

# Sailfish 226 DC

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**L**aunched earlier this year, Sailfish's new 226 DC (Dual Console) hits the sweet spot in the marketplace for a vessel that's large enough to handle a day with the family in open water, and small enough to trailer and power with a single 200 outboard for maximum range and fuel efficiency. Starting aft and working forward, there's a wave gate and a three-step folding stainless steel boarding ladder set in the starboard corner of the transom, with a convenient 18-quart Baja Beach Cooler in the port corner of the platform down at sea level and a 21-gallon circulating baitwell up above. A quartet of stainless steel flush mount rodholders are installed in the transom corners and on either side of the outboard well.

## FAMILY LAYOUT

Stepping into the cockpit area, you'll find 27 inches of thigh-high cockpit depth and a convenient flip-up aft bench seat in the transom bulkhead that rises to reveal convenient access to the bilge and batteries. This is complemented by a front/back lounge seat to port equipped with a gas-assist retracting backrest that converts it into a full-length sun lounger, along with insulated storage down under. To starboard, the optional deluxe captain's chair features an up/down seat bolster for max comfort, with a pair of vertical rodholders set into the seat back, a cushioned aft-facing rear seat, with cupholders and dry insulated storage in the fiberglass base. There's a finished fiberglass head area set under the portside console with a lockable access door and Porta Potti with vinyl flooring for easy clean-ups.

Stepping forward through the flip-up, tempered glass centerline windshield, the bow area features a U-shaped seating arrangement that will allow two crew to stretch out and lean into the port and starboard cushioned backrests when underway and enjoy the ride. There are twin insulated fishboxes set under each of the forward bench seats to chill out the catch of the day. Another pair of recessed cupholders is set in the forepeak, as is a handy anchor locker that's accessed via a lockable flush deck lid.

Other Sailfish 226 DC standards include trim tabs with an auto retract function and angle indicator, accessory switch panel with circuit breakers, dual USB charging ports, a split forward bow rail, a quartet of flush-mount

S/S pull-up cleats, a 2000-gph auto bilge pump, raw water washdown, plus a freshwater washdown system that feeds off a 12-gallon internal tank. Other standard goodies include storage under the starboard console, an in-floor ski locker set under the fiberglass cockpit sole between the consoles on the centerline, plus a tilt steering wheel with hydraulic steering and cushions for all of the aforementioned seating.

## WATER TIME

Max horsepower on the Sailfish 226 DC is 200-horsepower and owners can have their choice of Suzuki, Mercury or Yamaha outboards. She can be rigged with either 150s or 200s from these manufacturers; if this were my rig, I'd definitely go with a 200, since the more folks you add for a day of sun, sand and surf along with their gear, the more load she has to carry. According to recently factory tests with a Suzuki DF200, she'll hit a top speed of over 42 mph at 6,200 rpm with 70 gallons of fuel in the tank and two people onboard, spinning a 20-inch pitch stainless steel propeller.

Dialing it back to a more sedate four-grand, she turned 25.6 mph at 7 gph, for a net of 3.66 mpg, which is very impressive for a boat that tips the scales over 5,000 pounds with nobody onboard. Bumping up the throttle to 4,500 rpm, she hit 30.8 mph at 9.3 gph, for a bottom line of 3.32 mpg. If you have a need for speed and simply must be the first ones to the watering hole, cranking her up to 5,000 revs will push the speed to 34.8 mph at 12.2 gph, which translates to 2.85 mpg. These are great fuel-efficiency numbers for a hefty 23-footer.

The generous 108-gallon fuel capacity will take you and the crew a long way between fill-ups.

Her unique Variable Deadrise Hull (VDH) design incorporates a trio of deadrise angles at the transom and contributes to her stability and fuel efficiency, also making her a smooth operator when crossing the bay in an afternoon wind chop. Like the other Sailfishes in the fleet, the 226 Dual Console employs Sailtech construction that unites science, materials and human engineering to build lasting structural integrity into every hull. The process incorporates materials including Kevlar, quad axial fiberglass, spray core and Trevira to ensure the reliability, strength and durability that boater's need for peace of mind in any weather or sea conditions. 🐟

## SPECIFICATIONS

LENGTH	23 feet
BEAM	8 feet, 6 inches
DEADRISE AFT	VDH hull 22-23-24 degrees
DRAFT	18 inches
WEIGHT	5,150 pounds
FUEL CAPACITY	108 gallons
WATER CAPACITY	12 gallons
MAX HP	200 HP (single outboard)

