

Sea Ray 250 SLX (2013-)

Brief Summary

Sea Ray's SLX lineup represents the company's launch into a premium build in the 25' range. This 250 SLX sits in the middle of the five-boat series and represents a handsome balance of style, features, and standard equipment. One of the most notable differences in this boat was the new Quiet Ride technology that reduced sound levels significantly. We tested the 250 SLX powered by a 300-hp 350 MAG Mercury. Quiet Ride also features a patented technology called Tuned Transom by Omni Products (exclusively licensed to Sea Ray).

Price

Base Price\$99118.00

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

- Standard with innovative Quiet Ride noise reduction and vibration attenuation technologies
- MerCruiser 350 MAG ECT with Bravo III and Digital Throttle & Shift standard
- Mercury Installation Quality Certification - standard 2-year limited engine warranty
- Finished fiberglass floor with snap-in carpet
- 12V Sony AM/FM/CD stereo with digital display remote and iPod connector
- Chartplotter available as an option
- Cockpit entertainment center with Corian countertop and optional 12V refrigerator
- Fully enclosed head with storage
- Bow seats with integrated armrests
- Spacious gull winged sun pad with center walk-thru
- Limited lifetime warranty on hull and deck

Test Results

| RPM | MPH | Knots | GPH | MPG | NMPG | STAT. MILE | NM | dBa |
|-----|-----|-------|------|-----|------|------------|-----|-----|
| 610 | 2.3 | 2 | 0.75 | 3 | 2.61 | 203 | 176 | 65 |

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|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------------|-----|-----|
| 1000 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 1.3 | 4.04 | 3.51 | 273 | 237 | 65 |
| 1500 | 7.6 | 6.6 | 2.35 | 3.21 | 2.79 | 217 | 189 | 67 |
| 2000 | 9 | 7.8 | 4.05 | 2.22 | 1.93 | 150 | 130 | 67 |
| 2500 | 14.9 | 13 | 5.9 | 2.53 | 2.2 | 170 | 148 | 72 |
| 3000 | 22.2 | 19.3 | 7.2 | 3.08 | 2.68 | 208 | 181 | 74 |
| 3500 | 28.9 | 25.1 | 9.1 | 3.17 | 2.76 | 214 | 186 | 76 |
| 4000 | 34.5 | 30 | 11.55 | 2.98 | 2.59 | 201 | 175 | 77 |
| 4500 | 39.6 | 34.4 | 15.8 | 2.51 | 2.18 | 169 | 147 | 78 |
| 5000 | 43.8 | 38.1 | 19.8 | 2.21 | 1.92 | 149 | 130 | 78 |
| 5270 | 47.9 | 41.6 | 23.4 | 2.04 | 1.78 | 138 | 120 | 79 |

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

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Specifications

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| Length Overall | 26' 6" / 8.07 m |
| BEAM | 8' 6" 2.59 m |
| Dry Weight | 5,581 lbs. 2,531 kg |
| Tested Weight | 6,176 lbs. 2,801 kg |

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Draft | 36" 91.44 cm |
| Draft Up | |
| Draft Down | |
| Air Draft | |
| Deadrise/Transom | 21 deg. |
| Max Headroom | open |
| Bridge Clearance | N/A |
| Weight Capacity | |
| Person Capacity | |
| Fuel Capacity | 75 gal. 283.9 L |
| Water Capacity | 21 gal. 79.5 L |
| Length on Trailer | |
| Height on Trailer | |
| Trailer Weight | |
| Total Weight | 6,176 lbs. 2,801 kg |
| Aft Deck | |
| Salon Inside Width | |

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|----------------------|--|
| 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

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| Time to Plane | 4.7 sec. |
| 0 to 20 | |
| Ratio | 2.2 : 1 |
| Props | 4-blade 15.75 x 22.5 |
| Load | Load: 2 persons, Fuel: 1/2, Water: none, Gear: minimal |
| Climate | Temp: 89 deg., Humid: 63%, Wind: 3-5, Seas: calm |

By Capt. Steve--

Mission Statement

Sea Ray 250 SLX

Sea Ray took a completely new hull and built a premium bowrider, loaded with upscale features. She is called the 250 SLX and like other boats in this series she has lots of eye candy.

The mission of the 250 SLX is to add an upscale, premium model to a well-established builder. She has standard items that go beyond the regular option lists of other boats, and that together with her new stunning styling go a long way to making the 250 SLX a premium boat.

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The arch is standard and it has been designed to reduce its impact on visibility and drag. The Bimini is curved like an airfoil and does not flap in the breeze.

Distinguishing Features

Redesigned Fiberglass Arch-

The arch is constructed to be a relatively thin, single fiberglass piece supported by a thinner aluminum brace. It improves visibility, looks more pleasing to the eye, and handles a number of functions. Best of all, it is standard.

Aero Bimini Top-

Rather than just bolt-on a bracket and cover it with a canvas, Sea Ray custom-designed this Bimini top to integrate with the new arch. The result is a curved airfoil shape that reduces drag and eliminates annoying vibrating and shaking while underway.

Crescent-shaped Aft Bench Seat-

This seat allows room for guests to not only sit, but to stand and move about. It's a small detail, but a thoughtful one.

Optional Wet Bar-

The optional wet bar adds utility to the SLX and a little bit of class. It also has room for a cockpit refrigerator and a step to the caprail is integrated into the aft side which guests will appreciate when boarding.

Average Cockpit Depth (36.4" /92.7 cm)

– A deep cockpit means more safety for kids -- and adults -- and a dryer ride. The 250 SLX's average cockpit depth is also 3-6" (7.6-15 cm) deeper than most in class.

Quiet Ride Technology-

This is a proprietary Sea Ray feature and reduces sound levels throughout the boat, beginning at the build process.

Take a Seat

Twenty-six feet (7.92 m) of LOA provides Sea Ray designers with a lot of opportunity in laying out the 250 SLX while keeping the bowrider utility. The forward cockpit is long enough for adults to sprawl in comfort. The bow seats have integrated armrests and comfortable backrests, and there's room left over for an anchor well. (Sometimes designers take over anchor-well space to lengthen the bow seats.)

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There's a head under the companion console to port, a wet bar aft of the helm seat.

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The bow can be open for seating, or filled in with additional cushions for sunning. Note the pedestal mount for a table in the bow.

The main cockpit has what one would expect, helm and companion bucket seats and a wraparound lounge aft. The buckets have flip-up bolsters for thigh support while standing and both seats swivel and adjust fore and aft. The lounge sits on a fiberglass base with stowage underneath, and looks to us to be big enough to fit the most families. A table is available (\$538). The cockpit sole is fiberglass, with snap-in carpet standard and ski or wakeboard stowage in a lockable compartment underneath.

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The helm features a leather visor and only four gauges giving an uncluttered look. The stainless steel windshield frame provides added support and a standard compass is located to the left of the captain's line

of sight. A chartplotter is optional (\$1,269).

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Notice how the switches all have guards to the sides to prevent accidental activation.

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The helm seat features multiple-density foam padding and separate cushions for added support.

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SmartCraft DTS is standard, and adds a single pushbutton start/stop.

Aft of the helm seat is a wet bar with a Corian countertop and stowage for a carry-on cooler. A 12V refrigerator is optional (\$1,100), but we'd stick with the cooler. We think it's more convenient to fill a cooler with food from home and carry it onboard.

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Sea Ray calls this a wet bar, we prefer refreshment center as there's space underneath for either a carry-on cooler or an optional 12V refrigerator (\$1,100). Whatever its name, it adds a large level of functionality. Behind it is a step to the caprail for boarding from a fixed pier.

Twin Consoles

Like most bowriders, the 250 SLX has twin consoles with the walkthrough between. But the boat is large enough to fit an enclosed head compartment under the companion console. Use a Porta-Potti, or upgrade to a VacuFlush with holding tank (\$1,846).

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The wide 8'6" (2.59 m) beam of the 250 SLX allows room for a head compartment in the port console.

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The dual consoles can be closed off with the windshield and lower air dam for operations on cooler days.

Under the Hood

Sea Ray installs a single 5.7 L 300-hp MerCruiser 350 MAG ECT Bravo III as standard power, with a 380-hp 8.2 MAG ECT Bravo III as an \$13,615 option. We tested the 250 SLX with standard power recently, and recorded a top speed of 47.9 mph, burning 23.4 gph which produced a range of 138 miles. At best cruise, 3500 rpm and 28.9 mph our test boat burned 9.1 gph for a range of 214 miles with a 10% reserve.

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The 250 has a walkthrough channel under the filler cushion, thus eliminating a gate.

The optional engine may add a few mph to both top speed and cruise, but does it matter with a boat like this one? We think the biggest advantage of the larger engine would be to maintain the tested performance with a boat full of family and friends, or when towing a beginning skier with a boat full of people. We tested the boat lightly loaded, with only two people aboard, little gear, no fresh water and only $\frac{3}{4}$ fuel. Packed up for a full day afloat with a near-capacity crowd, the 250 SLX will be somewhat less sprightly.

Stern

The stern features a center walkthrough with removable cushions on the bench seat providing a nonskid surface. When operating, a seat back gets inserted, as well as a center cushion for the aft sun pad creating nearly full beam sun space. The swim platform featured an optional teak deck (\$1,577) that adds to the style and elegance of the 250 SLX.

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The swim platform on our test boat featured the optional teak decking (\$1,577). Notice the dual grab handles for the swimmers in the water and a standard shower to starboard.

Performance and Handling

Our test boat featured a single 300-hp 350 MAG as standard power. With this engine we reached a top speed of 47.9 mph while burning 23.4 gallons per hour giving us a range of 138 miles. Best cruise came in at 3500 rpm and 28.9 mph which gives a fuel burn of 9.1 gallons per hour and a range of 214 miles while still maintaining a 10% reserve.

Enough Power?

These are respectable numbers and show that the standard engine wasn't chosen just to keep the 250 SLX at a reasonable price. In my opinion this would be the engine of choice unless I planned to consistently load

the boat to max capacity and engage in watersports at the same time. For people who want to be the fastest draw on the lake, only then would I suggest considering the 380-hp 8.2 L option.

Handling.

The 250 SLX is not only good looking but a good handling boat. She has a 12° bow rise that keeps the horizon in view throughout the acceleration curve. There's no need to be aggressive with the trim, just a couple of shots of the throttle mounted trim control will bring the bow up to a 5° cruise attitude giving a slight boost in speed. She rolled 16-degrees into the turns and remained solid throughout any maneuvers showing no tendency to fall off the turn or presented chine walking. When taking power off she settles back into the water stern first while still leaving the horizon uninterrupted.

Quiet Ride Technology

The noticeably reduced sound level is part of Sea Ray's exclusive Quiet Ride Technology. By engineering noise reduction into the build process with features such as a proprietary tuned transom, inner laminate material, engineered fit and finish of all components to reduce vibration, and full beam bulkheads with acoustical insulation, there's less operator and passenger fatigue. Casual conversation, even while at cruise speed, is now much easier to have. We noticed the difference immediately.

Observations

Base price of the Sea Ray 250 SLX is \$99,118; add shipping, prep and a couple of options and the price will be around \$100 grand; go crazy with extras and you'll break six figures. But for that, you get a big bowrider with room for lots of folks, typical Sea Ray quality and a limited lifetime warranty on the hull and deck. The enclosed head is a valuable feature for families, the deep cockpit makes the boat family-friendly, and the large forward cockpit will be a perfect venue for enjoying a drink while swinging at anchor and watching the sunset. We think the Sea Ray 250 SLX is right for a lot of people, including many who are shopping for more expensive models. Sea Ray is now giving those builders a run for your money.