

SunChaser 8522 RE (2007-)

Brief Summary

Using simple but functional designs throughout the boat, you will find the SunChaser 8522 comfortable and inviting for your family and friends. The fiberglass console will give you years of performance and maintain a clean look. The plush helm chair has flip arms for comfort and ease. This model even has moveable drinkholders, something you just don't see on boats in this class.

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

- All aluminum transom with lifetime warranty
- 22 oz sculptured carpet
- Custom molded console
- Cooler storage in console
- Posi-lock gate latches
- L-group seating
- Helm chair with swivel, slide and arm rests
- Rear entry boarding ladder
- Sundeck
- Walk-in changing room

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
800	2.3	2	0.1	22.5	19.57	486	423	59
1000	2.8	2.4	0.1	27.5	23.91	594	517	63
1500	4.4	3.8	0.5	8.8	7.65	190	165	62

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2000	5.6	4.9	0.9	6.59	5.73	142	124	63
2500	7.6	6.6	1.3	5.81	5.05	125	109	72
3000	8.8	7.7	1.9	4.76	4.14	103	89	72
3500	12	10.4	2.2	5.56	4.83	120	104	76
4000	15.4	13.3	3.1	5.03	4.38	109	95	76
4500	17.6	15.3	3.8	4.69	4.08	101	88	75
5000	20.2	17.6	5	4.04	3.51	87	76	76
5500	22.8	19.8	6.7	3.42	2.97	74	67	78
6000	24.2	21	7.6	3.18	2.77	69	60	78

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	22' 3"
BEAM	102"
Dry Weight	1,780 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	N/A

Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	24 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	3.6 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	2.33 : 1
Props	Solas Honda 13 3/4 X 13 X 3 Aluminum
Load	2 persons, 5/8 fuel, no water, min, gear
Climate	70 deg.; 40% humid.; wind: 10 MPH; seas; calm

Functionality and Family-Friendly

By Capt. Bob Smith

SunChaser’s 8522 sports many of the features you typically find only on high-end luxury pontoons with much higher costs. Abundant plush seating, rounded bows, and smooth handling make the SunChaser a

favorite with the family.

Bow Features

The bow has many convenient features such as the wide entry gate which makes for easy boarding for everyone and the docking lamps for making docking at night easier. The side panels are painted and have nice looking graphics and the high top rail is makes the 8522 safe for the little ones on board. The seating is up front is plush and made with marine grade upholstery .They are mounted on roto-molded seat bases for durability and below the seats is an abundant amount of storage. Unusual, but pleasant surprises for this price-point are the portable drinkholders. These simply slip into the crevice between the seat back and bottom to keep your cold beverages right where you are most comfortable.

At the Wheel

The helm is ergonomically designed and constructed of durable fiberglass. This station has a rich look while functionally sound. To the side of the helm is a courtesy light to light up the floors at dusk. The dash is set higher giving you more leg room and more storage below. An eyebrow over the gauges adds to visibility of the instruments underway in bright sunlight, there is a drinkholder for the driver's coffee and the stereo is also close at hand. The helm seat is just as plush as the lounge. This one has slide and swivel adjustments and flips armrests for comfort.

More Seating

In the aft section there is another large L-bench arrangement with space for the whole gang to join in conversation or enjoy the view to the next spot. Our model also had a handy changing station is built into the space between the aft bench and the stern. The stern gate made getting to the swim ladder easy. Overhead, a the standard bimini created much appreciated shade in the hot summer sun.

The pontoon logs on the SunChaser 8522 are 25" in diameter and have a lifetime warranty. You won't have to worry about the transom as it is all aluminum and also carries a lifetime warranty. The carpet is plush and comfortable under your feet and is warranted for 5 years while the floor is ¾" plywood, yet is warranted for life.

Specification

This model measures 22'3" in length and has a deck width of 102". She tips the scales at 1780 lbs without the engine and carries 24 gallons of fuel. The 8522 can handle up to 115-hp outboard engine and the maximum capacity is rated at 2200 lbs.

Performance

We tested the 8522 on Lake Wawasee in Syracuse, Indiana. Equipped with a Honda 90-hp Four-Stroke outboard for power she got on plane in 3.6 seconds and up to 20 mph in 5.1 seconds. Cruise speed was around 12 mph and she registered a top speed of 24.2 mph.

If you enjoy the lifestyle of lazily cruising the lakes and rivers with your family and friends, the SunChaser 8522 offers a great platform with lots of amenities for a very budget friendly price.