

Mustang 2200 . . Sports cruiser For Today



Last month, we had the opportunity of trying one of the new Mustang 2200 Club Sport Cruisers, a wholly Australian made weekend cruiser in the genre of the Bayliner or Searay bridge deck cruisers.

We originally spotted the cruiser at the last Sanctuary Cove Boat Show when a price tag of \$67,900 caught our eye - and this includes GST! Considering the size, comfort and seaworthiness of this compact weekend cruiser, this represents exceptionally good value.

In its standard form it is powered by a 4.3 V-6 EFI MerCruiser, an engine that is highly regarded as an economical, simple and reliable unit. It's an excellent choice for a cruiser of this type.

Not that you'd know the engine was there, as it is buried so cunningly into the transom under the



transom wall and rear seat moulding that you've got to stop and think twice about where it's located.

They've certainly used every inch of space on this boat. In fact it must be the biggest volume 22 footer we've ever seen, and it does represent an awful lot of boat for the money.

We picked up some questionable design points - the location of the toilet

at the foot of the stairs was probably the most obvious, but it's a boat you'd really want to go out in for a few hours to fully explore and experience.

Viewed against the class leading Whittley Cruisemaster 700, it makes for an interesting debate, because the two boats come from opposite directions, yet they're both trying to satisfy exactly the same market. Fascinating

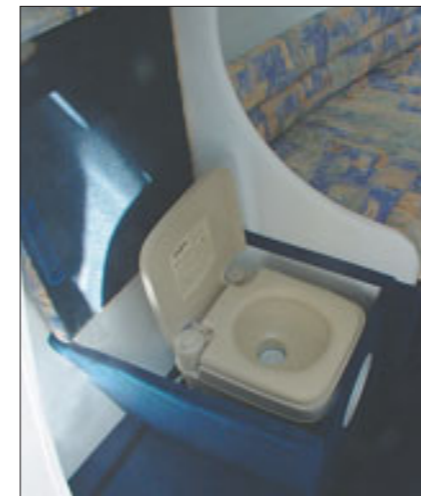
stuff, and one that warrants much closer examination than the hour or so we were able to put into this quick test.

So we've promised ourselves that we'll come back to this boat in the very near future and run the full trials on one of the production models (as distinct from this prototype).

But if you're in the market for a waterfront weekender, I'll bet you can't find one with the comfort and convenience of this one on dry land for \$67,900 - and that's a fact!

For further info, give Mustang Pleasure Boats a call, 56 Sickle Ave Hope Harbour, Qld 4212, Phone: (07) 5510 8888

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Mustang 2200 Club Sport Specification

Centreline length	7.7 m
Beam	2.5 m
Weight	TBA
Fuel Capacity	230 L
Cabin Headroom	1.6 m
Berths	Four
Fresh water capacity	140 L
Deadrise	19 degrees
People Capacity	Six

