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Stingray 204LR

WE SAY Powered by a Yamaha 115, the 204LR retains Stingray's famously speedy and agile Z-plane hull. The combo planed in 4.4 seconds, reached 30 mph in eight seconds and topped out at 44.2 mph. The optional 150 reportedly boosts speed to 54 mph. Cranking the wheel hard over, the 204LR rewarded me with the same

sure handling that I've experienced testing sterndrive-powered Stingrays.

The 204LR offers a sizable sun pad, a rarity on an outboard. It also turns much of what was the engine compartment in a sterndrive model into one vast stowage locker. The swim platform gets cut in two. An angled swim ladder keeps boarders away from the prop.

A wide, flat area at the bow facilitates boarding, followed by a step into the cockpit. Both are covered with nonskid. Below the first step is a two-rung ladder and anchor stowage; an insulated cooler with an overboard drain lives beneath the second. The big windshield protects the captain, co-pilot and aft cockpit. Open the standard side-vent windows to increase airflow. Twin bucket seats rest behind the consoles. A three-quarter-width aft bench wraps behind the passenger seat, allowing someone to kick up his or her feet, and allowing room for a starboard walk-through to facilitate boarding. — *Jeff Hemmel*

WHO'D WANT ONE Boaters seeking outboard power and spirited handling, while retaining some sterndrive layout elements.

ANOTHER CHOICE NauticStar's 203 SC (\$27,450 with a Yamaha 115 XA).

BOTTOM LINE \$33,857; stingrayboats.com

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rpm	SPEED			EFFICIENCY				OPERATION	
	knots	mph	gph	naut. stat. mpg	n. mi. mpg	s. mi. range	n. mi. range	angle	sound level
1000	4.00	4.60	0.60	6.66	7.67	210	242	0	63
1500	4.61	5.30	1.10	4.19	4.82	132	152	2	64
2000	5.47	6.30	1.50	3.65	4.20	115	132	5	74
2500	6.26	7.20	2.20	2.84	3.27	90	103	7	79
3000	7.39	8.50	3.30	2.24	2.58	71	81	4	83
3500	17.99	20.70	3.50	5.14	5.91	162	186	2	79
4000	22.42	25.80	4.40	5.10	5.86	161	185	2	79
4500	26.59	30.60	6.00	4.43	5.10	140	161	2	84
5000	30.33	34.90	6.70	4.53	5.21	143	164	2	85
5500	34.15	39.30	8.40	4.07	4.68	128	147	2	86
6000	38.41	44.20	10.60	3.62	4.17	114	131	2	88

MOST ECONOMICAL CRUISING SPEED

▶ LOA: 20'5" ▶ Beam: 8'3" ▶ Draft (max): 2'10"
▶ Displacement (approx.): 2,490 lb.

HOW WE TESTED

ENGINE: Yamaha F115 TXR four-stroke outboard DRIVE/
PROP: 13" x 19" 3-blade stainless steel GEAR RATIO: 2.15:1
FUEL LOAD: 24 gal. CREW WEIGHT: 380 lb.