

STINGRAY 201DS



> SPECIFICATIONS <

LOA	20 ft., 1 in.
BEAM	8 ft., 4 in.
DEADRISE	20 degrees
CAPACITY	10 people
DRY WEIGHT	2,800 lbs.
FUEL CAPACITY	46 gal.
MAXIMUM HP	175
PRICE W/YAMAHA F150	\$43,167
TIME TO PLANE	3.0 sec.
0-30 MPH	7.9 sec.
PEAK	46.3 mph/5600 rpm/94 dBA
CRUISE	37.6 mph/4500 rpm/87 dBA
TOP 3 STANDARDS:	In-floor ski locker, Fusion RA-55 Bluetooth stereo, bow boarding ladder
TOP 3 OPTIONS:	Full colored hull band, hydraulic tilt steering, bow filler cushions
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The new midsize Stingray 201DS deckboat layout maximizes the onboard space customers use the most to create a deckboat that feels larger than a 20-footer. It's especially noticeable in the bow where a large forward deck and a roomy bow section dominate. This year Stingray's furniture was upgraded to include a thicker, softer foam on the seat bottoms and seatbacks, for greater comfort. The layout includes a portside console equipped with an iPad rack and a charging port, which is in addition to the pair of USB ports at the helm.

Stingray listened to customer feedback and totally revamped the 201DS's floor plan. The message was clear: The majority wanted a second captain's chair instead of a portside chaise lounge, as most people prefer to face forward while underway. But it and the helm seat can spin 180 degrees to face the stern bench when the run is over.

The 201DS has some great entertainment features, including a freshwater spigot in a compact refreshment center that's behind the helm seat. The sink is part of a free bundle of extras Stingray includes that also comes with a 25-quart cooler, an hourmeter, an Italian sport wheel, spring-line cleats and a Fusion Bluetooth

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stereo. At the helm, there's space for a 7-inch GPS chartplotter to be flush-mounted directly in front of the driver. A fishing package costs \$642, and a livewell and two more rod holders cost \$525.

The trend toward outboards continues to gain momentum, especially in coastal regions, and Stingray has been shoring up its offerings. The 201DS is rated for up to 175 hp, but our test boat ran well with a Yamaha F150. Stingray's Z-Plane hull consistently allows boats equipped with it to outperform those with standard hulls. The Z-Plane strakes provided plenty of lift out of the hole and helped the boat reach plane in 3 seconds flat and hit 30 mph in 7.9 seconds. Even with a modest 150 hp, it reached a top speed of 46.3 mph.

What really grabbed us was the 201DS's turning ability, aided by SeaStar hydraulic tilt steering (\$1,346). We were able to carve a ridiculously tight turn with the wheel all the way to its stops. The hull on the 201DS has 20 degrees of deadrise, which should make for a soft ride in the chop. — AJ