

# Four Winns H260

## Brief Summary

The 260 is roomy, stylish, and has plenty of power to keep you smiling all day long. Its overall performance and economy will impress you under way as well.

## Price

**Base Price** \$66777.00

*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

- Walk-through windshield with acrylic accordion doorway
- Helm seats have bolsters for added comfort
- Large cockpit for entertaining
- Clarion AM/FM/CD marine stereo
- Stern lockers on both starboard and port side
- Large swim platform
- Freshwater rinse shower

## Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	5.8	5	0.8	7.19	6.25	485	422	N/A
1000	6.4	5.6	1.4	4.74	4.12	320	278	N/A
1500	7.8	6.8	2.4	3.32	2.89	224	195	N/A
2000	10.1	8.8	4	2.53	2.2	170	148	N/A
2500	21.2	18.4	6.6	3.21	2.79	217	189	N/A

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
3000	25.9	22.5	7.9	3.3	2.87	223	194	N/A
3500	31.4	27.3	10.7	2.95	2.56	199	173	N/A
4000	36.2	31.5	14.6	2.48	2.16	167	146	N/A
4500	41.5	36	22.8	1.82	1.58	123	107	N/A
4600	41.5	36	23.2	1.79	1.55	121	105	N/A

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

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# Specifications

Length Overall	26' 0"
BEAM	8' 6"
Dry Weight	4,500 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	3' 0"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	20 deg.

<b>Max Headroom</b>	open
<b>Bridge Clearance</b>	4' 7"
<b>Weight Capacity</b>	
<b>Person Capacity</b>	
<b>Fuel Capacity</b>	75 gal.
<b>Water Capacity</b>	none
<b>Length on Trailer</b>	
<b>Height on Trailer</b>	
<b>Trailer Weight</b>	
<b>Total Weight</b>	
<b>Aft Deck</b>	
<b>Salon Inside Width</b>	
<b>Salon Fore &amp; Aft</b>	
<b>Salon Height</b>	
<b>Salon Volume</b>	
<b>Galley Volume</b>	
<b>Master SR Width</b>	

Master SR fore & Aft	
Master SR Overhead	
Master SR Volume	
Eng. Room Volume	

# Acceleration Times & Conditions

Time to Plane	4.4 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.95:1
Props	F4
Load	Load: 2 persons; Fuel: 38 gallons; Water: none; Gear: minimal
Climate	Temp: 86 deg.; Humid: 83%; Wind: 6 knots; Seas: light chop

## A Versatile Bowrider for Family Fun

Tested by Capt. Tom Shackelford

Have you outgrown that little bowrider runabout? Looking for the same configuration in a mid-sized trailerable boat? Well...you may not have to look any further than Four Winns and their 260. This model is roomy, stylish, and has the get up and go which makes this vessel a unique selection in its class. Its performance and economy will impress you under way as well.

Since it's a bowrider, let's start up front for the grand tour. The bow has an anchor locker which houses a stainless steel telescoping swim ladder – a neat feature when you're pulled up on a beach. A Danforth anchor can rest in recessed indentations for deployment. The smallish locker lid opens up and aft.

### At the Bow

The seating up here follows the contour of the hull with thick and full vinyl covered padding, with cushioned backrest. Gunwales on both sides have drink holders and are recessed creating cubbyholes for lotion and

other small items. On the starboard side is a concealed 36-quart Igloo cooler for your beverages and snacks. A bit of design and engineering ingenuity waits proudly behind the starboard backrest, which lifts up to reveal storage space in that area between the helm and bow. But that's not all. The bottom of this sizeable nook lifts to reveal even MORE space for seldom used items.

### **Cockpit**

The walk-through windshield has an acrylic accordion doorway below it to separate bow and cockpit. The portable head is housed in front of the port side passenger seat. There's a small dry storage shelf above the head with sliding doors, and a porthole for ventilation.

The 260 has comfortable seating all around, both passenger and helm seats have bolsters for added comfort. The forward passenger seat on the port side has a stainless steel handrail, a cup holder and a small document holder. Above is a Clarion AM/FM/CD marine stereo.

Features at the helm include Faria gauges, a four-in-one combo shows fuel, voltage, oil pressure and engine temperature. To the left of the wheel is a small compass, and a remote tuner for the stereo is located here. To the right of the wheel is a panel of rocker switches and a 12-volt adapter. A lanyard attaches to the kill switch at the base of the throttle/gear selector lever.

Aft of the helm seat is a small sink with a stopper set in a Corian counter top. Activation of the fresh water supply comes from a rocker switch below the counter surface.

The sink gives way to the rest of the passenger seating. Semi-circular in design, the padding is thick and firm on the bench and the back, which follows the gunwales contour. Both starboard cushions remove to reach the stowage underneath. Once again, the larger of the two houses a 36-quart Igloo cooler.

Recessions on either side create cubbies for knick knacks and drink holders, and stainless steel handrails are located here for bumpy seaways. What appears to be fixed cushioned seating on the transom actually converts to a full sun pad.

Stern lockers on both starboard and port side are wide and reasonably deep, opening upward on hydraulic supports. A freshwater rinse shower, oversized tow ring and stereo remote round out the usable gadgets here. The swim ladder is the standard Four Winns model: powder coated, tri-fold with stainless steel nuts and bolts. It is housed in a flush mount locker with a handhold cut out of its center. The entire swim platform is coated in non-skid.

### **Specs and Test Numbers**

At 26 feet in length overall, and with a beam of 8'6" this 4,500 pound boat has 75 gallons of fuel available to its 280 HP Volvo Penta 5.7 L engine.

Idling at 600 rpm we achieved 5.8 mph while sipping .8 of a gallon. The first significant change in speed and fuel consumption comes at 2500 RPMs where the 260 clocked 20.5 mph using an average 6.6 gph. With the throttle wide open she ran at 41.6 mph at 4600 rpm, burning 23 gph. That F4 stainless steel duo prop set up (1.95:1 reduction ratio) pushes the 260 up on plane in 4.3 seconds.

The 260 was a fun mid-sized bowrider to operate! The folks at Four Winns knew what they were up to when they put this boat on the market.

## **Performance**

Up on a plane, the 260 could easily be steered as if through a maze of cones hugging the water like it was on a track. Trim tabs helped out here. It achieved the plane smoothly with little deviation from the intended course. This is important to note when you consider that tow/ski ring on the stern. Families and tubing go hand in hand.

Since this boat is designed to carry passengers anywhere on board, the quiet yet powerful engine will be a hit. Conversations need not be shouting affairs.

It is only fair to report that testing was not done with passengers at the bow but that will likely not affect handling or performances with weight being disbursed properly. Seriously, power delivery on this craft is smooth and even, leaving this test captain no indication to the contrary.

As is the case with the 260's cousin, the 245 Sundowner, docking will be an idle speed action unless weather or currents call for more juice. This is a good thing and is the product of the duo-prop set up at the lower unit. The 260 not only steered with confidence and ease but steerage while in astern propulsion was equally impressive.