

Sailfish 242 CC (2018-)

Brief Summary

Sailfish designed and built the 242 CC for serious offshore fishing. However, like many manufacturers, Sailfish has come to understand that center console owners and their families enjoy recreation on their boat when not engaged in dedicated angling.

The Sailfish 242 CC incorporates well thought-out forward seating and other comfort features that make the boat capable for cruising, entertaining and watersports with the addition of the appropriate options.

Price

Base Price\$84301.00

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Key Features

- 30-gallon transom mounted livewell with LED lighting
- High speed livewell pickup
- Twin 260-quart insulated bow fishboxes with overboard drains
- 6 standard stainless steel rod holders
- Standard raw water washdown
- 2 standard freshwater showers
- Lockable under-the-console head compartment
- Carbon fiber and Kevlar® reinforced hull and deck components
- Hydraulic steering with tilt wheel and power knob
- Port side walkthrough transom door

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	3.4	2.9	0.6	5.2	4.6	688	598.1	71

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1000	5.3	4.6	1.4	3.8	3.3	500	434.7	76
1500	7.2	6.3	2.2	3.3	2.9	434	377.4	76
2000	8.3	7.2	3.4	2.4	2.1	315	274	77
2500	11.7	10.1	7.3	1.6	1.4	210	182.8	78
3000	20.4	17.7	7.8	2.6	2.3	342	297.2	79
3500	27.8	24.2	11.1	2.5	2.2	328	285.1	78
4000	33.9	29.4	13.6	2.5	2.2	328	285.1	81
4500	38.8	33.7	18.5	2.1	1.8	276	240	82
5000	43.6	37.9	21.9	2	1.7	262	227.7	80
5500	48.5	42.2	26.5	1.8	1.6	241	209.5	81
5900	52.2	45.3	37.3	1.4	1.2	184	160	82

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	24' / 7.16 m
BEAM	9' 0" 2.74 m
Dry Weight	5,600 lbs. 2,540 kg

Tested Weight	7,354 lbs. 3,336 kg
Draft	18" 45.7 cm
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	22-deg.
Max Headroom	Open
Bridge Clearance	8' 6" 2.59 m
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	10
Fuel Capacity	146 gal. 579 L
Water Capacity	14 gal. 53 L
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	7,354 lbs. 3,336 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	5.3 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	N/A
Props	13 3/4" x 19"
Load	2 persons, 2/5 fuel, no water, 50 lbs. of gear
Climate	96 deg., wind: calm; seas: calm

Sailfish 242CC running

The Sailfish 242 CC has a LOA of 24' (7.16 m), a beam of 9'0" (2.74 m), and a draft of 18" (45.7 cm).

Mission

Although the Sailfish 242 CC is designed and built to primarily provide a solid fishing platform that can handle most offshore conditions, she also has creature comforts designed to appeal to the whole family. The model's standard features and layout delivers fishing capabilities that extend from in-shore bait-casting to serious offshore trolling. While intended as a highly capable fishing boat, Sailfish added many comfort features to allow for enjoyable cruising and, on-water recreation.

Sailfish 242CC deck plan

This overhead view clearly displays that the Sailfish 242 CC is designed for serious fishing. Note the large open cockpit.

Major Features

Sailfish 242CC bow seating

The bow seating with optional forward-facing backrest and forward-facing console seating makes an ideal opportunity for relaxed socializing when not engaged in fishing activities.

- **Social and Adaptable Forward Seating.** The optional convertible coaming pads swivel to become a backrest for lounge seating in the forward cockpit.
- **Exceptional Helm Ergonomics.** It is readily apparent that an experienced boater designed the helm.
- **Carbon Fiber and Kevlar® Reinforced Deck and Hull.**
- **Sizable Head Compartment.** Comes standard with a sink, mirror, shower and lighting.
- **Highly Functional Cockpit.** The cockpit area is loaded with fishing features.

Performance

Sailfish 242CC outboards

Our test boat was powered by twin Yamaha 150s.

The Sailfish 242 CC has a length overall of 24' (7.16 m), a beam of 9' (2.74 m), and a draft of 18" (45.72 cm). With an empty weight of 5,600 lbs. (2,880 kg), 41% fuel (60 gallons / 227 L), no freshwater onboard, two people and test gear on board, there was an estimated test weight of 5,780 lbs. (2,372 kg).

The test was conducted with an ambient temperature of 96-degrees F at sea level, which is not optimal for the engine' best performance.

Top Speed. With a twin Yamaha F150, the Sailfish 242 CC reached a top speed at 5900 rpm of 52.5 mph.

Best cruise came at 3000 rpm and 20.4 mph. That speed produced a fuel burn of 7.8 gph which the Sailfish 242 CC could maintain theoretically for 16 hours and 45 minutes and 342 statute miles with a 10% fuel reserve.

Note: at 3500 and 4000 rpm the test boat ran at 27.8 mph and 33.9 mph respectively. Both speeds achieved fuel burns that allow the boat to run 328 statute miles with 10% reserve making the time to distance 11 hours and 45 minutes at 3500 rpm and 9 hours and 35 minutes at 4000 rpm.

Handling

Sailfish 242CC running

The exclusive Sailfish Variable Deadrise Stepped (VDS) hull on the 242 CC felt solid and responsive. The Sailfish 242 CC with twin Yamaha F150 performed exceptionally well with a ride that induced confidence and a predictability, that in turn, invoked a sense of calm strength while delivering powerful acceleration and solid control. The sharp bow entry and hard chines combined to produce a smooth, dry ride that felt like it could handle much rougher conditions than were encountered.

Boat Inspection

Bow

Sailfish 242CC anchor roller

The optional anchor roller and windlass replaces the standard, on deck anchor locker access. With this set-up, the anchor rode is accessible from the hatch on the forward bulkhead.

The sailfish 242 CC comes standard with a bow mounted anchor locker. The two optional bow rod holders and standard recessed cleats add additional utility at the bow.

Forward Seating

Sailfish 242CC bow seating

The forward seating provides an area for socializing in comfort.

Measuring 65" (1.65 m) deep, the lounge seating provides ample space when the optional forward-facing backrests are added. The 72" (1.83 m) girth allows for plenty of space (27"/.68 m) in the foot-well when seated face-to-face.

Add the optional side mounted table and the forward seating area converts to a welcoming dining area. The forward facing console seat is deeply recessed to add secure comfort when underway.

Sailfish 242CC coaming pad

Shown is the optional forward backrest in the coaming pad position.

Sailfish 242CC backrest

The optional forward backrest in the backrest position.

Sailfish 242CC grab rail

The low-profile grab rail comes standard on the Sailfish 242 CC in stainless steel. Shown is the optional powder coated grab rail which is available in white or black.

Sailfish 242CC forward seat

The deeply recessed forward-facing console seating adds security and comfort while underway.

The forward seating area provides additional storage with two 260-quart insulated fishboxes under the forward lounge seating, port and starboard, and a centerline, in-floor storage locker with a bucket holder.

Sailfish 242CC fishbox

Shown is the starboard side insulated, overboard draining, fishbox. Note the gas assist strut for hands-free access.

The fishbox can also substitute as a cooler or simply as dry storage.

Sailfish 242CC storage

The Sailfish 242 CC offers in-deck storage with a bucket holder. Every fishing person needs stowage for a 5-gallon (19 L) bucket. Note the gas assist strut and stainless steel latch.

Head Compartment

The ample head compartment boasts 67" (1.70 m) of headroom and a lockable door. A freshwater sink with shower wand and mirror come standard.

Owners have the option of adding a Porta-Potti or an electric marine toilet with holding tank, dockside pump-out access port, and overboard discharge.

Storage compartments inside the head come standard with containment netting and there is an access panel for the helm electronics and systems.

Sailfish 242CC battery switch

The battery switches and circuit breaker panel are just inside the head compartment within easy reach from outside.

Sailfish 242CC shower

The molded in sink and shower wand provide the ability to wash-up while the optional electric marine toilet offers comfort for long days of fishing and play.

Egress around the head compartment is 23" (.58 m) at the forward most point and 18" (.46 m) at the helm.

Helm

Sailfish 242CC helm

The wide helm is designed to shelter up to three abreast with the appropriate number of cup holders. The generous helm dash allows flush mounted multi-function displays of up to 15" (.38 m).

The stainless steel steering wheel comes standard with tilt capabilities for comfort and a power knob for added control.

Located on the port side of the console, the helm controls are logically laid-out with the compass located on top of the console in direct line-of-sight for the operator.

Switches and trim tabs are logically located and within easy reach. The tabs are mounted at the top of the throttle throws, where they should be.

Sailfish 242CC tackle storage

Shown here is the optional console top tackle organizer.

Sailfish 242CC footrest storage

Center console footrest storage showing the optional built-in three-bank battery charger.

Helm Seating

The standard helm seating consists of two, side-by-side captain's chairs with removable cushions.

Owners have the option of choosing a leaning post with rod holders and removable backrest, a fiberglass leaning post with a cooler and backrest or a fiberglass leaning post with tackle storage and backrest.

Sailfish 242CC leaning post

Shown is the optional leaning post with backrest and cooler storage that the test boat was outfitted with.

Sailfish 242CC leaning post

The leaning post is 38" (.96 m) wide, 18" (.45 m) deep, and is mounted 32" (.81 m) above the deck.

Sailfish 242CC leaning post storage

The optional leaning post offers additional storage under the seat.

T-top

The Sailfish 242 CC comes standard without a T-top for the console.

Sailfish offers two optional T-tops. A soft Weblon canvas top with PFD storage, six rod holders and LED lighting or a fiberglass hardtop with four rod holders, LED docking lights, courtesy lights, overhead lockable storage, LED spreader lights and speakers.

Sailfish 242CC t top

Shown is the optional soft Weblon T-top with eight rocket-launcher-style rod holders.

Sailfish 242CC hard top

The optional hardtop is shown with the two-tone trim and powder-coated options.

Sailfish 242CC electronics box

Housed in the optional hardtop is an electronics box with magnetic latch, courtesy lights and spreader lights. The hardtop on the test boat afforded a generous 78" (1.98 m) of headroom.

Cockpit

Designed for serious anglers, the cockpit of the Sailfish 242 CC has many standout fishing features.

The gunnels are 38.5" (.89 m) above the deck at mid-ship and 28" (.71 m) deep at the transom.

Sailfish 242CC transom

The test boat measured 25.5" from the transom to the leaning post and 88" across the deck.

Sailfish 242CC jump seats

Optional jump seats add comfort when running, especially in rough conditions and are removable for added fish fighting space. Note the rod storage under the gunnel.

The standard coaming pads and stainless steel toe rail add to the fishability of the Sailfish 242 CC.

Sailfish 242CC livewell

The livewell built into the starboard side of the transom is standard and boasts 30-gallon (114 L) capacity and LED lighting.

Sailfish 242CC rod holders

The transom mounted rod holders are an option from Sailfish. Note the plastic polymer tool holder on the back transom rail.

The transom door on the port side of the transom, opens inward and leads to the swim platform and standard four step folding boarding ladder. Note, we would like to see it swing out, instead of in, for quick emergency dewatering.

Tackle storage is built into the step below the transom door.

Two stainless steel scupper drains are located on the port and starboard corners.

The access panel in the center of the transom allows access to the vital systems housed inside, including bilge pump, livewell fill pump, deck drains, freshwater pump and washdown raw-water pump.

Sailfish 242CC showers

The freshwater shower wand is located in the aft port gunnel and the raw water wash-down hose connection is in the engine well as shown.

The freshwater fill is located under the ladder cover in the swim platform.

Variable Stepped Deadrise Hull

By molding in three different deadrise angles from the stem to the transom Sailfish is able to give a smaller boat, such as the 220CC, both the ride and the stability that we might expect in a larger, heavier boat.

Sailfish 242CC deadrise

These arrows show the varying deadrise of the three steps in the 220CC's hull. The lower is 24-degrees, the center is 23, and the outermost is leveled out to 22-degrees.

This design gives the hull more flexibility to handle varying conditions than a fixed deadrise hull may. The 24-degree component at the bottom gives better handling in heavy seas allowing the 220CC to carve better through waves, rather than launch over them. The lessening deadrise as we move outward towards the chines provides her with better stability, fuel efficiency and speed.

Conceptual drawing of the Sailfish Variable Deadrise Stepped (VDS) hull.

Kevlar and Carbon Fiber Materials

Sailfish is the only center console builder we know of that uses carbon fibers in its deck laminate. Carbon fiber is expensive and is not easy to handle but adds lots of strength with little weight. Kevlar is used in the keel of the 220CC, something that only a few builders of any type boat use. It is puncture resistant, strong, and lightweight.

Plumbing Diagram

Sailfish 242CC drawing

Key—

- Bilge pump
- Livewell fill pump
- Deck drain
- Livewell drain
- Transom washdown pump
- Freshwater pump
- Freshwater fill and vent
- Freshwater toilet (optional)
- Waste water tank (with toilet option)
- Dockside pump-out (with toilet option)
- Waste water discharge (with toilet option)
- Head vent (with toilet option)
- Fishbox drains
- Freshwater sink

Options to Consider

- Fiberglass hardtop
- Windlass
- Console top organizer
- Marine head with waste tank
- Bow cushions and bolsters

- Bow filler cushion
- Forward facing bow backrests
- Fiberglass leaning post with cooler and backrest
- Rear jump seats
- Removable bow table
- Trim tabs with indicator switch and built-in retractor
- Four transom rod holders

Observations

Fishing enthusiasts will find that the Sailfish 242 CC has a lot to offer. It is demonstrably apparent that this is a boat designed and built by people with a great deal of fishing knowledge and experience. Conversely, it is also evident that Sailfish did not forget to add in comfort features and options that appeal to the whole family. Although truly a solid fishing platform, Sailfish has accomplished a reasonable blend. Combining a hard-core fish boat that should please even the most ardent offshore angler, with a comfortable day-boat for a family, when optioned properly.