

## WAHOO! 1900 COASTAL



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### Multipurpose Personified

**M**any boatbuyers seek a craft that will serve a variety of purposes. For them, the new Wahoo! 1900 may hold the solution to a mixed venue of boating for freshwater, saltwater, fishing, skiing, and more.

Designed as a fishing boat, the size and design of the Wahoo! make it an excellent all-around boat. This aspect is enhanced by its ability to accommodate an outboard with up to 150-horsepower.

We hopped aboard the 1900 in the sparkling waters around Sanibel Island, FL, and put it through its paces with Suzuki's new Offshore 150 EFI.

The EFI is designed to provide optimum performance in the cruising range and was equipped with a 14.25 x 20-inch stock prop.

The hole shot performance was as expected, short of a blast-to-plane bass or flats boat, but it was certainly acceptable. We jumped from 0 to 20 mph in 3.17 seconds, and from 0 to 30 mph in 4.64 seconds. The boat required 14.79 seconds to hit the wide open throttle speed of 54 mph at 5,800 rpm.

At first glance, you might think the Wahoo! 1900 could be a wet boat in the slop, but it's not. Even without trim tabs, you can hang the bow high when the weather gets nasty. But this little rig really wants to run on top. It jumped to plane below 3,000 rpm, and with

the motor trimmed out, the Wahoo! 1900 dashed across the bay where the water was chopped up with 1 to 2 foot waves.

Billed as a "totally unsinkable" boat due to its foam-filling, the 1900 is also a self-bailing boat. The center console is nicely designed and features molded-in vertical rod holders. There is ample storage and a built-in tackle box.

The 1900 has a base price of \$11,895 (without motor), but everyone, we are told, orders it with the optional \$795 fishing package. Even if fishing won't be your prime pursuit in this boat, the package is still a bargain. It includes recessed compass, rope locker, beverage holder, the molded-in rod holders, deluxe instrumentation, stainless steel grab rails, and a 94-quart cooler.

Wahoo! has earned a reputation for building quality saltwater fish-

ing boats since it began production 11 years ago. The 1900 is no exception. We particularly like the black poly step pad atop the gunwale that marks the spot to step aboard and prevents shoes from scratching the gelcoat. A small touch, yes, but like many things Wahoo! does, it adds value and longevity to the product.

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LOA:	18'6"	Price (w/o trailer):	\$11,895
Beam:	7'2"		
Draft:	10"		
Weight:	1,470 lbs		
Deadrise:	19°		
Fuel Capacity:	61 gal.		
Test Engine:	Suzuki		
	Offshore 150 EFI		

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