger
- 9' bimini top
- 30 oz. Berber carpet
- Stainless steel hardware throughout
- Rear access ladder
- Rear access transom washdown
- Deluxe captain's chair

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
660	3	2.6	0.6	5.45	4.74	142	124	53
1000	4.5	3.9	1	4.74	4.12	124	108	56
1500	6.6	5.7	1.6	4.13	3.59	108	94	68
2000	9.8	8.5	2.1	4.67	4.06	122	106	69
2500	14.4	12.5	3.2	4.48	3.9	117	102	72
3000	19	16.5	4.5	4.22	3.67	110	96	73
3500	22.8	19.8	6.1	3.74	3.25	98	85	72
4000	27.3	23.7	9	3.03	2.64	79	69	75
4500	31.5	27.4	12.4	2.54	2.21	66	58	79
5000	35.8	31.1	14.9	2.4	2.09	63	54	80
5500	39.7	34.5	17.5	2.28	1.98	59	52	85
5900	40.9	35.6	18.5	2.21	1.92	58	50	86

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

Length Overall	26' 1"
BEAM	8' 6"

Dry Weight	2695 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	N/A
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	29 gal.
Water Capacity	none
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	3.5 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	2.33 : 1
Props	PowerTech 17" 3-blade
Load	3 persons, 3/4 fuel, no water, minimal gear

Climate	Temp: 67 deg., humid: 68%, wind: 3-6 mph, seas: calm
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Luxury and Performance in the South Bay 925 CR

By Capt. Bob Smith

The 925 CR is one of the best looking pontoons I have looked at over the years. Forest River Marine call their South Bay pontoon series the Luxury Series and the Luxury Performance Series and I believe they can defend this claim. Just seeing them riding high in the slips, I could tell they were a notch above most everything I had seen.

Bow Features

Starting up front, the 52” long nose piece stands out. The center tube comes equipped with a Schrader valve. I asked about this and was told it is to help prevent “oil canning” which can be a problem with some pontoons. It is also used to test each pontoon for leaks. The 925 CR pontoon has the Schrader valve up front because there is a large in-floor storage box just aft the bow entry gate. C-channel cross members are spaced every 16” to give the deck better durability and more attachment points. An under belly splash shield improves performance in this model by reducing drag induced by waves rolling against the bottom. Elliptical stainless steel docking lights are mounted in the side panels up front. The side panels are insulated .030 gauge paneling raised for better drainage. The anodized D rails are designed for strength and appearance. The under rail lighting adds ambience at night and flip up cleats allow docking lines to easily pass through. Our test model featured highly polished corner guards to prevent some of the accidental dock rash.

The front gate offers a great pathway for getting into the bow seating area. If you need to maximize seating, you can opt for a fill-in bench that covers the opening of the bow gate. All the seating on board has hinged seat bottoms and roto-molded seat bases. The starboard lounge seat swings toward the center and offers room to store tall items vertically. Over on the port end, the lounge back hinges at the top and offers another cooler space inside. The tweeters for the stereo are mounted in the seat back along with twin drinkholders in a burlwood type finish. The large speakers are mounted in the seat bases and produce great sound. The optional in-store storage compartment can handle the canvas and it even comes with its own bilge pump to keep it dry. Moving towards the back you’ll find another wide entry gate on the port side. Here you will readily see the heavy-duty side panel braces that insure a sturdy panel.

Fiberglass Helm Station

Across from the port entry is a fiberglass helm station that is built for comfort and convenience. Tilt hydraulic steering makes handling nearly effortless. You don’t have to get out of the captain’s chair to control the tunes with the Jensen stereo remote located next to the wheel on the left side. Faria gauges have gold bezels for an extra rich look. Our model came outfitted with a Garmin 145 to keep watch over the bottom and to look for fish. Lighted rocker control switches are grouped together and in a panel to the right are

engine indicators and the Honda throttle/shifter. Our test model came with the optional King Captain's chair which was really comfy. It's features include an adjustable headrest, flip arm rests, adjustable seat position, pneumatic seat lift, and an adjustable seat back.

Underneath the helm station is storage and access to the dash connections. A small panel just above the storage hatch conceals the stereo system, a rocker switch on the side controls power to the pressure water on the sink in the helm top. The filler for the water tank is next to the sink along with the hydraulic steering fluid cap. A small storage box on the front has a liner so you can use the box for an ice bucket.

Aft Seating

Aft seating is in an "L" shape with additional hinged seat bottoms over roto-cast seat storage bases. A two post snack table sets up quickly for lunch and there are more speakers mounted in the seats back here so everyone can hear the music. Across the back is a large padded sun tanning space with raised bolster along the outside edge. The handy changing room makes having family on board more pleasurable. Under the aft section there is access to the center-mounted fuel tank, the battery, battery switch, and battery charger which are mounted on the port side.

Equipped for Watersports

Through the stern gate you have a standard washdown hose, vinyl coated platform with stainless steel grab handle for reboarding. Our model had the extended swim platform with concealed stainless steel ladder and ski tow bar across the center aft section over the engine.

Specifications & Performance

The three-tube version 925 CRTT from South Bay measures 27 feet overall in length and rides on a deck width of 8'6". Her dry weight is approximately 2825 lbs without the engine and she carries 29 gallons in her center mounted fuel tank. This model is rated for a maximum of 275-hp outboard engines.

We tested the 925CRTT on Lake Lanier in Georgia in the late fall. She handled more like a speed boat and responded very quickly to turns and throttle inputs.

For room, luxury, and performance in a pontoon, it seems you can't go wrong with Forest River Marine's South Bay 925 CRTT.