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HURRICANE SUNDECK 2600 I/O

By Go Boating Test Team
Yacht certified and measuring 26 feet, 8 inches in length, Hurricane's new-for-2008 2600 I/O surpasses its 260 OB as the biggest offering in the SunDeck lineup. The 2600 I/O features a sporty, new design with a new helm, new colors, new graphics, new upholstery, bol-

ster seats, stainless steel accents throughout and an integrated swim platform. The SunDeck 2600 I/O rides on a deep-V Cat 5 hull that's designed to plane quickly and handle rough water while still allowing for shallow drafting. It's available with MerCruiser and Volvo Penta stern-drive power up to 320 hp. The 2600 I/O

uses all stainless steel hardware, and its deck is fiberglass lined and self-bailing with a skid-resistant surface.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Our test boat was equipped with the Premium Sport Package, which includes snap-in carpet, a battery switch, a tilt

steering wheel, a compass, a Lowrance M68C fishfinder and a freshwater wash-down at the transom. Other factory add-ons that really got our attention include a playpen cover, a bow livewell, stainless steel rubrails, pull-up cleats, a transom remote and through-hull exhaust.

Yet, the 2600 I/O is chock full of standard features, as well. Bow and stern boarding ladders are convenient for re-entry from watersports, and a designated anchor locker keeps the bow clean looking and trouble-free. Comfortable bow seating, a centrally located table mount, stainless steel cupholders, two speakers and plenty of

storage beneath the seats make the area a great place for entertaining. A large, self-draining ski locker, accessible from both the bow and the cockpit, stows all of your toys.

Moving aft, a full wrap-around windshield, when used in conjunction with a gate that swings out from the driver-side console, keeps wind out of the cockpit completely. Both captain and co-pilot ride in bolstered captain's chairs that swivel and slide. The dash features a full complement of deep-dish, stainless steel, beveled Faria gauges that are easy to read at night along with rocker switches, a 12v power point, a stereo remote, a Ritchie compass and a flush-mounted fishfinder (optional). Courtesy lights make for safe movement about the cabin at night.

The refreshment center is located aft of the captain's chair and features a freshwater sink, cooler storage, stainless steel cupholders, Corian countertops, a 12v power point and a trash receptacle. It is also available with a stainless steel gas grill. The head is neatly appointed and available with your choice of a Porta Potti or VacuFlush pumpout head. When you're kicked back at the sandbar, you'll appreciate the optional transom stereo remote and the sunpad, which folds up and down to create an adjustable, reclining seat.

PERFORMANCE

Our test boat was equipped near the maximum of its 320 hp rating with a 300 hp MerCruiser 350 MAG/Bravo III with a 24-inch-pitch propset. From a dead standstill, we jumped on plane in 4.8 seconds and broke 30 mph in 7.7 seconds. Our best fuel economy was at 3000 rpm where we cruised along comfortably at 24.2 mph while getting 3.6 mpg.

Lightly loaded and with open exhaust, we reached 49.7 mph at 5200 rpm, the top of the 350 MAG's recommended WOT rpm range. The boat was very responsive at any speed, and cornering was tight and predictable. The through-hull exhaust gives it a throaty, hot rod sound. **G**

Hurricane Sundeck 2600 I/O

SPECIFICATIONS

Length	26 ft., 8 in.
Beam	8 ft., 6 in.
Capacity	Yacht certified
Dry Weight	5,286 lbs.
Fuel Capacity	77 gals.
Maximum Power	320 hp
Deadrise	16 degrees

PERFORMANCE

	mph	rpm	mpg	range	dBa
Peak	49.7	5200	2.3	160 mi.	91*
Cruise	24.2	3000	3.6	25 mi.	81
Time to plane	4.8 seconds				
0-30 mph acceleration	7.7 seconds				

*With through-hull exhaust open. Range based on 90% fuel capacity

POWER

Test	MerCruiser 350 MAG/Bravo III
Hp	300 hp
Cylinders	V8
Displacement	5.7L
Weight	1,013 lbs. w/Bravo III
WOT Range	4800-5200 rpm
Prop	Stainless steel 24-inch-pitch set

Craft available with sterndrive power from MerCruiser and Volvo Penta from 260 to 320 hp

BASE PRICE

w/260 hp	
MerCruiser 5.0 MPI/Alpha	\$49,380*
w/test power	\$53,034*

*Price can vary depending on options and location — does not include trailer, freight or prep

FIVE NOTABLE STANDARDS

Color-coordinated Bimini top, cockpit courtesy lights, Sony CD stereo w/MP3 input and stainless steel speakers, ski eye, pressurized water system

NOTABLE OPTIONS

Playpen cover, stainless steel rubrail, M68C fishfinder, through-hull exhaust, bow livewell

FINANCING

\$440/month for 15 years*

*Assuming a final price of \$35,000 with a 15% down payment and a fixed interest rate of 7.75% — does not include sales tax

BUILDER

Godfrey Marine, 4500 Middlebury St., Elkhart, IN 46516; (888) 463-3739; www.hurricanedeck-boats.com. Hurricane is an NMMA certified builder.

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FEATURES IN BRIEF:

1 Swing Time: A swing-out wind gate completely keeps wind from entering the cockpit when the windshield is closed.

2 In Plain Sight: The driver's console comes standard with easy-to-read Faria instrumentation, two stainless steel cupholders, a 12v power point, rocker switches and a stereo remote.

3 Refresher Course: The refreshment center sports a Corian countertop, stainless steel cupholders, a 12v power point, a trash receptacle and a sink and faucet.

4 What a Relief: The head comes with a sink, faucet, hatch, stereo remote and trash receptacle. It is self-draining and available with your choice of a Porta Potti or VacuFlush pumpout head.

5 Power Source: Our test boat was powered by a 300 hp MerCruiser 350 MAG/Bravo III that gave it a top speed of 49.7 mph.



TECH NOTES:

- Strong acceleration: 4.8 seconds to plane and 7.7 seconds to hit 30 mph
- Equipped with the Premium Sport Package
- Deep-V Cat 5 hull helps it plane quickly and handle rough water while still maintaining shallow draft
- Available in six colors with color-coordinated Bimini top (standard)

