

Sylvan 1600 Pro Sport

Brief Summary

Sylvan is known among serious aluminum boat fishing fans for delivering wide casting platforms, rod and tackle storage and fishability beyond expectation. The 1600 Pro Sport delivers a nimble ride with good handling characteristics both around the docks and at various speeds. She is also impressively quiet for an aluminum boat.

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

- Bow with Stern live wells
- .100 gauge aluminum bottom thickness
- Rear jump seats - that can be left in the garage when not in use
- Vinyl floor with snap in carpet

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1000	3.2	2.8	0.7	4.57	3.98	99	86	68
1500	4.5	3.9	0.9	5	4.35	108	94	74
2000	6	5.2	1	5.95	5.17	129	112	79
2500	6.7	5.8	1.5	4.47	3.88	96	84	86
3000	7.6	6.6	2.3	3.36	2.92	72	63	87
3500	11.7	10.1	3	3.88	3.38	84	73	89

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
4000	22.1	19.2	3.5	6.3	5.48	136	118	85
4500	26	22.6	3.6	7.31	6.36	158	137	85
5000	29	25.2	4.1	7.15	6.22	154	134	89
5500	33.1	28.8	5.3	6.25	5.43	135	117	91
6000	36.2	31.5	6.6	5.53	4.81	119	104	91
6300	38.1	33.1	6.7	5.73	4.98	124	108	92

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

Length Overall	16' 6"
BEAM	7' 4"
Dry Weight	1,080 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	2' 9"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	

Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	N/A
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	24 gal.
Water Capacity	N/A
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	3.0 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	N/A
Props	N/A
Load	Load: 2 person, Fuel: 1/2 full, Water: none, Gear: minimal
Climate	Temp: 71 deg., Humid: 70%, Wind: 5 knots, Seas: flat

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By Capt. Rob Smith

Sylvan is known among serious aluminum boat fishing fans for delivering wide casting platforms, rod and tackle storage and fishability beyond expectation. They are also known for building boats that take the punishment of serious anglers who are not afraid to get into the difficult reaches for that trophy fish. The 1600 Pro Sport is no exception.

At the Bow

Our 1600 Pro Sport was outfitted with a Minn Kota PD55 Power Drive Trolling Motor with tethered foot control to help you slip into the skinny water. The full function power panel in the bow had a battery control panel, additional 12-volt connection for a portable GPS or to power a bubbler for an extra bait bucket and a

main motor trim switch. The panel also has a courtesy light to illuminate the bow at night or early morning. The anchor locker has the bow light clipped on the lid to make sure you can find it easily when you need it. Your favorite lures can be handy if you keep them in the two tackle boxes stored in the front of the helm. I really like having a cord pass-through in the front of the helm to connect up the charger when I put the boat away at night. The trolling motor batteries were in the centerline locker at the bow, keeping the weight distributed over the keel. You can set up a seat in the bow casting deck. High-tech livewells are in the bow and the stern so two anglers can get their bait without having to leave their casting station.

Roomy Cockpit

Moving into the cockpit, you step through the full-framed windshield with center walk-through. You have lots of seating room in the 1600. Six seat positions mean you can set this one up any way you prefer and make just about anyone happy. Seat backs fold down to keep a low profile in your garage and reduce windage when towing.

The companion station is well protected from spray and wind with a high windshield. A deep padded glove box should keep your wallets, glasses and lotions handy and dry. One of the two speakers is in the side panel along with a safety grab handle.

The cockpit is designed with good toe-kick space for balance while fishing or moving about the deck. The port side has rod storage and the starboard side has open slash pocket storage in the side.

Helm Highlights

The helm has a padded tilt wheel for maximum comfort when driving. Analog gauges were spread over two tiers for best view and included fuel, voltage, tachometer and trouble lights. A Lowrance X52 fit nicely to the right of the gauge set. The Seaworthy stereo provided nice sounds and also had an MP3 player input so you could bring along your tunes. The charging system fits underneath the helm.

At the Stern

Moving on back to the stern, jump seats make simple work of adding a few more seats for guests. When strictly fishing, leave them behind in the garage for more room and less weight to haul. The vinyl flooring makes quick work of cleaning up after a hard day of fishing, and the snap-in carpet cushions bare feet when just cruising and swimming. Beneath the port seat is the aft livewell and under the starboard seat is the cranking battery. A casting seat post base is in the aft section for a casting chair.

Specs and Performance

The Sylvan 1600 Pro Sport measures 16'6" length overall and 88" across the stable beam. She tips the scales at 1,080 lbs. dry weight without engine and has a fuel capacity of 24 gallons. She is rated to carry a maximum weight of 1300 lbs. with engine, people and gear.

The 1600 Pro Sport delivered a nimble ride with good handling characteristics both around the docks and at various speeds. She is impressively quiet for an aluminum boat. She does have a lot of bow rise out of the hole. With hydraulic steering, she was stiff when turning. Our test boat was powered with a Suzuki DF90TLK outboard. I found her top speed to reach 38.1 mph and her cruise speed to be around 26 mph. At cruise you can expect to get about 158 miles on a full tank of fuel.