

# Stingray 192 SC

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**After the successful** introduction of its 212 SC for the 2014 model year, Stingray decided to take the next step by further growing its new deck boat category.

During a dealer meeting held in Florence, South Carolina this past fall, the boat builder invited both dealers and members of the media to put its new 2015-model year 192 SC through its paces. Bearing many of the design features and layout characteristics of the larger deck boat,

Stingray employees affectionately refer to the 192 SC as the 'younger brother' of the 212 SC.

Approximately two-feet 'shorter' and 500 pounds lighter than big brother, the 192 measures 20-feet, one-inch in length overall and weighs in at 2,600 pounds with a 115hp Yamaha outboard bolted to the transom (the 212 SC was weighed with a 150hp outboard). The 192 SC is also two-inches slimmer around the waistline, with a beam of 100 inches. Despite the difference, overall interior space

remains exceptional on the new model.

Unlike the 212 SC, the 192 SC does not possess a head compartment and features a smaller portside boarding step. With that said, Stingray believes the smaller deck boat presents itself as an appealing option to a broader spectrum of boaters with a much more attractive package price.

The layout is rated for up to 10 people and features twin forward loungers, a massive cockpit L-Lounge and easy boarding options. Next



to the portside step down (an excellent feature for the less than sure footed) is a sink with faucet and storage bin, which are both handy for cleaning up and disposing of refuse. Stingray also does a wonderful job of providing the 192 with a spacious feel, which is enhanced by the rear and bow walkthroughs.

“The deck boat market is growing,” says Mark Skeen, Stingray’s Vice President of Global Sales. Skeen says the company has identified the high-teen foot category as one representing the best potential growth opportunity, and Stingray’s newest boat represents its efforts to challenge another US-based deck boat manu-

facturer in particular that presently dominates the category. Skeen believes the point of differentiation for the 192 SC will come down to boat’s interior space, styling, price point and running speed. He also identified Canada as an excellent market for recent growth, particularly in the western provinces where Stingray has signed several new dealers.

One new optional feature that Stingray believes will resonate particularly well with boaters is a second Bimini that serves passengers in the bow. It really is a wonderful feature to have if your boat is full and your passengers require a little reprieve from the sun on a hot

day. Both of the 192’s tops feature the company’s ‘anti-rattle’ hinges, to further enhance the riding experience.

Another highlight of the 192 SC is its stainless steel bow ladder (in addition to the stern ladder), providing your passengers yet another convenient re-boarding option. A removable teak-finish table can be installed in the cockpit or up in the bow to create a comfortable place to play a game or have a snack.

For the fishing enthusiast, the 192 is available with an optional fishing package (representing a roughly \$1,100 investment) that adds four aft stainless steel rod holders, a trolling motor



**1)** A forward walkthrough allows easy access to the bow where you'll find a two-rung ladder in a concealed anchor locker.

**2)** A port entry step and sink with faucet truly make the 192 SC a family-friendly deck boat.



**3)** A clean helm offers a large central space for the owner's choice of electronics. Behind the wheel is a spot to place your phone next to a 12V outlet and audio input.

plug, an aft aerated livewell and fishing seats. Another option to consider is the company's stainless steel package, which boosts the appearance of your boat's Bimini top quick connects, rub rail molding, cup holders and dash rail (an upgrade cost of around \$385).

At the helm, I would highly recommend opting for the flip up bolster seat, it serves as a comfortable vantage point when approaching the dock. All the switches on the dash are protected by standard circuit breakers and the boat's hour meter is concealed underneath the console. Stingray provides a central, large open space on the main dash for mounting the owner's choice of electronics, something the company says is more practical due to ever-changing technology. I would also add the depth finder, since it potentially can prevent you from wandering into shallow water.

From behind the wheel, the 192 proved itself very close to the exceptional handling the 212 SC produced in our tests last year. The 192 SC's 20-degree deadrise slices through the water with authority, while remaining exceptionally stable at a standstill. Part of the boat's impressive handling can be linked to Stingray's exclusive Z-plan hull, which utilizes a strake that doubles as a horizontal planning face when submerged and a spray release when positioned closer to the water's surface. The South Carolina-based

boat builder says its CAD-developed hulls are designed specifically to avoid causing bubbles or vortices as they pass through the water, improving the boat's overall efficiency.

Propelling our deck boat was Yamaha's reliable F115B four-stroke. During our on-water testing, the 192 SC achieved plane in about 4.48 seconds with two passengers and a quarter tank – I'd like to see how it would fair with the max-rated 150hp outboard. Top speed was 41mph according to GPS. What I love about this boat, and families will as well, is how stable it handles regardless of what you're doing with the throttle and wheel. It's a wonderful vessel for teaching others in the family how to drive and offers a little extra peace of mind when bringing little ones along for the ride.

It's impressive to see the ongoing improvements Stingray continues to make to its lineup. It was just over a year ago that the company decided to begin offering full colour on its boat hulls as well as to switch to Syntec's Nano Block stain-resistant upholstery.

The 192 SC incorporates nearly all of the best features of the 212 SC in a more affordable package. With its respectable top-end speed, superb accommodation space and easy handling, it's a must see for anyone considering a deck boat purchase for this coming season. 📸

## STINGRAY 192 SC

Length:	20' 1"
Beam:	8' 4"
Dry Weight:	2,600 lbs.
Fuel Capacity:	174L/46 gal.
Deadrise:	20°
Passenger Cap:	10
Power (as tested):	Yamaha F115B 4-stroke
Max Power:	150hp
Price (base):	\$39,324

*Quoted setup may not be exactly as depicted in photos. Prices are subject to currency fluctuations and do not include freight, PDI or additional optional equipment.*

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