

SPOTLIGHT SAVAGE 195 BOWRIDER

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SAVAGING THE OPPOSITION

SAVAGE HAVE GONE FIBREGLASS AND RELEASED AN EXCELLENT NEW BOWRIDER

Savage Boats are renowned for the quality aluminium boats it builds, but now this Aussie company has added another string to its bow — fibreglass boats.

The stunning new Savage 195 Bowrider has just been released and is now available around the country.

Apart from its great looks, this 6m Australian-built boat has a superior hull design. Unlike some of the imported bowriders, the Savage 195 has a deep-vee hull, 20-degree deadrise with a flared bow that delivers a soft and amazingly dry ride.

Not only does it display excellent performance and handling characteristics, but its build quality and

standard of fitout are all first class. Only quality componentry has been used throughout and the upholstery is colour matched to the hull.

These boats were designed as all-round family vessels, capable of towing skiers, wakeboarders, or watersport toys. You can fish out of them at a pinch, although I think dad might get a bit angry if you got fish guts all over the upholstery, or simply go for a leisurely cruise along a river. As a dayboat they're perfect. Plus, with the ability to carry up to eight people, the kids can bring a couple of friends along to enjoy a day on the water.

The Savage 195 Bowrider has an LOA of 5.94m, a beam of 2.25m and has 1.12m of freeboard, which provides added security for the family on the water. The boat and motor weigh only 1225kg. This means it can be easily towed by an average family car; a 4WD is not required, which has to be a consideration for anyone thinking of buying a new boat. How are you going to tow it?

The transom is designed to run an Alfa I leg and the boat comes standard with a 135hp MerCruiser and power steering.

Standard features include: a bimini; tonneau and travel covers; bilge blower; CD stereo; drinkholders; bilge pump; nav lights; pop-up cleats; boarding ladder; ski hooks and underfloor ski locker; integrated swim platform; rear lounge; and a 85lt underfloor fuel tank. A wake tower option is available.

For those buyers in the Sydney region, Middle Harbour Marine is offering an On Water package that includes: stamp duty; registrations and safety gear (PFD1 lifejackets for full-carrying capacity); anchor rope and chain; fire extinguisher; bailer; air horn; paddles; a tie-down strap; engine flushers and a waterproof torch). Plus, all new Middle Harbour Marine packages come with three months free membership of SeasTow.

For further information, visit www.middleharbour.com.au; www.savageboats.com.au



AT A GLANCE

Type:Bowrider
Performance:Very good
Tow vehicle:Family car
Overall comfort:Excellent
Economy:Very good
Value for money:Top
Price:From \$39,990
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