

SUNSATIOn

25 Aggressor

Want a great looking 25-foot high-performance offshore boat that's fast, fun to drive and built to withstand anything you can throw at it? Try the SunSation Aggressor.

The hull and deck are joined in shoebox fashion, screwed together at eight-inch intervals, and laminated with Knytex. A rub rail, with a changeable insert, is mounted at the hull and deck joint. The hull and deck are joined to form a lip below the rub rail which deflects water to provide a drier ride and also allows cover snaps to be mounted beneath, out of sight. Hull and deck are 100 per cent balsa-cored, providing an extremely solid structure without excess weight. Stringers run the length of the hull.

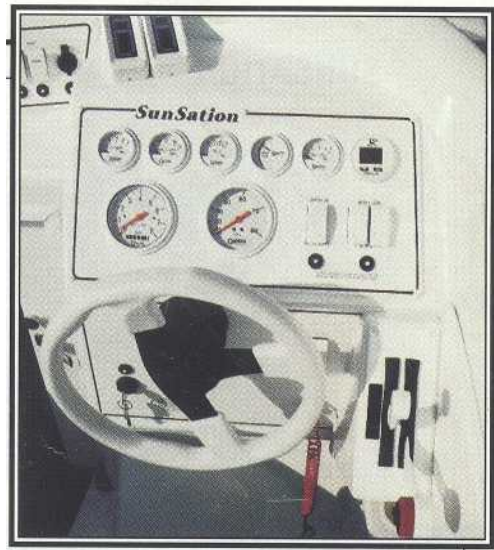
Specifications

LOA.....	24'7" / 7.5m
Beam	85" / 2.16m
Weight	3,500 lb / 1,588 kg
Deadrise	24 degrees
Fuel Capacity	55 US gal / 208L
Standard Power	7.4L MPI 310 hp
.....	MerCruiser
Price with standard power.....	\$81,995

Price Supplied by
Thousand Island Boat World
Brockville, ON

Up front, the cockpit has two stand-up bolsters with manually positioned seats. Bolsters are through-bolted to the cockpit floor and sides. A balsa-cored seat, with carpet-lined storage beneath, provides comfortable seating for three passengers. An ample number of stainless grab rails are well positioned and through-bolted for passenger support. The cockpit liner extends all the way back to the transom providing a finished engine compartment. Carpeted storage compartments on each side run the length of the cockpit and engine compartment. There are four drink holders and side courtesy lights. Included is a weather enclosed high-output Sony stereo with a pair of speakers in both the cockpit and cabin.

Gaffrig instruments are displayed on a removable panel at the helm. Tachometer, speedometer, drive trim indicator, water temperature, oil pressure, voltmeter and fuel gauge are all standard.

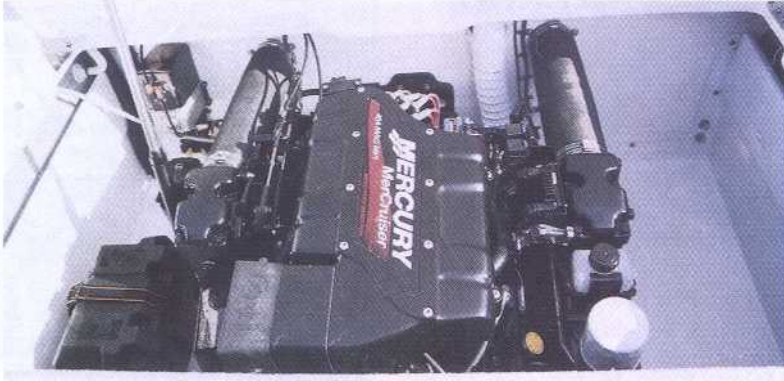


Lowrance depth finder, Rocker trim switches to control the Bravo drive and Bennett trim tabs are conveniently placed on the instrument panel above the Zero Effort throttle and shift controls.

A lockable acrylic sliding door provides access to the cabin. The large V-berth with balsa-cored liner provides excellent storage beneath. A balsa-cored galley, with sink, lies to port in front of the V-berth. There is a covered area that can be used for storage or to house a porta-potty.

Our test boat was equipped with Mercury's 454 Magnum MPI engine, through transom exhaust and Corsa muffler tips. Engine

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options range from the 250 hp Mercury 5.7L to the 500 hp Mercury 502. Corsa Silent Choice exhaust is also available. The Bravo drive has a 1,5:1 reduction gear and a 25-inch pitch, stainless steel, Mercury Mirage propeller. Maximum RPM is rev limited to 5150. An interesting feature is the 3/8-inch engine offset to starboard that is intended to help the torque tab balance prop torque and level the boat better when it leaves the water.

The Sunsation 25 Aggressor is a beautifully built boat and I looked forward to getting it on the water. With the assistance of Jamie Cascadden from 1000 Islands Boat World, the Sunsation dealer in Brockville, ON, we launched the boat on the St. Lawrence River in the 1000 Islands. Joe Schaldenbrand and David Hare of Sunsation hosted the test, It was a beautiful day for boating. The weather was mild and the water flat. Unfortunately, these were not the best conditions to test an offshore performance boat designed to handle rough water.

Typical of Sunsation, the boat provided a rock-solid ride. I was particularly impressed with the tight and steady turns, We tried to create rough water conditions with the wakes of two other Sunsations, a 32 Dominator and a 288 Intimidator - no challenge for this Aggressor.

I trimmed in the drive and advanced the throttle. The bow rose and fell and we were on plane in less than five seconds. I played with trim tabs, drive-trim and throttles to create different running attitudes. Trimmed out loose with 600 pounds of occupants, more than a half-tank of fuel, engine mufflers, and bathtub-flat water, we topped out at 75 mph. Engine speed was a touch over 5,100 RPM.

This is a fun boat. It's responsive to trim, throttle and steering. When you want to play, trim up the drives and tabs to optimize performance, and let the boat dance across the water. When the family is aboard, drop the tabs a touch to tighten up the boat and correct ride attitude to account for passenger weight distribution and prop torque.