

It's a no frills kind of boat, built for the enthusiast that appreciates the simple but thrilling pleasures of a high performance outboard. While at rest the HydroStream Ventura II is sixteen feet of unassuming hull. When the throttle is jammed to wide open, its quiet serenity vanishes and is replaced by fast paced excitement. Its light weight form dances over the water with a feather-like feel. Not a sensation desired by everyone, but certainly enjoyed by a definite segment of the power boating populous.

Our test model HydroStream was appointed with only the basics. Many options and extras are available, however if a budget boater is shopping for price and performance, this is an attractive combination. Workmanship and quality of construction is adequate for a hull of this cost category. The floor is not carpeted but finished with a functional textured hard coating. The back to back vinyl seats could stand a little extra padding to absorb some of the occasional bumps. The interior transom compartment is open thus exposing

the standard twelve gallon gas tank. Storage area is nil and no windshield is furnished. Still, without these finishing touches, the HydroStream does accomplish its intended purpose of being a quick and responsive outboard runabout extremely well.

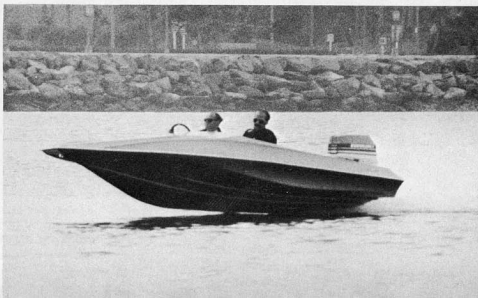
In its rather spartan condition, the Ventura II accommodates four persons and delivers one of the most lively performances to be found in outboard powered boats. The reason behind this success stems from its efficient hull configuration and relatively light weight. The Ventura II tips the scales complete, less engine, right at 600 pounds. Attach a big brute Evinrude 135 Strangler, add a dozen gallons of gasoline and the entire package is water ready under 1000 pounds.

With this kind of power to weight ratio, little wonder that an easy 57.2 mph was attained without any special rigging or trick set-ups. However, light doesn't always mean fast. The Ventura II produces much of its speed by virtue of its hull design.

The best way to describe its unusual form would be to say that it has the basic shape of a lapstrake vee-bottom with an air-trapping chine and bow section. The HydroStream does not truly capture air as would a tunnel hull since it has no definite sponsons. However, the elongated and gull-like bow area with sculptured outside chine imitates the air supported ride of a tunnel hull. It effectively lifts nearly the entire Ventura II out of the water at speeds in excess of 55 mph. At this clip the wetted surface is at a bare minimum. The driving feel is that of almost floating above the water. However, when crossing some mildly choppy water or encountering another boat wake at this speed, the Ventura II will rock and roll a bit since so little of the hull is in contact with the water. This is not a dangerous condition if handled with moderation and good common sense.

Turning the HydroStream can be somewhat tricky if proper respect is not shown. It will come around quickly

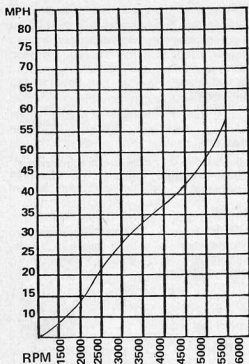
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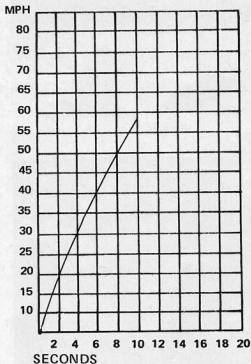


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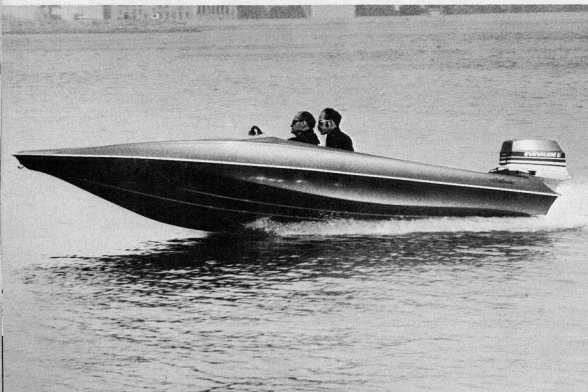


### STANDARD EQUIPMENT

Ride-Guide steering with stainless wheel; two-tone fire flake finish; self bailing motor well; throttle mounting block; fuel tank traps.

### OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

SE Package including: upholstered side panel, carpet, upholstered stern cover and windshield.



### WATER SKI EVALUATION

- Take-off power .....
- Steering maneuverability .....
- Hull tracking .....
- Visibility at idle .....
- Visibility coming on plane .....
- Visibility at speed .....
- Wake .....
- Boarding/debarking .....

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