

Sea Ray 176 Bowrider

Brief Summary

The 176 is the smallest bowrider in the Sea Ray family. She's a fast and nimble sportboat that boaters of all ages will have fun with.

Price

Base Price

Prices, features, designs, and equipment are subject to change. Please see your local dealer or visit the builder's website for the latest information available on this boat model.

Key Features

The 176 bowrider features a roomy cockpit with dual swiveling bucket seats and dual aft jump seats, and features good in floor storage for waterskis or wakeboards. The helm is comfortable and offers high visibility gauges and illuminated rocker switches. The walkthrough tempered glass windshield is curved for greater protection against the elements. Contact: Sea Ray Boats, Inc., 2600 Sea Ray Boulevard, Knoxville, TN 37914, Phone: (866) 244-0862, www.searay.com.

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
900	3.8	3.3	0.3	12.67	11.01	239	208	72
1000	4.6	4	0.5	9.2	8	174	151	74
1500	6.5	5.7	0.8	8.13	7.07	154	134	78
2000	8.9	7.7	1.2	7.42	6.45	140	122	83
2500	17.2	14.9	1.8	9.53	8.29	180	157	84
3000	26.6	23.1	3.9	6.81	5.92	129	112	86

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
3500	30	26	4.5	6.66	5.79	126	109	86
4000	35.7	31	7.3	4.88	4.25	92	80	90
4500	41.5	36	9.3	4.46	3.88	84	73	98
4900	44.3	38.5	10.9	4.06	3.53	77	67	97

[View the test results in metric units](#)

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Specifications

Length Overall	17'6"
BEAM	7'0"
Dry Weight	2,100 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	1'7"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	open

Bridge Clearance	4'0"
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	21 gal.
Water Capacity	none
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	
Aft Deck	
Salon Inside Width	
Salon Fore & Aft	
Salon Height	
Salon Volume	
Galley Volume	
Master SR Width	
Master SR fore & Aft	

Master SR Overhead	
Master SR Volume	
Eng. Room Volume	

Acceleration Times & Conditions

Time to Plane	3.4 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.75:1
Props	N/A
Load	2 pers, 1/4 fuel, no water, min. gear
Climate	85 deg., 80% humid., wind: calm; seas: flat

A Sporty and Economical Ride

Tested by Capt. Matt Barkley

If you've been looking for a way to get out on the water without spending a fortune, this boat may be the answer. The new Sea Ray 176 Bow Rider is inexpensive, economical, and it's a blast to drive!

The Sea Ray 176 Bow Rider is Sea Ray's newest boat in the Bow Rider family. While it's the shortest boat in the Sea Ray product line, it is long on quality and features. And with an attractive price, the 176 Bow Rider will allow more people to experience the bowrider lifestyle.

And a fun lifestyle is zipping around the waterways in this sporty little boat. Its size gives it the nimbleness of a jet ski while providing the size and storage of a day boat. And with such nimble steering, even kids can handle this boat with ease.

Seating and Storage

The bow seating is in a molded wraparound design and is very comfortable for your passengers. The curved walk-through tempered glass windshield provides easy access to the cockpit while blocking out the

elements. Beneath the seats are storage compartments for gear, towels, or dry clothes. There's also a canvas cover available for chilly days that encloses the front seating area. Other standard features include a JVC AM/FM/CD player with two speakers, custom steering wheel, power trim and tilt, and full dash instrumentation.

Behind the Wheel

The helm boasts a sharp new look with high visibility gauges and illuminated rocker switches. Dual swiveling bucket seats come standard and there's a locking glove box just in front of the observer's seat just above the molded drink holder.

The cockpit is very roomy thanks to the dual swiveling bucket seats and dual aft jump seats. There's also a huge floor storage compartment that easily holds skis, wakeboards, and other large, bulky items that are essential for a fun day on the water.

The Engine

MerCruiser really puts a lot of thought into the placement of key engine maintenance items like the oil fill, dipstick, and the coolant reservoir. You do it yourselfers will appreciate the ease of access. The 3.0L MerCruiser also features a T-handle for flushing and draining the exhaust manifold....something that should significantly extend the life of the motor. There's also a unique access port into the engine compartment designed for a fire extinguisher nozzle to spray fire retardant into the engine compartment without lifting the access hatch.

Our test vessel featured a MerCruiser 3.0 liter 135-hp engine coupled to an Alpha 1 outdrive. That's plenty of power to pull a skier out of the water and the performance is impressive as well.

Performance and Ride

The boat really jumps up on plane with little or no cavitation. This is a fun boat to drive with very nimble power assisted steering and great agility through tight turns and rough water. Her 17'6" length and 7'0" beam enhance the ride while keeping the boat compact and easy to handle.

Out on the test track the 176 produced some pretty good numbers. We got a top speed of 44.3 mph turning 4900 RPM and a best cruise of 17.2 mph at 2500 rpm. At that speed we got a range of 180 miles on a single tank. The 176 is powerful as well with a time to plane of only 3.4 seconds and a 0-30 time of 7.9 seconds.

The Sea Ray 176 Bow Rider is a fun peppy little bow rider, that's inexpensive, and easy to run. Don't be surprised to see more and more of these great entry level boats speeding around your local waters.

For more information visit www.searay.com.