

**BOATING
CERTIFIED
TEST
RESULTS**



High Points

- ▶ High-gloss gelcoat and contrasting color scheme give an aggressive and striking appearance.
- ▶ Powder-coated hardtop supports complement the finish and won't corrode.
- ▶ Powerful pumps pressurize the livewell without a sea chest.

Specs

• LOA: 24'6" • BEAM: 8'10" • DRY WEIGHT: 5,400 lb. (without engines)
• SEATING/WEIGHT CAPACITY: 12/2,100 lb. • FUEL CAPACITY: 140 gal.

How We Tested

ENGINES: Dual Mercury 150 FourStroke outboards
DRIVE/PROP: Outboard/Mercury Revolution 4 17" 4-blade stainless steel
GEAR RATIO: 1.92:1
FUEL LOAD: 100 gal.
CREW WEIGHT: 300 lb.

Price

\$104,755 (as tested)

BLACKFIN 242 CC

Our crew has tested three Blackfin boats, and each editor agrees they all operate above their paygrades. The 212 CC delivered big-water handling capabilities, the 272 fished like a much larger boat — and we know because we had a crew of nine on board — and now the 242 CC comes to the water with dual outboards, aggressive fishing capabilities, and family-pampering features to enjoy day-boating, sandbars and beach combing.

Fishing first. The livewell's position on the port stern is ideal for rigging baits when the pressure is on. It's 24 gallons, rounded inside, and its top is gasketed. Adjustable inflow and outflow valves help keep the well topped off, eliminating bait-killing sloshing in rough water.

On the starboard corner there's a tuna door leading to a surprisingly big transom platform with clear footing from starboard to port. There's a hatch-covered ladder too, and this kind of spaciousness

is unusual in outboards in this size class. And it doesn't seem to rob the cockpit of square footage either.

The leaning post covers a carry-on cooler, and its struts are angled to conserve cockpit space. At the transom, a stowaway lounge has a thickly padded bolster to brace against. There are toe rails under the gunwales for secure footing when gaffing and rod hangers above them on each side. The fishability is enhanced by shotgun and gunwale rod holders. Fish boxes are optionally macerated, and all hatches are gasketed for silent running.

For comfort, pop the forward seat bolster end cap from its fishing position, and with the casting-deck cushions in place,



rpm	SPEED			EFFICIENCY				OPERATION	
	knots	mph	gph	naut. mpg	stat. mpg	n. mi. range	s. mi. range	angle	sound level
1000	4.7	5.4	1.1	2.1	2.5	268.8	309.3	0	65
1500	6.3	7.3	1.6	2.0	2.3	248.1	285.5	1	72
2000	7.7	8.9	2.4	1.6	1.8	201.9	232.3	3	73
2500	9.5	11.0	3.4	1.4	1.6	176.3	202.9	5	78
3000	15.3	17.7	4.6	1.7	1.9	210.1	241.7	6	83
3500	22.2	25.5	5.7	1.9	2.2	244.9	281.8	4	83
4000	26.3	30.3	6.8	1.9	2.2	243.9	280.7	4	84
4500	30.0	34.5	9.6	1.6	1.8	196.7	226.4	3	87
5000	33.9	39.1	10.9	1.6	1.8	196.1	225.7	3	88
5500	37.1	42.8	14.0	1.3	1.5	167.2	192.4	3	90
6000	38.4	44.2	14.6	1.3	1.5	165.7	190.7	3	92

MOST ECONOMICAL CRUISING SPEED

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plug it into the coaming bolsters to form the backrest of two forward-facing lounges. A seat on the front of the console (which can also hold a portable head) adds more comfort. With that seat, the transom seat folded out, the forward lounges in place, and considering the dual leaning-post seat at the helm, the 242 CC boasts seating for a crew of seven or more.

Dual Mercs pushed the boat to exciting speeds and climbed to plane with minimal bow rise. Their quiet running capabilities enhance the cruising and trolling experience, and the smooth throttles ease adjustments. SmartCraft connectivity can be displayed on navigation displays.

All the better to continue the 242 CC's success in operating above its paygrade.

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