

SPOTLIGHT ON



A BOAT FOR ANY PLACE, ANY BUDGET

Polar 2110 Bay

For one long morning, just south of the Naples, Florida, coast, our crew of three was living a lie.

After leisurely humming through a three-mile network of mangrove-sheltered cuts and across another mile of open bay water, you could close your eyes and literally hear the sound of a welcoming beach — *ssbbsusbb* — under the 2110 Bay. A showroom-clean boat now rested along a half-mile stretch of white sand isolated enough to make you wonder how it

arrived in this primitive place. But real it was. At 7:30 a.m. you could stand on the aft casting deck and see the tide beginning to back-swirl. From that vantage point you could also watch baitfish running off the stern in three feet of water. First cast. There was a thump on the line as the rod curled over. “Got one over here, too,” said 21-year-old guide Ryan

Allen. Over the course of the next 90 minutes, we reeled in a collection of species that could fill an Audubon field guide: snook, redfish, mackerel, grouper and saltwater catfish. When a jack latched onto Ryan’s shrimp the game was really on. The platter-size fish, known as “the bulldog of the sea” for its pound-for-pound strength and resistance, would cause footing issues



AT A GLANCE
Don't let "Bay" in the name mislead you; this boat is made for all types of water, with safety engineered throughout.

for fishermen on some casting decks. The 2110, fortunately, has a deep four-inch gunwale lip along both platforms. You can walk an active fish like a jack from side to side without

so much as looking down. When it's at the side of the boat, you can plant one foot on top of the gunwale anywhere along the boat's perimeter because it is unusually wide: eight inches, at least twice that of many bay boats. We were able to do all of the above at the bow and stem because the 2110 has a 22-square-foot forward deck and a 21-square-foot aft platform. Molded steps in each corner lead anglers from the deep cockpit area up to the casting platforms. Another crafty touch is the console. Polar lifted the edges

three inches off the deck for more foot room; it's also a safe spot for the indirect lighting that illuminates the deck at night. Had we kept the 24-inch redfish, it would have looked like an aquarium fish in the boat's gigantic (61-by-22-inch) fish box. This should be a big attraction for salmon and walleye anglers who see a lot of action on the Great Lakes. Plainly visible is the 2110's flared bow — it sweeps upward and outward. We noticed in our performance test that the extra forward freeboard deflects high spray,

and the wider footprint makes for a ride that's more stable than spray. We ran across calm bay waters in the low 40-mph range with a Yamaha 150 four-stroke, and would have opted for the 225 had we been running over a bigger stretch of open water. And that raises a point: A bay boat this size, designed with this much thought for safety and base priced at just over \$30,000, could really make the word “optimal” a fair description no matter where a boater lives — and no matter where the crew wants to go.

QUICKSTATS

Length Overall: 21'4"
 Beam: 8'6"
 Dry Weight: 2,262 lb.
 Seat/Weight Cap.: 6/2,600 lb.
 Fuel Cap.: 72 gal.
 Max. HP: 225
 MSRP (base boat w/ Yamaha 150): \$31,192
 MSRP (test boat): \$35,157

TESTDRIVE

Test Engine: Yamaha 150 4-stroke
 Test Prop: 13.75 x 17, stainless
 Test Load: People (600 lb.); Fuel (25 gal.)
 Top Speed: 43.6 MPH @ 6,200 RPM
 Time to 30 MPH: 8.4 sec.
 Time to Plane: 3.5 sec.
 Min. Plane: 16.5 MPH @ 3,200 RPM

RPM	MPH	SOUND LEVEL
Idle	2.5	57 db
1,000	3.6	55 db
1,500	5.3	63 db
2,000	6.7	67 db
2,500	8.0	72 db
3,000	12.9	78 db
3,500	21.8	79 db
4,000	27.4	80 db
4,500	31.9	83 db
5,000	36.0	88 db
5,500	40.0	89 db
6,000	43.1	89 db
6,200	43.6	90 db

- NOTABLE FEATURES**
- All fiberglass and composite construction makes for a solid and heavy boat
 - Three battery holders are under the console, with breakers on one access hatch and a master battery control on the other
 - Compartment in rear deck holds two buckets for live bait
 - Draft is only 12 inches

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