



# Polar 2700 WA

**T**he spec list on the 2700 WA reads like the vital stats for the biggest kid on the football team.

It's a whopping four feet longer than the walkaround it replaces as Polar's flagship. The muscular beam flexes to 9.5 feet, allowing the boat to haul 5,000 pounds of people and gear, carry 600 ponies on the transom and 200 gallons of fuel in its tanks. The boat is a brute.

During our workout on a drop-dead gorgeous Friday morning, however, the limits of the boat's bravado were not about to be pushed. Only two of us made up the crew. We were toting the

minimum 300 hp and a mere 80 gallons of gas. Idling near the 10,000 Islands of southwest Florida, we gazed over the nose-high windshield while a handheld GPS struggled to find signals through the optional — and very thick — hardtop. Ahead, a nearly cloudless sunrise cast a glaze across the inshore Gulf waters as if surrendering to the 2700 WA at first sight.

We took our time pushing the twin Yamaha 150s to the top-end speed of 43 mph. Polar designed the boat to reach the offshore grouper hangouts and the best salmon quarries of the Great Lakes with an emphasis on comfort. The yawning double-wide helm seat, for instance, al-

Economy	High-Performance
Fresh Water	Salt Water
Protected Water	Open Water
Value	Premium

### AT A GLANCE

The size of the 2700 translates to a ton of fishing features and a spacious living arrangement.

lowed the two of us to navigate without rubbing arm hairs. Once the curiosity of top speed was satisfied, we pulled back to 4,000 rpm (burning 13.3 gallons per hour according to the Yamaha Command Link gauges) and cruised in Escalade style toward the action. (The gas price back at the marina — \$3.60 a gallon — also had something to do with that decision.)

The Gulf water practically parted for the big boat until our eyes suddenly shifted from the Raymarine C120 screen to what looked like vanity mirrors on the water's surface — tarpon. After dropping the anchor via windlass, we stepped down to the bait station in the aft cockpit and plucked shrimp from the generous 50-gallon baitwell. From that spot we could also use the cutting board and freshwater sink on the transom.

Leaning into a cast, I was comforted not only by the thick coaming pads against my thighs but also by the overall security of the 2700's deep cockpit, foam flotation in the hull and NextWave electrical system, which uses fail-proof connectors throughout the boat.

When the tarpon showed no inter-

est in our shrimp, and the temperature climbed into the mid-80s, it was time to check into the cabin. The air conditioning wasn't on, but the beads of sweat started to dry and cool during a short respite in the wide and deep (six feet, two inches of clearance) cabin. The bunk-style quarters could sleep a family of four, and the galley accoutrements are far more sophisticated (turntable microwave, slim-line stove) than the words "fishing boat" suggest.

We turned back toward the marina having released a harmless shark, a Spanish mackerel and a bunch of pesky catfish. The water was still slick as we cruised. The Gulf and the tarpon had refused to test us on this day. It was as if they just didn't feel like butting heads with the new big kid on the block. — *Robert Stephens*

## VITALSTATS

Length Overall:

27'4"

Beam:

9'6"

Dry Weight:

6,400 lb.

Water Capacity:

13 gal.

Fuel Capacity:

200 gal.

Maximum HP:

600

NMMA Certified:

Yes

MSRP (base boat):

\$93,055

MSRP (test boat):

\$121,660

## TESTDRIVE

Test Engines:

Twin Yamaha 150 TXR

Test Props:

13.75 x 17, stainless

Test Load:

People (420 lb.); Fuel (80 gal.)

Top Speed:

43.4 MPH @ 6,100 RPM

Time to Plane:

6.5 sec.

Time to 30 MPH:

12 sec.

Minimum Plane:

17.0 MPH @ 3,600 RPM



The 2700's hardtop has six rocket launchers, an electronics box, a dome light and spreader lights.

## NOTABLEFEATURES

- A removable three-across seat converts the casting area into cozy passenger accommodations.
- Hot-water heater is standard, and it's plumbed to a full-size fiberglass head in the cabin.
- Single-person swim platform and beefy stainless-steel ladder on the starboard side of the transom makes it easy to reboard from the water.
- Battery indicator lights on the port side of the cockpit are smart additions.
- Entry steps on the gunwales make it easy to board the boat from either side.

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