



## Stingray 192SC

**A**PPLYING THE DECK BOAT CONCEPT — meant to maximize interior lounging space — to a 20-foot hull is not the easiest of engineering feats. That's why few builders attempt to pull off small deck boats. But Stingray is one that does, and if the new 192SC is any indication, it does it very well.

Stingray makes the most of the 192SC's 8-foot-4-inch beam, especially when boarding via the molded-in steps on the port side, opposite the helm. The gunwale topsides sports nonskid, and the two integrated steps down make for easy dockside entry. The steps are molded

### EXTRA POINT

**As with all its boats, Stingray adds a subfloor over the stringers for additional structural support, resulting in more stability and a rattle-free ride.**

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in just forward of the entertainment center, which includes a freshwater sink and a dedicated storage space for a trash can.

On the starboard side, the ergonomic helm console features plenty of space to flush-mount electronics; an attached eyebrow protects the screen and the gauges from glare.

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execute smooth, predictable turns. The fact that I could top 40 mph with a 115 hp engine speaks to this.

Back to the space: The L-shaped lounge in the aft cockpit can seat five, and with full beam carried forward, no one sitting in the spacious bow lounge will knock knees. Deploy the cockpit table for dining at anchor, or get the optional filler cushion to convert the bow lounge to a sun pad.

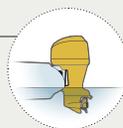
Our test boat included the optional fishing package — which includes a built-in livewell, rod holders and a trolling motor mount. My two favorite things? The extended swim steps. Most outboard boats have small steps to either side of the outboard — a compromise for the power choice — but the 192SC's are massive. They provide fantastic access to the water, with the swim ladder to starboard angled away from the prop, and the acreage rivals a sterndrive's swim platform.

It all adds up to quite a package, and a deck boat that gives you what you need. — *Pete McDonald*

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### AVAILABLE POWER: OUTBOARD



### High Points

- ▶ Extended swim steps to either side of the outboard are gigantic for a 20-footer.
- ▶ Check out the five stainless-steel cup holders built into the transom.
- ▶ There's great service access to the automatic bilge pump and the batteries.

### Low Points

- ▶ We wish the flip-up bolster on the helm seat came standard.
- ▶ Three-step boarding ladder on the bow would be preferable.

### Toughest Competitor

- ▶ The Starcraft Marine 1915 OB (starts at \$23,895 with a 115 hp Evinrude) is a comparably sized deck boat that also offers a fishing package.

▶ LOA: 20'1" ▶ Beam: 8'4" ▶ Draft (max): 2'8" ▶ Displacement (approx.): 2,600 lb.  
 ▶ Transom Deadrise: 20 degrees ▶ Bridge Clearance: 4'2" ▶ Fuel Capacity: 46 gal.  
 ▶ Water Capacity: 3 gal. ▶ Max Horsepower: 150 ▶ Available Power: Single Yamaha or Mercury gasoline outboards

▶ Price: **\$34,366** (with test power)

### BOATING Certified Test Results

rpm	SPEED			EFFICIENCY				OPERATION	
	knots	mph	gph	naut. mpg	stat. mpg	n. mi. range	s. mi. range	angle	sound level
1000	3.65	4.20	0.40	9.12	10.50	378	435	1	56
1500	4.95	5.70	0.80	6.19	7.13	256	295	3	60
2000	6.08	7.00	1.30	4.68	5.38	194	223	3	63
2500	6.95	8.00	2.10	3.31	3.81	137	158	5	67
3000	8.86	10.20	3.10	2.86	3.29	118	136	6	70
3500	16.25	18.70	3.50	4.64	5.34	192	221	4	71
4000	21.90	25.20	4.10	5.34	6.15	221	254	2	72
4500	26.07	30.00	5.80	4.49	5.17	186	214	1	78
5000	28.85	33.20	7.10	4.06	4.68	168	194	1	81
5500	32.85	37.80	8.60	3.82	4.40	158	182	1	84
6000	35.71	41.10	10.10	3.54	4.07	146	168	1	85

**MOST ECONOMICAL CRUISING SPEED**

### HOW WE TESTED

ENGINE: Single Yamaha F115 four-stroke outboard PROP: 13" x 19" 3-blade aluminum GEAR RATIO: 2.15:1 FUEL LOAD: 23 gal. CREW WEIGHT: 400 lb.

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