

# Wellcraft 30 Scarab Tournament (2007-)

## Brief Summary

With a legacy built on performance, Wellcraft reintroduced the Scarab name with this luxury center console. Beautiful to look at and thrilling to ride, the 30 Tournament will get you there in style. And it doesn't matter if "there" means your favorite offshore fishing spot or your favorite gourmet restaurant across the bay.

## 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

- Forward anchor line storage
- Stainless steel hardware throughout
- Integrated swim platform
- Transom door
- 84 qt. aft baitwell with light
- Cockpit coaming bolsters
- 50 qt. cooler
- Fish boxes aft port/starboard
- Helm seat with stand-up leaning post with removable 94 qt. cooler
- AM/FM CD player
- Heavy duty trim tabs with indicators

## Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
500	3.7	3.2	1.2	3.04	2.64	788	686	62
1000	6.8	5.9	2.5	2.72	2.37	705	613	68
1500	8.7	7.5	4	2.19	1.9	568	494	75

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2000	9.7	8.4	6.4	1.51	1.31	391	340	78
2500	13.2	11.5	9.4	1.41	1.23	366	318	83
3000	18.2	15.8	11.9	1.54	1.34	398	346	83
3500	26.1	22.7	14.2	1.84	1.6	476	414	85
4000	26.9	23.3	16.2	1.66	1.45	431	375	87
4500	35.4	30.8	20.6	1.72	1.49	445	387	88
5000	46.4	40.3	29.6	1.57	1.36	406	353	88
5500	53.6	46.6	38.4	1.4	1.22	362	315	88
5900	55.7	48.4	43.1	1.29	1.12	335	291	88

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

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# Specifications

Length Overall	30' 2"
BEAM	9' 2"
Dry Weight	6,635 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	N/A

Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	23 deg.
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	288 gal.
Water Capacity	13 gal.
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	5.0 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	2.0 : 1
Props	14 1/2 X 23 yamaha SW Series
Load	2 persons, 3/4 fuel, no water, min, gear
Climate	62 deg.; 65% humid.; wind: 12 Knots; seas; minimal chop

## Reintroducing an Old Favorite

By Captain John B. Wenz

The only word I spoke as I approached the Wellcraft 30 Scarab Tournament was “Wow.” From the “Fighting Lady Yellow” hull to the well-proportioned hardtop, everything about this boat says high-performance fishing.

Once I took a closer look, I realized that whatever you do on this boat you will do in comfort and style. Wellcraft has reintroduced the legendary Scarab name with the goal of producing world-class fishing boats for both tournament fisherman and weekend anglers. I can say, without reservation, that they've succeeded. I grew up around fishermen and this is the kind of a boat that they dream about. As a matter of fact, I do, too. It's the perfect combination of rugged, practical fishing boat features in a fast, stylish, package. I recently had the good fortune to take one of my new favorite boats, the 30 Scarab Tournament for a ride.

### **Starting Up Front**

Up on the bow, just aft of an optional windlass and roller, there's a storage locker for your ground tackle. Among a seemingly endless amount of storage I found a huge locker under the foredeck flanked by large insulated fish boxes under the seats on both sides. You'll probably want to add the forward seat cushions to go along with the bolsters which surround the cockpit fore and aft. In addition, you can order a bow-filler and sun pad, just in case one of your guests would like to catch some rays. To keep cold drinks within reach, the forward console seat lifts up to reveal a 50-quart integral cooler.

Standard equipment on the Scarab 30 is a functional and attractive fiberglass T-top. It's sturdy and attractive, and it features 8 gold-tone rod holders, a pair of spreader lights, an electronics box, and PFD storage bags. Beneath the T-Top is one of my favorite features- a glass windshield on the center console. You just don't see this very often, and it makes so much sense. I've spent a lot of time with my visibility compromised by a scratchy acrylic windshield and no matter what the synthetic glass manufacturers say, real glass can't be beat for resisting scratches and providing good visibility in the long run. You can also add a windshield wiper/washer system for those times when the spray or rain is flying.

### **Head Compartment**

Under the center console is another amenity- a sizeable head compartment. It's lighted for night use, of course, and has an opening port for ventilation. There's a non-skid liner, and a molded sink with pressurized water. You've got a choice of a simple, self-contained head or an optional full-size marine toilet with holding tank, pump-out, and overboard discharge for offshore use.

### **At the Helm**

You'll find a very efficient layout of controls, switches, and electronics featuring splash-proof switches, trim tab indicators, beverage holders, and a magnetic compass. Of course there's ample space for one of several electronics packages. In addition, you can even order your 30 Tournament with an autopilot to help out on those long offshore runs. Beneath the wheel is a set of battery switches and like everything else on this boat, they're all business.

For comfort, the generously upholstered helm seat converts easily to a sturdy leaning post with drop-out bolsters. There's a removable cooler, and you can choose between an aft-facing seat and an optional baitwell and tackle storage drawers. The cockpit is loaded with other storage compartments as well featuring tackle boxes and tilt-out bins on both sides. Two fish boxes are located beneath deck hatches back aft, along with two tackle drawers. Built-in rod holders can be found under the gunwales. In addition, there are 9 flush mounted stainless steel rod holders strategically placed around the deck.

## **More Features Aft**

The transom is also a study in efficient and appropriate use of space. There's an 84 quart lighted baitwell, a sink with pressurized water, and a lift-out storage box. Across the inside is a folding rear bench seat. Standard trim tabs are fitted, and sturdy, simple dive ladder is provided for swimming or snorkeling.

## **Specifications**

The Wellcraft 30 Scarab Tournament measures 30'2" long and is 9'2" across the beam. She has a deadrise of 23 degrees and a maximum horsepower rating of 600. The 30 weighs approximately 6650 pounds dry, carries 288 gallons of fuel and 13 gallons of fresh water. She's available factory rigged with seven different engine packages from Mercury, Evinrude or Yamaha ranging from twin 225's to twin 275's. Comfort, quality, and craftsmanship are present in every detail, and this truly is a world class fishing boat.

## **Performance & Handling**

We tested the Wellcraft 30 Scarab Tournament on a breezy fall day in New York Harbor's Upper Bay. While time wouldn't allow us to venture offshore (much to my disappointment), we dealt with a stiff breeze opposing the tide, as well as the combined wakes of ferries, tugs, and ships. This is a good place for a test- it's the sloppiest sea conditions one could imagine just about anywhere in sight of land.

Like a rocket, we were on plane in 5 seconds flat and reached 30 miles an hour in 6.6 seconds, thanks to our twin Yamaha 250 Four Strokes. As I expected, based on the Scarab lineage, this boat's fast! We reached a top speed of 55.7 miles per hour with the throttles wide-open throttle turning 5900 rpm. Our optimal cruise worked out to 26.1 miles per hour for an extended range of 476 miles. That's attractive here in the Northeast, for example, where it will get you out to the Canyon and back with distance to spare. The way she rode and handled, both in the inconsistent sea conditions and around the docks, I'd say the 30 Scarab is the kind of boat I'd take just about anywhere. And fishing's only a part of it. This is a classy boat, which could also work well as a tender for a larger yacht, or be a great center console boat for cruising and exploring in style.

I often judge a boat by deciding whether or not I'd like to own one. In the case of the 30 Scarab Tournament from Wellcraft, I can say without hesitation that I'd love to own one! I'm confident in my ability to recognize a great boat, and the 30 Scarab Tournament is truly one of those.