

# Caravelle 217 LS Bowrider (2007-)

## Brief Summary

Caravelle created quite a stunning bow rider with the 217LS. Gracious curves and flowing lines draw you into the cockpit and invite you along for the ride. Comfortable SofTech spring suspension bucket seats wrap you in luxury and let you relax and enjoy the power of the sterndrive whether you simply want to cruise the beaches or pull a speed-hungry rider on a slalom ski.

## 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

- 100% wood free construction
- Full fiberglass cockpit liner
- Automatic bilge pump
- Digital depth finder
- Kenwood waterproof CD stereo
- Anchor storage
- L-Shaped seating with sundeck
- Cockpit courtesy lights
- Hinged filler cushion for sundeck

## Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
750	3.5	3	0.7	5.38	4.68	174	152	69
1000	4.5	3.9	1.1	4.29	3.73	139	121	69
1500	6.4	5.6	1.9	3.46	3.01	112	97	74

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2000	8.1	7	3.6	2.25	1.96	73	63	78
2500	13.4	11.6	6.1	2.21	1.92	71	62	87
3000	25.4	22.1	7.1	3.58	3.11	116	101	87
3500	31.2	27.1	9.2	3.39	2.95	110	96	89
4000	36.4	31.6	13.2	2.76	2.4	90	78	90
4500	41.2	35.8	16.8	2.46	2.14	80	69	95
5200	46.4	40.3	21.3	2.18	1.9	71	62	97

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

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# Specifications

Length Overall	21' 5
BEAM	8' 6"
Dry Weight	N/A
Tested Weight	
Draft	36"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	

<b>Air Draft</b>	
<b>Deadrise/Transom</b>	20 deg.
<b>Max Headroom</b>	open
<b>Bridge Clearance</b>	N/A
<b>Weight Capacity</b>	
<b>Person Capacity</b>	
<b>Fuel Capacity</b>	36 gal.
<b>Water Capacity</b>	none
<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	3.6 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.60 : 1
Props	14 1/3 x 21 Aluminum
Load	2 persons, 7/8 fuel, no water, min, gear
Climate	Temp: 54 deg., humid: 77%, wind: 5-10 mph, Seas: moderate chop

## A Spry Runner

By Capt. Robert E. Smith

Walking up to the docks at Lake Lanier in Georgia, the LS Bowriders from Caravelle stood out. They seemed to be saying “you haven’t seen anything yet” to me. First up was Caravelle's 217LS, and with the black hull color and elegant striping she looked like a million bucks and, Caravelle promised a great ride.

### At the Bow

Beginning at the bow, the 217LS offers a great space to lounge on the filler cushions that make a huge sunpad or two can sit back and relax in the lounge seats located in front of the helm and companion

stations. A concealed beach boarding ladder makes jumping off at your favorite beach a snap. Docking cleats snap down out of the way when not needed so they aren't a trip hazard when using the boarding ladder. An anchor easily nests in the clips below the telescoping ladder and still has room for lots of line. Beneath the cushions you have plenty of room to store gear for a full day on the water.

### **Moving Back**

The fully framed wrap-around windshield has features a large walk through opening. In the sole is a huge locker for boards and skis, with an easy drain cushion system that protects the gear. The bucket seats in the cockpit are spring suspension SoftTech seats with flip-up bolsters. The companion station has a built-in armrest with a slash pocket below complete with an additional drink holder. In the dash top is a stainless steel drinkholder and heavy duty grab bar. The glove box is accented with burlwood look and has a ton of room to keep wallets safe and dry while you enjoy the water.

### **At the Helm**

The helm station also is a comfortable space with more burlwood looking accents for an elegant feel. A matching adjustable tilt wheel is padded for comfort on those long ski runs. Lighted rocker switches are grouped to the left of the wheel while the Kenwood stereo is mounted to the right. Faria gauges are grouped together above the wheel for good position while view underway. Below the dash is an iPOD/MP3 jack for your own mix of music underway.

Aft cockpit seating is L-shaped and wraps from the companion seat around to the starboard walk-through transom. There is more storage is under the benches and a carry on cooler is cleverly concealed in the floor of the walkthrough transom. The engine hatch doubles as a sun tanning spot. The filler cushion over the walk-through has a three position adjustment to be open for boarding, angled for a headrest, or down for a larger pad. The stern light is stored in clips just inside the engine box. A large dry storage area is to next to the engine, to keep the life jackets warm and dry.

### **Stern Features**

The swim platform is molded in and larger than many I have seen in a boat in this size range. Our test model had the transom remote so you could control the tunes while enjoying the water. Boarding from the stern is easy with a concealed telescoping ladder and you can use the platform locker as either a cooler or a wet locker. If you are really into watersports, this model also offers a wakeboard tower or a Premium Wakeboard Tower with premium sound system, tower speakers and amplifier!

### **Specifications**

The Caravelle 217LS Bowrider for measures 21'5" length overall with a beam width of 8'6" and she carries 36 gallons of fuel. While we tested with a 270-hp Volvo 5.0GXi, she is rated for up to 300-hp sterndrives.

### **Performance & Ride**

Even with rough conditions the 217LS proved to be a spry runner. She handled heavy chop and close cornering with ease proving she is a nimble ride and can keep you dry, even when the chop isn't so much fun. The 217 was up on plane in 3.6 seconds and up to 30 mph in 8.7 seconds. She is comfortably riding on plane at 3500 rpm and 27.1 mph while capable of at least 46.4 mph top end. I am convinced in normal

boating conditions, she would easily top that speed. At cruise speed, the 217LS is capable of about 110 miles on a full tank of fuel.

If you are looking for an executive looking ride that still has the speed to thrill, Caravelle offers a great choice in the 217LS!