

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage (2019-)

Brief Summary

Boston Whaler's newest addition to the Outrage lineup of fishing machine's now offers a more seamless transition between hard fishing and soft cruising days with the family. She's got more room and more features that make that transition possible, and her re-designed hull brings better handling to a boat that was already a proven coastal performer. However, roomy has to be the buzz-word for this new launch. By pushing the padded coaming out further and narrowing the caprails, Whaler was able to maximize the deck space, legroom, and seating throughout the length of the boat. And it's surprising to see how the same dimensions -- made roomier -- add a sense of the boat being larger and therefore more stable.

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

- Integral swim platform with recessed telescoping stainless steel swim ladder and grab rail
- Bow seating area
- Powder coated convertible forward/aft facing leaning post with flip-up bolster, fold-down work surface and 54 qt. Igloo cooler
- Instrumentation and electrical switch panel with circuit breaker protection and illuminated text
- Fold-out stern seat with backrest bolster
- Bow seating area
- In-deck fishboxes with overboard drains (port and starboard) with compression latches
- Under gunnel rod racks
- Console storage with lockable stainless steel latch
- Portable head in console

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
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620	3.1	2.7	0.7	4.4	3.8	434	377.8	57
1000	4.8	4.1	1.2	4.1	3.6	405	352.5	69
1500	6.6	5.7	2	3.4	2.9	334	290.6	70
2000	7.8	6.8	3.1	2.5	2.2	247	214.9	70
2500	8.9	7.7	5.2	1.7	1.5	167	145.4	77
3000	10.5	9.1	7.8	1.3	1.2	132	115	82
3500	18.7	16.3	9.5	2	1.7	195	169.2	83
4000	27.3	23.7	10.6	2.6	2.2	255	221.9	86
4500	33.1	28.7	13.9	2.4	2.1	235	204.2	88
5000	39.9	34.7	16.9	2.4	2.1	234	203.6	90
5500	44.8	38.9	25	1.8	1.6	177	154.3	92
6000	51	44.3	27	1.9	1.6	187	162.9	96
6278	52.7	45.8	31.9	1.7	1.4	164	142.4	99

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

Length Overall	23' 0" / 7.01 m
BEAM	8' 6" 2.59 m

Dry Weight	3,800 lbs. 1,724 kg
Tested Weight	5,381 lbs. 2,441 kg
Draft	18.5" 0.47 m
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	21-deg.
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	8' 5" 2.57 m (max)
Weight Capacity	3,100 lbs (1,400 kg)
Person Capacity	10
Fuel Capacity	110 gal. 416 L
Water Capacity	20 gal. 76 L
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	5,381 lbs. 2,441 kg

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	4.2 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	N/A
Props	14.2x18 Enertia
Load	2 persons, 3/4 fuel, no water, 50 lbs. of gear

Climate	82 deg., 71 humid., wind: 10-15 mph, seas: light
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Boston Whaler 230 Outrage running

The Boston Whaler 230 Outrage has a LOA of 23' 0" (7.01 m), a beam of 8' 6" (2.59 m) and a draft of 18.5" (0.47 m).

Captain's Report

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage towpoint

A reinforced tow point signals that this is a boat that will serve double duty as a yacht tender. Being a center-console, there's functionality that only a 360-walkaround boat can provide, and that's the heart and soul of why these are legendary fishing machines. Nevertheless, there's no mistaking that each area of the boat has qualities that support both the fishing and cruising needs.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage layout

A layout of the 230 Outrage, showing more room for guests or family.

Features Inspection.

Cockpit

At 6'4" x 3'6" (1.93m x 1.07m), the cockpit offers plenty of room to bring the fight to the fish. Safety is enhanced with 25" (64cm) of cockpit depth. The 8" (20.32cm) cleats are under the gunwales and accessed through stainless hawse pipes. Courtesy lights are strategically placed throughout. Two under gunwale rod holders are to each side.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage livewell

The livewell in the transom makes it easier to grab live bait. It's both pressurized and colored blue to protect the live bait. The livewell has been moved from the leaning post to the port side transom and measures in at 16-gallons (60.57L). This location keeps it closer to the action and frees up space on the leaning post. Rod holders are located throughout, so feel free to load up the 230 with enough rods to present a formidable spread.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage open cockpit

Even with her 23' (7.01m) LOA the 230 has a sizable cockpit offering plenty of working room when fighting a fish or even for having a cocktail party.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage under gunwale

Below the gunwales are a toe rail, two rod holders, an 8" (20.32cm) cleat accessed from a hawsehole above, and a raw water washdown. Note the dual scuppers.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage deck bins

The catch of the day gets stored in these insulated and self-draining fishboxes in the cockpit deck. As expected, there's the usual flip out transom bench seat, but it bears noting that few can get the mechanics of this feature down like Boston Whaler can. We've consistently found that these bench seats are among the easiest to deploy and stow of all the boats we've tested. A cockpit sunshade that attaches to either the T-top or hard top is offered as an option.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage transom seat

The usual transom seat is present, but Boston Whaler seems to have a grasp of making it work better than others.

Leaning Post

The new convertible leaning post is probably the most notable item in the cockpit. Boston Whaler won an innovation award with it, and we aren't surprised by that. Its primary function is to serve as a helm bench seat with dual flip up bolsters. The seatback is adjustable to three different positions making for comfortable runs. Additionally, the backrest conceals a flip-down workstation that can serve as a prep and rigging station during fishing trips or as a buffet table for food and drinks when family and guests are aboard. Rotate the entire seatback down a full 90-degrees and it converts to an aft-facing seat opposing the flip out transom bench seat -- entertainment at its best on a 23-footer. A 54-qt (51L) cooler has dedicated storage below, so for the party, load it with food and drinks at home and bring it aboard. For the fishing trips, load it with ice. As an option, this can be swapped out for a Fishing Leaning Post that includes rod holders and a 30-gal (113.6 L) livewell.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage leaning post helm seat

The leaning post starts out life as a helm seat with twin flip up bolsters.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage leaning post recline

The seat has three reclining positions, a feature practically unheard of, even in larger center consoles.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage leaning post table

At the back of the leaning post, two latches open a table that can be used as a rigging station or buffet table.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage leaning post aft facing seat

Bring the seatback all the way down to convert to an aft-facing seat.

Helm

The helm has been completely redone for this model year and features several key improvements, all brought about as a result of customer feedback. First off, the console is a darker tone to further knock down glare. This is may not be noticeable for those casual trips, but run offshore for long hours at the helm, and it becomes very noticeable. And speaking of glare, there is now a vinyl wrapped sun visor over the panel -- a classier approach over the previous fiberglass visor. The switch panel has been moved from the base of the electronics face to the top of the panel. This gives better visibility to the switches and, in our opinion, makes them more user-friendly. All are lighted and identified with icons. An acrylic windshield has the usual minor distortions at the edges only. We appreciate how the cast stainless wheel has a steering knob.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage helm

A new vinyl brow and soft tones keep glare at bay. The panel can accommodate up to two 9" (22.86cm) displays.

Panel Options

A 4" Vessel View providing selectable information on the engine status is optional. Two electronics packages are offered.

- **9" RAYMARINE eS97 ELECTRONICS / NAVIGATION PACKAGE**

This includes a 600 watt transducer connected to a Raymarine eS97, 9" (22.86cm) hybrid touch screen (GPS, chart plotter, fishfinder)

- **9" RAYMARINE eS98 ADDITIONAL DISPLAY ELECTRONICS PACKAGE**

With the first display, a second includes the second Raymarine eS98, 9" (22.86cm) screen (GPS, chart plotter, fishfinder) and a CPT100 Transom Mount Transducer

Hardtop

The 220 was offered without a top, but as an option, a canvas T-top was offered. While the same version is still available, now Boston Whaler has gone one better and also offers a fiberglass hardtop. This is a huge benefit over the canvas model as it better lends itself to adding outriggers in addition to things like a radar antenna. Additionally, the frame is powder-coated and integrates seamlessly into the console rather than mounting outboard of the console. In this manner, the mounts do not impinge on the 16" (40.6cm) of available side deck space.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage hardtop

A first for this model year is the offering of a hardtop over the usual canvas T-top option.

Console

The console has been made taller, providing more headroom inside the compartment. Access is to the starboard side. Inside the console, there's the head with standard Porta-Potti. An upgrade to a pump-out head is available. A stainless steel opening portlight provides ventilation and natural light. There's dedicated storage for the optional bow table against the aft bulkhead. With the gunwales moved farther out, there's also more room in this model to walk around the console.

Bow

The bow is where the major differences are between the old 220 and the new 230 are most evident, even to the uninitiated. Gone are the old V-seats, replaced by this new and much more functional bow lounge area. It consists of wraparound forward seating with storage underneath and stainless drink holders to the sides. Bow cushions are optional. A pedestal table allows for drinks or snacks. Ahead of the console is the usual padded seat, but drop the table down, add a filler cushion, and a two-across forward-facing lounge seat is created. All with the comfort of optional wraparound bolsters.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage bow seating

Gone are the traditional bow V-seats, replaced by the more user friendly bow lounge. This offers more seating, more versatility, and more storage.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage bow storage

With more bow storage, more gear can be brought aboard.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage bow table

The addition of a table has obvious benefits.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage bow lounge

Lower the table to form a sunpad and a lounge from the console seat.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage bow casting deck

Remove the cushions, and a non-skid bow casting deck is exposed. Cast netters bill like this arrangement.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage bow sunshade

An optional sunshade makes the difference between enjoying a day on the water and enduring one.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage console seat

A console seat is “seat-and-a-half” wide with insulated storage underneath. Notice the rod holders to the sides.

Additional storage is under the deck, and this is a major improvement over previous models that had none. Still more storage is under the console seat, and this in addition to the previously mentioned storage under the forward seats. The JL Audio package includes four speakers, two in the bow area and two outboard on the console, creating a significant upgrade to the two forward-facing speakers on the previous model. Now the sound is carried throughout the boat. For fishing, remove the cushions, and a heavy-duty non-skid casting deck will be the envy of cast-netters. A recessed bow rail ensures a no snag cast. Four more rod holders are in the caprails.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage windlass

An optional windlass at the bow will make short work of the bottom fishing trips. It’s also ideal for when the family takes off for the remote hidey-hole with the kids. Note the cleat for the anchor rode.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage windlass control

There’s a control for the windlass at the bow and at the helm.

Optional Packages

Many of the most popular options are offered in a more cost-effective package, and so it goes with the 230 Outrage. Five are offered...

- Fishing Package (Single Engine) - not compatible with comfort package
- Comfort Package - not compatible with fishing packages
- Reversible Pilot Seat with livewell - This includes a fiberglass base knife/leader holder, a 30-gal (113.6 L) livewell with blue interior and two stainless steel rod holders. This includes the cockpit coaming bolsters, a fishbox pump-out, the fishing station raw water washdown, and a pair of transom-mounted rod holders that will be in lieu of the ski pylon.
- Fishing Package (Dual Engine) - Not compatible with comfort package. Here, we have the cockpit coaming bolsters, the fishbox pump-out, fishing station raw water washdown, and a transom-mounted rod holder. This is a must-have and includes the bow cushions, cockpit coaming bolsters, and forward coaming bolsters. This all can also be ordered with the bow filler.

Performance

The 230 Outrage can be powered with a choice of Mercury Verado outboards in either the standard 225 XXL or upgrade to a single 250 L6 Verado, 300 L6 Verado, or a 350 L6, or twin 115 or 150 four strokes all available in black or white. All with power steering, except the 225 and the 115's.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage recessed cleats

The 8" (20.32cm) cleats port and starboard are recessed-mounted in the bow. We like this design rather than pull-up cleats, which are sometimes hard to pull up. The nav lights are just ahead. Recessed rails prevent snags to the fishing lines or nets.

With a single Mercury 350 Verado turning a 14.2x18 Reliance prop, we reached our top speed of 52.7 mph at 6278 RPM. At that speed, we were burning 31.9 gph for a range of 164 miles. Best economic cruise seemed to be reached at 4000 RPM where the 230 outrage was running at 27.3 mph. Her fuel burn of 10.6 gph translated into a range of 255 miles, all while still holding back a 10% reserve of the boats 110-gallon (416L) total fuel capacity. She's also quick to plane, coming on top in 4.2 seconds. We reached 20 mph in 7.9 seconds, and 30 came and went in 12 seconds.

Handling

As for her handling, she's all Whaler. No chine walk during the hard performance turns, and a solid feel to her ride all tell of a boat with solid construction. She seems to part waves cleanly with spray going wide and low. And we found her quite responsive to the helm inputs. But the fact is, this is a Boston Whaler, and

they're built to take more than what the average person would dish out, so to test that aspect, we dished out more than the average person. We made an offshore run in four-to-six-foot seas with close frequency, and it was rather telling. Naturally, head seas were the hardest, and we did do a bit of pounding, but surprisingly, the re-entry wasn't as bad as expected. We braced for an impact that didn't come. Running just off the seas proved much more tolerable, and now we could pick up the speed and get to where we wanted to go. If long offshore runs are the goal, then tacking across the seas are the way to go. Beam seas were even easier with the 230 riding up and over each swell while remaining on an even keel. And it should come as no surprise that following seas were the most comfortable, and the most fun, with the 230 showing no hint of stuffing the bow, regardless of how hard we rode her in.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage hard turn

In performance turns, the 230 Outrage shows no sign of chine walk or any adverse effects -- not even prop ventilation.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage offshore

Taking her offshore in heavy seas showed that she really is a Boston Whaler -- tough as nails.

Boston Whaler 230 Outrage spray

It's easy to say a boat throws spray low and wide for a dry ride, but showing it is another matter entirely.

Observations

It's always refreshing when we see a model being upgraded rather than just featuring a color change to differentiate between model years. With this newest model, Boston Whaler is continuing to expand on its core models that make up the Outrage lineup and, in doing so, creates more of the offering that made the brand what it is -- the "go-to" line for well-built, unsinkable, and hardworking models. While the Outrage will always be thought of as a fishing boat, the line between fishing and family cruising is now becoming harder to define as the crossover between the two becomes more and more apparent. Such is the case with the new 230 Outrage.