

Robalo R207 (2019-)

Brief Summary

A younger sibling has been created to occupy the lower end of the Robalo Dual Console lineup, right alongside the R227 and R247. This new R207 shares the same mission of creating a dual console bowrider that successfully crosses over between fishing and a family utility boat. She has a roomy layout with plenty of features to successfully accomplish both of her missions.

Price

Base Price \$36695.00

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Key Features

- 13-gallon (49.2 L) livewell with L.E.D. lighting and blue gelcoat finish
- Built-in cockpit coolers behind helm seats with drains
- Dura-Life Max seating upholstery vinyl
- Encapsulated reserve flotation
- Full wrap cockpit coaming bolsters
- Raw water wash down with hose connector
- Transom storage to access rigging compartment
- Self-bailing cockpit drains
- Storage — under bow seating and starboard helm

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
580	3	2.6	0.47	6.28	5.46	339	295	57
1000	4.7	4	0.89	5.25	4.57	284	247	65
1500	6.5	5.7	1.23	5.28	4.6	285	248	68

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2000	8	6.9	2.05	3.88	3.37	209	182	69
2500	9.8	8.5	3.6	2.72	2.37	147	128	76
3000	16.8	14.6	4.19	4.01	3.49	217	188	77
3500	24.5	21.3	5.6	4.38	3.8	236	205	81
4000	27.7	24.1	7.65	3.62	3.15	196	170	83
4500	32.9	28.6	9.7	3.39	2.94	183	159	84
5000	36.7	31.9	12.65	2.9	2.53	157	136	86
5500	40.5	35.2	13.3	3.04	2.64	164	143	90
6000	42.2	36.7	16	2.63	2.29	142	124	90

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	20' 7" 6.55 m
BEAM	8' 4" 2.54 m
Dry Weight	3,500 lbs. 1,587 kg
Tested Weight	4,100 lbs. 1,860 kg
Draft	30" 86 cm

Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	18-deg.
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	8' 4" 2.54 m (w/ tower)
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	60 gal. 227 L
Water Capacity	
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	4,100 lbs. 1,860 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	3.2 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	
Props	19" Saltwater Series 2
Load	2 persons, 1/2 fuel, no water, 50 lbs.of gear
Climate	86 deg.; 92% humidity; wind: 0-5 mph; seas: calm

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With new graphics and color schemes, the R207 takes her place in the Dual Console lineup.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Robalo R207 is to create a cost-effective day boat that successfully bridges the crossover between fishing and family fun. Her outboard power provides a roomy cockpit while the family will appreciate the optional head compartment and her handling characteristics that encourage watersports.

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Our test captain was a big fan of the fish-hook graphics against the red hull color. Some on the test site weren't, but we think it's all about choices.

Major Features

- **Three Fishboxes.** Sometimes crossover boats neglect fishboxes, but not the R207. One is underneath and slightly behind each of the two bucket seats in the cockpit, and a third is located in the bow. They all have drains.
- **Cockpit bolsters.** Again, cockpit bolsters are something often left off dual console boats. They add to the fishing comfort.
- **Toe rails.** Likewise, toe rails that are so common on center console boats are usually left off dual console vessels. They add security for anglers in a seaway.
- **Wraparound Windshield.** With a single mullion moved far back to create a nearly unobstructed arc of visibility, the R207 is as stylish as any on the market in class.
- **Livewell.** Most dual consoles do not have a livewell as standard equipment. The R207's 13-gallon tank is located under the aft bench seat for ease of access. The interior is colored blue and all edges are rounded to reduce the shock value of the live bait. It has a directional head unit with adjustable flow valve.
- **Trailer Is Standard.** The R207 comes with an aluminum single-axle trailer that has 15" tires and submersible lights.

Performance

Our Robalo R207 had a LOA of 20'7" (6.27 m), a beam of 8'4" (2.5 m), and a draft of 14.5" (.36 m). With an empty weight of 3,400 lbs. (1,542 kg), 30 gallons (113.56 L) of fuel and two people on board we had a test weight of 4,000 lbs. (1,814 kg).

With a 150-hp Yamaha fourstroke turning a 19" (48.26 cm) Saltwater Series 2 propeller, we reached a top speed at 6000 rpm of 42.2 mph. At that speed, fuel burn was measured at 16 gph giving us a range of 142

miles. Best cruise came in at 3500 rpm and 24.5 mph. That reduced the fuel burn to 5.6 gph and the R207 could keep that speed up for 9 hours and 36 minutes and 205 miles while still maintaining a 10% reserve. We had a quick time to plane of 3.8 seconds, continued accelerating to 20 mph in 5.7 seconds and we reached 30 mph in 9.2 seconds.

Handling

The R207 was a fun boat to drive. She had a firm feel thanks to the Seastar hydraulic steering, so there wasn't a lot of cranking and banking going on. That firm steering will also have an effect at the dock. Make approaches slow because cranking the wheel from one side to the next is not something that happens quickly.

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The R207 slices cleanly through waves while throwing water well to the sides. This is thanks to her wide flared bow and high topsides. Notice the multiple lifting strakes under the hull.

She has high topsides and a wide flared bow, qualities that would make her a good offshore boat. She also tends to throw water well out to the sides which created a very dry ride. Upon accelerating the bow comes up 11 degrees. Once on plane, don't be shy about using the trim to get her onto her cruising attitude. Adding too much trim results in ventilating the propeller as opposed to generating bow oscillation.

Comparison

When we compare the R207 with other dual console 20-footers, most of which were at the high end of the price scale, we discovered something interesting. Because of her price, one might think that the R207 would be stripped out and light, but it is just the opposite.

At 3,400 lbs. (1,545 kg) she is the second heaviest boat in class. Typically she was 600 lbs. (272 kg) more than most and as much as 1,400 lbs. (636 kg) more than one well-known brand. Her weight is reflective of the fishing features built-in as standard mentioned above, plus the fact that she simply has more material in her hull and deck. That is good because it makes her rugged and should also give her a more comfortable ride. On the other side of the coin it could make her a bit slower and less fuel-efficient, all things being equal.

To make up for the weight, Robalo has done two things that help the speed and fuel efficiency. First, the boat has a beam of 8'4" (2.54 m) instead of 8'6" (2.59 m) and second, the boat has an 18-degree deadrise at the transom instead of 19 degrees, which is typical among competitive boats. Finally, the R207 is limited to 200 hp max and some other boats in class are rated up to 250 hp. The name of Robalo's game is not

speed, but rather lower operating costs.

Features Inspection

The Stern

There are relatively large platforms to either side of the Yamaha outboard. A recessed three-step reboarding ladder is concealed under a hatch to the starboard platform. Pull-up cleats are located outside of the platform on the forward raked caprail.

Reboard of R207 type unknown

Boarding the R207 at the stern requires stepping around the bulwarks. Pull-up cleats are optional and our test boat was fitted with four of them. We'd like to see two more added at midships.

There were two things we'd like to see added to the mold. First would be a small platform against the transom, just ahead of the outboard, to serve as a place to stand while servicing the engine. Second, we would put a slight extension of the platform out to the sides, just abaft the caprails, to ease boarding from a floating platform to the stern platform.

Cockpit

The cockpit can be entered from the port or starboard side swim platform and is facilitated by stepping on nonskid platforms created by folding down the jump seats. Once we're inside the cockpit, the seats can be flipped up to create four-across seating across the stern. Our test boat also had the optional snap-in carpet.

Reboard of R207 type unknown

By folding down the seatbacks on the aft jump seats, nonskid steps are created for easy access to the cockpit. These also serve as small casting platforms.

Fishing Features

Because a primary mission of the R207 is fishing, the aft end of the cockpit is an open space measuring 3' x 6' (.9 m x 1.8 m) or 18 sq. ft. (1.7 sq m). Padded bolsters to each side make it comfortable for fighting fish. The bolsters start at 19" (48.3 cm) and top out at 25" (63.5 cm). At deck level is a toe rail for added security. The caprails are 8 1/2" (21.6 cm) wide and flush-mounted rod holders are to either side. Storage for two rods goes under the gunwales to either side.

Reboard of R207 type unknown

Padded bolsters around the cockpit. Storage for two rods is accommodated under the gunwales. Notice the stainless toe rail for additional safety. The cockpit is 26" (65 cm) deep.

Fishboxes are in the form of two built-in self-draining cockpit coolers behind the dual bucket seats as well as a single insulated self-draining compartment in the bow. A 13-gallon (49.2 L) aerated livewell is underneath the center bench seat and the cushion is removable by sliding it sideways, which removes the pins from the hinge sockets. For fishing, this cushion as well as the cushions in the bow, can be left in the back of the pickup. A raw-water washdown is standard. The entire boat, with its fiberglass-lined cockpit, can be hosed down and cockpit drains lead directly overboard.

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Insulated self-draining storage compartments are underneath each of the bucket seats and these can easily be used for keeping small fish.

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A livewell is under the center of the aft bench seat. By sliding the cushion sideways the hinges separate allowing the cushion to be removable.

Family Features

The utility of the R207 does not extend just to fishing. A powder-coated ski tow frame surrounding the outboard is available as an option. Additional options include a wakeboard tower with a kneeboard holder.

Seating

The seating across the stern consists of two jump seats to either side of the bench seat. Under the starboard seat are the battery, fuel filter and battery switch. Beneath the port seat, we found a battery box to accommodate the optional second battery with crossover switch. Dual bucket seats that swivel and slide fore and aft are forward. Ultra-comfort pedestal seats with flip-up bolsters are available for the helm and passenger as an option. All seating and bolsters are upholstered in Dura-Life Max vinyl.

Robalo R207 type unknown

Storage is under the aft jump seats and most of it is taken up by the batteries.

Sole Storage

Between the two bucket seats is the usual in-deck ski locker. The catch is hinged from the front and held open by a gas-assist strut. There is padding underneath the hatch as well as along the bottom of the storage compartment to protect gear. The compartment measures 18" (45.7 cm) deep and runs a full 6 ½' (1.90 m) fore and aft.

Robalo R207 type unknown

The sole storage is large enough to accommodate skis and wakeboards and the deck is padded to protect the gear.

Port Console

The port console has a corner mounted door held closed by a latch and strap. Inside the door are a hanging rail, toilet paper holder, and magazine holder below. The compartment will serve as a convenient changing room, or you can opt to convert it to a head by adding the optional Porta-Potti.

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The port console can be left open for storage or used to accommodate an optional Porta-Potti.

Helm Console

The helm console is uncluttered thanks to the use of dual optional Yamaha Command Link multi-function gauges. There's space to the right of the gauges to accommodate an optional Garmin 740S GPS. Rocker switches are below and to either side of the tilting five-spoke stainless steel wheel. There was plenty of leg room underneath the console and we noticed that the console was an off-white color to reduce glare. A standard compass is located at the top of the panel directly in line of sight with the helm. A stainless steel drink holder is over to the starboard side.

Robalo R207 type unknown

The helm console is uncluttered thanks to dual multifunction gauges. Open space to the right will accommodate an optional GPS.

Walkthrough

Distance between the two consoles was 19" (48.3 cm) and a door on the helm console opens to also serve as an air dam below the walkthrough windshield. Behind that door is a snap-in cover over the opening to the console storage.

Robalo R207 type unknown

The walkthrough to the bow can be closed off when operating on chilly mornings.

Robalo R207 type unknown

A snap-in cover closes off the storage under the helm console when the door is open creating an air dam. I think I would just leave the canvas off except on rainy days.

Bow

The bow was a little cramped, but serves its purpose. Sitting in the forward facing seats my legs stretched forward to the wraparound bolster. Stainless steel rails are just inside the caprails and side mounted speakers serve as the only interruption to the padded bolsters. A standard filler cushion will turn the bow into a sun lounge.

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If any long-legged boaters are on board they may find the bow area to be a bit cramped, but for my 5'8" (1.73 m) frame it was just right.

With the cushions removed, the entire bow becomes a wraparound casting platform with storage underneath the seats and a sizable fish locker under the forward hatch. The foredeck is also large enough to walk on and cast-netters will appreciate that the entire foredeck is also nonskid. A hatch at the foredeck covers an anchor locker that is self-draining, anchor keepers are to either side of the opening.

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With the cushions removed the bow reverts to a casting platform with nonskid surfaces on top of the seats. The bow deck also has nonskid, but use caution if the intention is to use it as a cast netting platform as the space is small.

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There is padded storage underneath the forward-facing seats and a large insulated storage compartment easily doubles as a fish locker.

Engine Choices and Pricing

Engine options are three Yamaha fourstroke outboards: 115-hp, 150-hp and 200-hp. With the 115-hp outboard, the MSRP is \$36,695. The boat sells for \$39,790 with the 150 or \$43,185 with the Yamaha 200-hp engine.

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Engine choices range from 115-hp to 200-hp, all from Yamaha.

The color options are Deep Water Blue, Deep Water Black, Ice Blue and Shark Grey, all for \$818.

Observations

Robalo has done a good job of creating a crossover boat between fishing and family fun. The R207 is roomy enough to handle eight people and there is a seat for each one. The addition of an optional (\$469) powder-coated ski tow frame can turn the R207 into a watersports platform.

We find that the R207 is rigged for fishing a little better than most dual consoles. Naturally, she is slightly more oriented to fishing than to watersports given her heritage. Wiring for a trolling motor can be added for \$588.

Looking over the options list, we see many items that many people will want to put on the boat: Bimini top and boot (\$1,174), hydraulic tilt steering (\$175), Porta-Potti (\$121), pull-up cleats (\$228), dual battery system with crossover switch (\$406), dual battery charger (\$241) and trailer spare tire kit (\$403). So about an extra \$3,000 has the boat well-outfitted for general work. I'd probably opt for the 150-hp option, which means the total rig would have an MSRP of around under \$40,000. That is a lot of boat for the money.