

# Pro Craft 181 Combo

## Brief Summary

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## 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

- Trolling motor
- Fold-over walkthrough
- Livewell
- Ski rig
- Swim platform with ladder

## Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
700	2	1.7	0.2	10	8.7	279	243	64
1000	3.5	3	0.2	14.58	12.68	407	354	72
1500	5.3	4.6	0.9	6.16	5.36	172	150	77
2000	6.6	5.7	1.8	3.6	3.13	100	87	80
2500	7.3	6.3	3.2	2.28	1.98	64	55	84
3000	8	7	4.1	1.95	1.7	54	47	85

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
3500	21.7	18.9	4.6	4.72	4.1	132	114	87
4000	28.3	24.6	5.6	5.1	4.43	142	124	86
4500	34.1	29.6	7.1	4.8	4.17	134	116	89
5000	38.5	33.4	7.9	4.85	4.22	135	118	89
5500	45.6	39.7	10	4.58	3.99	128	111	90

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

## Specifications

Length Overall	18' 5"
BEAM	96"
Dry Weight	1,635 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	10"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	~
Max Headroom	open

Bridge Clearance	~
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	31 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	2.8 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	~
Props	~
Load	Load: 1 person, Fuel: 3/8 full, Water: none, Gear: Minimal
Climate	Temp: 90.8 deg., Humid: 57.40%, Wind: 10-15 mph, Seas: Minimal chop

## One Smooth Character

Tested By Capt. Bob Smith

ProCraft adds the 181 Combo to its lineup this year. It truly is a combination of a speedy bass, walleye or other sportfish and a zippy ski boat for having fun on the weekends. Both myself and Keith Burton, my testing partner on this trip, remarked at how much fun this model seemed to be to drive. Handling was smooth and easy around the docks and underway.

Up front, our test boat had a nice trolling motor mounted over the port side that was easy to launch. The motor connector and switches for trim and lights were right in the peak and also easy to reach. If you feel like fishing you can move one of the passenger seats from the cockpit up to the front and mount it as a fishing chair.

The bow platform is roomy enough to work fish and is plenty stable. Molded storage boxes in the bow keeps the gear ready for action thanks to the line organizers in the port and starboard lids.

## Cockpit Features

The fold over walkthrough offers easy access around the boat and blocks the chilly air in the early spring

and late fall. I found there to be excellent leg room both for the driver and the companion rider. The stereo is mounted over on the port side for your buddy to control, and is accompanied by a deep glove box for storage.

The helm is comfortable with gauges arranged for clear view underway. The livewell control is located under the throttle and the aerator switch is under the gauges. Both the bucket seats swivel and slide for adjustment, although the driver's seat can't swivel very far without hitting the throttle.

### **Moving Aft**

The back seat has a center fold down with two removable seats to either side for positioning fishing seats in the bow and stern. The aft deck is spacious and has the divided livewell mounted to port. When you want to ski, you install a ski rig that will be the envy of many around you. I had some trouble getting mine together, but our test boat was a prototype that still needed final adjustments made. The ski rig was very sturdy when locked in place and gets the tow line well above the outboard.

When it comes time to take a dip the swim platform provides a good place to do it. It's still large enough with the outboard dividing it. There's also a covered swim ladder with two strong grab handles back here.

### **Specs**

The ProCraft 181 Combo is 18'5" length overall with a 96" beam. She has approximately 10" of hull draft and weighs in at about 1,635lbs. dry weight. Her fuel capacity is 31 gallons and her standard engine package is a Mercury 115-hp ELPTO.

I tested the ProCraft 181 on freshwater with a Mercury 115 Optimax outboard on the stern. She was carrying about 8 gallons of fuel on board and conditions were moderate with 10-15mph winds and frequent white caps. At 1000 rpm I felt a fair vibration from the engine through the hull that disappeared quickly as I moved on up through the throttle. At 3000 rpm she was moving around 8mph and burning 4.1gph and at 3500 rpms she was moving along at just under 22mph and burning 4.6gph. I found her top speed to be at 5500 rpm and around 45.5mph in the moderate chop and strong breeze. Sound readings were good with a reading of 64 dBa at idle and 90 dBa at top speed.

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