

# Wellcraft 180 Fisherman (2016-)

## Brief Summary

With a 20-degree deadrise, the Wellcraft 180 Fisherman should deliver a good ride in a chop, and she'll float in just 15" with the outboard tilted up, making her good for prowling the edges of the flats. Livewell, rod racks, and trolling rod holders are all standard. Small swim platforms on each side of the motor well are adequate for getting into the water for a swim, or for some wadefishing, and a stainless-steel boarding ladder to port assists in getting back aboard.

## Price

**Base Price** \$29990.00

*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

- Rod holders, gunnel mount
- Rub Rail with stainless steel insert
- Swim platform with ladder
- Baitwell/livewell
- Rear folding bench
- Cooler
- Gel accent stripe with choice of three colors
- Diamond pattern anti-skid
- Fishbox with overboard drain

## Specifications

<b>Length Overall</b>	18' / 5.48 m
<b>BEAM</b>	8'   2.44 m
<b>Dry Weight</b>	2,065 lbs.   937 kg

<b>Tested Weight</b>	
<b>Draft</b>	
<b>Draft Up</b>	15"   0.38 m
<b>Draft Down</b>	32"   0.81 m
<b>Air Draft</b>	
<b>Deadrise/Transom</b>	20-deg.
<b>Max Headroom</b>	open
<b>Bridge Clearance</b>	6' 7"   2.01 m
<b>Weight Capacity</b>	1,650 lbs.   749 kg
<b>Person Capacity</b>	6
<b>Fuel Capacity</b>	51 gal.   193 L
<b>Water Capacity</b>	N/A
<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>	
<b>0 to 20</b>	
<b>Ratio</b>	
<b>Props</b>	
<b>Load</b>	
<b>Climate</b>	

## Wellcraft 180 Fisherman running shot

At 18' (5.48 m) long with an 8' (2.44 m) beam and a weight of 2,065 lbs. (937 kg), the Wellcraft 180 Fisherman can be a good first boat for a young couple.

## Overview

Wellcraft designed the 180 Fisherman as a center-console boat focused on fishing with such standard features as a baitwell, an overboard-draining fishbox, and in-gunwale rod holders. For cruising, the boat has aft jumpseats, a convertible backrest for the helm seat, a lounge on the front of the console, and a stainless-steel boarding ladder. Options such as a bow cushion, a bimini top, and a full bowrail make the boat more comfortable for recreational use.

## Wellcraft 180 Fisherman casting deck

The 180 Fisherman's raised casting deck in the bow gives anglers a good vantage point to spot fish when plying the shallows. With the engine trimmed up, she draws 15" (38.1 cm).

## Features Inspection

The 180 Fisherman's stern where there are small swim platform on each side of the motor well. There's a stainless-steel boarding ladder to port and aft on each side are cleats installed at an angle that conveniently positions them well for cross-tying and keeps them away from fishing lines. For trolling, in-deck rod holders are in the aft corners and alongside the leaning post.

## The Cockpit.

In the 180 Fisherman's self-draining cockpit, aft jump seats have removable bottom cushions with storage compartments underneath. Each one has a hinged plastic hatch. There's space to move about between these seats and the leaning post, which has a backrest that can be moved for forward- or aft-facing use. In the aft side of the leaning post base, there's space for a 76-quart (72 L) carry-on cooler. Outboard on each side, there are long racks for rods and landing tackle in the gunwales.

## Wellcraft 180 Fisherman stern quarters

For passengers seated in the Wellcraft 180 Fisherman stern quarters, there are contoured backrests, grab handles, and stainless-steel cup holders, plus storage in the base.

## The Helm.

In addition to the reversible backrest, the leaning post is wide enough for two people, and there is an angled footrest in the bottom of the console. The stainless-steel steering wheel with a spinner knob is positioned to

port with the tachometer, speedometer, and fuel and trim instruments in a raised panel just above. The panel is finished in gray to reduce glare, and it contains the accessory switches and a 12-V power plug. There's a compass up top, and to starboard are two cup holders and a plastic grab handle. A stainless-steel rail frames the acrylic windscreen so passengers can grab it and not the windscreen when they need to hang on.

#### Wellcraft 180 Fisherman leaning post

In this photo, we see the leaning post backrest positioned for forward-facing travel.

#### Wellcraft 180 Fisherman helm

The Wellcraft 180 Fisherman's helm is laid out for two people to be comfortable there. Some builders put the wheel in the middle, which makes steering problematic when two people are at the helm.

## The Bow.

On the front of the console, there's a fixed backrest pad and a hinged bottom cushion that opens a 24-gallon (91 L) baitwell. Forward, it's an easy step up to the boat's casting platform that has an insulated draining fishbox in the base.

As stated above, owners can opt for a snap-down bow cushion and aluminum or stainless-steel rails for the bow. We like that the boat comes standard with two forward cleats. Some manufacturers of entry-level boats cheap out and go with one.

#### Wellcraft 180 Fisherman livewell

The seat bottom cushion on the front of the console is hinged to make it easy to get to the bait fish in the livewell.

## Available Power.

Wellcraft offers her with a choice of outboards from 115-hp to 150-hp from Evinrude, Mercury, and Yamaha. Yamaha ran its own performance test on the boat with a 115-hp F115TLR 4-stroke outboard turning a 13" x 19" (33.02 cm x 48.3 cm) three-blade aluminum propeller through a 2.15:1 reduction.

Yamaha techs report the top speed was 39.9 mph (34.7 knots) at 5900 rpm and best cruise was at 3500 rpm, where the 3,250-lb. (1,474 kg) boat ran 18.4 mph (16 knots) and burned 3.8 gph (14.4 lph), giving her a range of 213.4 statute miles (185.4 nautical miles) with 10% of the 49-gallon (185 L) fuel capacity in reserve, according to the builder.

In acceleration tests, the 180 Fisherman planed in 4.9 seconds, according to Yamaha.

#### Wellcraft 180 Fisherman running shot

With a deadrise at the transom measuring of 20-degrees, the Wellcraft 180 Fisherman has a deep-V bottom design that can handle choppy conditions.

## Construction.

Wellcraft builds the 180 Fisherman with fiberglass stringers, foam flotation, and a cockpit liner to give the boat a solid feel and seamless appearance in the cockpit. The standard gelcoat scheme is all white with a choice of three accent stripe colors. All thru-hull fittings and cleats are stainless steel.

## Price with Outboard Motor

- \$34,923 with Evinrude E-TEC 115 2-stroke
- \$37,615 with Evinrude E-TEC 135 HO 2-stroke
- \$38,654 with Evinrude E-TEC 150 2-stroke
- \$35,077 with Mercury 115 ELPT 4-stroke
- \$39,862 with Mercury 150 L 4-stroke
- \$36,692 with Yamaha F115 LB 4-stroke
- \$41,615 with Yamaha F150LF 4-stroke

## Individual Options and Prices

- Bow cushion (\$408)
- Full bow rail (\$962)
- Hydraulic steering (\$1,338) (standard on 135-hp and higher)
- Bimini top with stainless-steel hardware (\$846)
- Aluminum EZ Loader trailer with brakes (\$3,877)
- Galvanized EZ Loader trailer with brakes (\$3,477)

Wellcraft 180 Fisherman trailer

The Wellcraft 180 Fisherman is available with an aluminum or galvanized trailer and can be towed by a variety of mid-sized sport utility vehicles and pickups.

# Observations

Depending on an owner's choice of power, the Wellcraft 180 Fisherman can be had for about \$40,000 on the trailer. The bow cushion and Bimini top would be smart options for owners who want to make the boat more family friendly for a day on the water.