

# Fast luxury angling boat

If you're in the market for a high performance offshore boat, take **Dave Lewis's** advice and check out the luxurious Mariner 235

**T**he Mariner 235 could fairly be described as a classic, high-performance offshore angling/sports boat.

With her fully enclosed wheelhouse, spacious cockpit and wave-cutting deep-V hull, she is perfect for anyone intending to regularly run offshore to fish marks beyond the horizon.

Not only that, with her good looks the Mariner 235 will be something of a head turner

wherever she is berthed.

The wheelhouse is well laid out and features twin berths forward, a toilet, shower and galley – facilities that not only make those long runs out to distant marks much more comfortable, but also make her a practical choice if you live away from the coast. Berth her in a marina and you can live aboard for several days.

The Mariner 235, marketed in the UK by ABC Marine, has a freshwater bladder with a 75-litre

(16.5 gallon) capacity, and a fully upholstered set of cushions is provided as standard, as are navigation and cabin lights.

#### **In the cabin**

Of course, you get plenty of dry locker stowage space within the wheelhouse, with light and natural ventilation provided by tinted skylights fitted to the deck head of the forward cabin and the main wheelhouse.

Large tinted windscreens provide

excellent all-round visibility, while side opening windows further increase ventilation. Access to and from the wheelhouse is through sliding glass doors aft. The helm is located to starboard.

Access to the bow is via two





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walkways either side of the wheelhouse, and safety is ensured courtesy of stainless grab handles (fitted to the cabin roof) and an attractive stainless pulpit rail. At the bow you'll find the usual anchor locker, complete with all the necessary deck hardware.

### Cockpit luxury

The fishing cockpit is spacious and well laid out. The self-draining deck features a large opening hatch amidships, which contains the 250-litre fuel tank.

An additional locker is located below decks at the aft end of the cockpit, complete with two other useful moulded fibreglass lockers within each quarter that double as seats. A removable section creates a full beam transom thwart, along with access to the bathing/engine platform outboard.

An outboard mounted on an extended platform is a popular choice, as it maximises workable deck space within the cockpit. The

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with a single outboard engine up to a maximum of 250hp, though provision has been made for installing an auxiliary engine via a mounting plate fitted to port.

A stainless steel boarding ladder, mounted to starboard, is another standard fixture.

The Mariner 235 has an overall length of 7.80m, a 2.50m beam and displaces 1,450kg (3,197lb) She has been classified as CE Category C.

### Speedy response

ABC Marine, which is based in Hayling Island, Hants, had arranged my brief sea trial aboard the Mariner 235, and conditions within the expansive harbour were ideal for assessing her handling qualities as a brisk to strong south-westerly created a fairly lively chop.

At slow speed she performed impeccably, responding perfectly to throttle and helm. I concluded she would be an easy boat to manoeuvre in and out of the tightest of marina berths.

However, the Mariner 235 is a performance boat, so I was keen to experience what she was capable of at the top end of the throttle

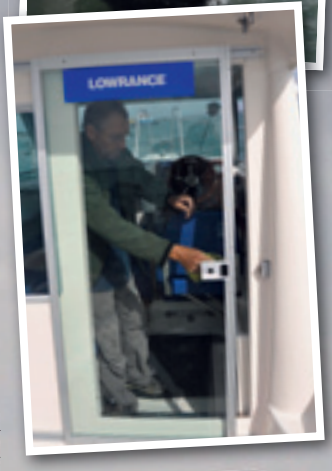
– and I was certainly not disappointed.

She immediately raises her bow, lifts up on to the plane and skims crisply across the surface. Conditions were choppy, bordering on rough at times, but she cut through the waves and gave the smoothest of rides. Even at the very top end, comfortably in excess of 30 knots, it didn't get too hairy on board, and after easing back to a more comfortable cruising speed of around 20 knots it was perfect – I could have drunk a cup of hot coffee without spilling any.

I also pushed her through all the usual tight turns to port and starboard, and again she responded as I had hoped, at all times displaying very good lateral stability.

When stopped and allowed to drift with the waves slapping against her beam, again she proved to be an excellent and stable platform.

Here you have a smart, well built high performance angling boat that is ideal for long runs offshore, and then fishing either at anchor or on the drift.



### PRICES & CONTACT

The cost of a Mariner 235, boat only, is £33,995. A package complete with a Mariner 115hp four stroke is £43,995 and an SBS R4/2600 trailer is £3,700 (all including VAT).

Demonstrator package available at a discount of £5,000. For more information contact ABC Marine, tel: 02392 461968.

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