



The 135hp Honda 4-stroke has plenty of punch to get the 6m Seascope up and planing.

Seascope 6.02 Suncruiser Cabin

FINDING a boat that will satisfy your desire to hit the offshore reefs, double as a family day boat, while still being price competitive can sometimes be a little challenging.

The package that I tested recently pretty much covered those often looked for requirements to a tee.

The Seascope 6.02 Sunchaser fitted with a 135hp Honda 4-stroke is a boat that is well worth a look as a good all-round boating and fishing package.

In what is possibly an Australian first, Seascope Boats has uniquely designed the hull of the 6.02 model Sunchaser to give optimal ride and performance.

It has full plate sub-



Boat Test
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structure with plate stringers running north south that comprise the internal construction, which is fitted to a pressed bottom.

This gives you the trim range of a pressed alloy boat with all the strength of a plate alloy boat.

The 5mm RIS reinforced bottom also gives you the confidence and the ability to adjust the trim angle of your boat no matter what the conditions or load you are carrying, ensuring a quality ride every time.

With an overall length of 6.02 metres and a sizeable beam of 2.45m, you end up with a boat

that could easily fish four guys on an offshore trip.

Conversely, it would also be at home cruising the bay for a day with the family on board.

Even though this model is rated to 175hp, and I usually try and put close to the maximum horsepower on a boat, the 135hp Honda 4-stroke delivered surprisingly good performance on a 6m vessel.

All be it a detuned 150hp, the option of the 135hp does make the package price look very attractive, while you still have a boat that performs well.

However, if you do intend to carry the maximum of six people and a heap of gear I would suggest opting for a slightly bigger donk.

In a short run around the Broadwater and over a small Seaway bar I felt quite comfortable in the boat.

The helm area had plenty of room and you could comfortably stand or sit to drive depending on conditions.

A large dash area also provided plenty of room for electronics or you may be able to flush-mount a small unit above the gauges.

The high sides give you a good position to lean on when fishing and you can get your toes under the full length storage shelves along the inside of the boat.

It may be an option to add some cushioned combing along here but that would be a personal choice, depending on the style and amount of

fishing you would normally do.

Something I did notice, when first getting on board and then later while having a play in the boat, was the transom door, which is an option that was located on the starboard side of the boat behind the helm.

Most boats I have been in often have it on the other side, but in this model the battery has been moved to the portside to balance the boat when there is only one person on board.

This makes driving the boat on the trailer so much easier, as the boat is level and balanced.

A simple thing, but why not make things as easy as possible for yourself when you are on the water?

As for the internal layout there are two large side pockets for storage, under seat storage in the large cabin, and the optional bunk infill making for a perfect area to get a bit of sleep.

A storage compartment on the passenger side is a perfect place to put camera, keys and other odds and ends.

The helm seats are also fitted with storage compartments providing ample places to stow your tackle out of the way, yet still easily accessible.

A rear folding lounge fitted as standard easily turns this boat from an offshore fishing vessel into a good family day boat.

The test boat had a few options including a kill tank, live bait tank, bait board, boarding ladder and swim platform, transom door, two-tone paint, stainless steel rod holders and bunk infills.

Not all these options are going to be needed



Transom door on the left, folding rear lounge on the right and bait board centre are some of the features that make this boat a good all-round package.



The helm area has good vision and plenty of room for electronics.



The hull design ensures a quality ride in all conditions.

by everyone and you can pick and choose depending on the main application of the boat.

A standard model Seascope 6.02 Sunchaser with a 135hp Honda 4-stroke, bimini and clears, white paint and rear lounge is available from a very attractive price of \$53,500 (limited availability).

As tested with quite a few options you are looking around \$59,500.

For more information on this boating package, contact Logan River Marine on 3287 4888 or call in and have a look over the boat yourself.

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PERFORMANCE

RPM	Kph
3000	24
4000	38
4500	44
5000	50
5600	57

Specifications

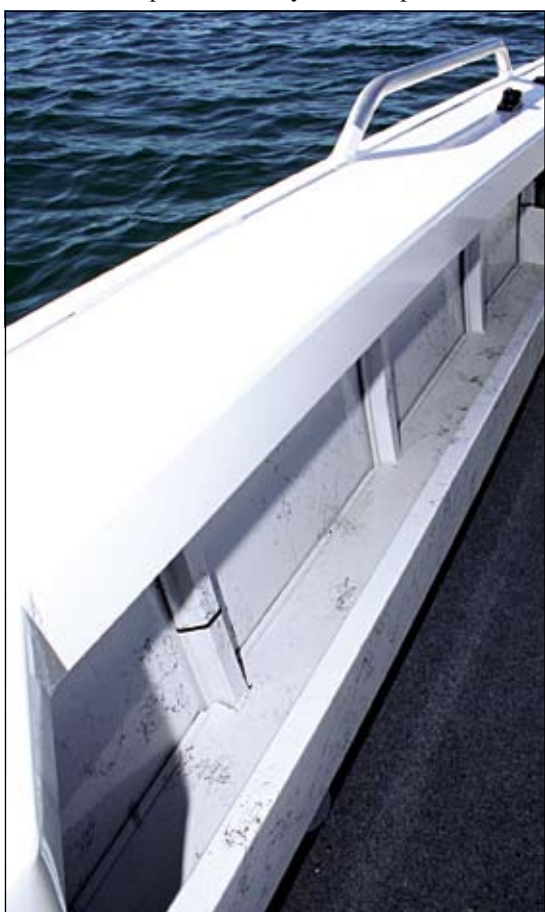
Length Overall: 6.02m
Beam: 2450mm
Material Bottoms: 5mm
Material Sides: 3mm
Transom: XLS
Max Transom Weight: 240Kg
Max Horsepower: 175hp
Number of People: 6



Cabin infill gives you plenty of sleeping room. Note the storage area under the helm seat.



A good sized live bait tank.



Large side pockets provide plenty of space to keep all your fishing gear out of the way.