


# McKee Craft

THE UNSINKABLES

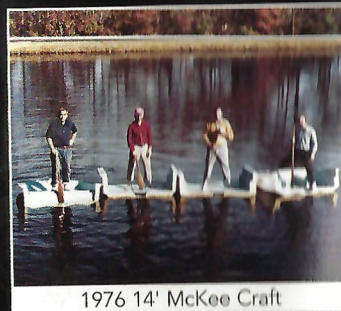
McKee Craft

A man wearing a blue cap and a dark shirt is driving a white McKee Craft boat on the water. The boat has "McKee Craft" written on its side. The background is a large American flag graphic. The boat is moving from left to right, leaving a white wake. There are three fishing rods in the boat. The text "McKee Craft" is written in a blue, cursive font at the top right, with "THE UNSINKABLES" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it.

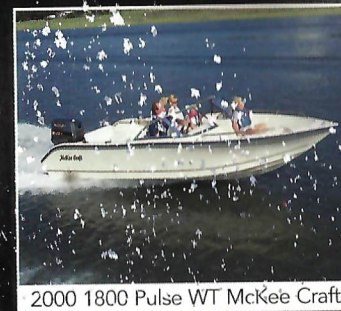




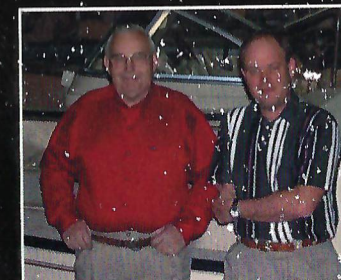
1966 14' McKee Craft



1976 14' McKee Craft



2000 1800 Pulse WT McKee Craft



Lanness K. McKee, CEO/Owner  
Lanness "Key" McKee, Jr., President

# Unsinkable Craftsmanship

We believe unsurpassed safety and reliability must be the backbone of every boating experience. That is why, over three decades ago, Lanness McKee (My Dad) set out to build an unsinkable boat that performed with optimum safety at an affordable price.

In 1965, after extensive testing and trials, Lanness McKee discovered the secrets of construction by pressure foam filling. The process of foam fusing every square inch of the deck and hull enables us to build a boat without stringers and spars. This unsinkable one piece design offers virtually no flex, is quiet in the water and exceeds the strength of any boat built with conventional stringers.

This extra floatation is three times the amount required by the Coast Guard. Your McKee Craft will stay afloat even if you are lucky enough to catch a 1,050 pound Pacific Blue Marlin like one of our proud boat owners did in Hawaii in 1986 (see photo on back cover).

Taking quality and value a step further, McKee Craft hand built boats are designed to last! Instead of transoms made of sheet foam we use time-tested materials like XL marine panels. This material is so tough and durable it has earned a limited lifetime warranty. The decks are strengthened with a poly/ceramic core the strength of solid oak. Every hull we sell comes with a 10-year limited warranty.

Unlike each year's new version of Hi-Tech resins, gelcoats, wood substitutes, and hardware (some that have failed with serious consequences after several years in the water), our experience using time-tested quality materials and superior craftsmanship produce the strongest built boats in their class. Such value is available no where else!

Don't just take our word for it, listen to the experts. Over 1,500 McKee Craft boats are currently in service by many local, state, and federal agencies (catch the beefed-up Water Patrol boat in the back cover photo).

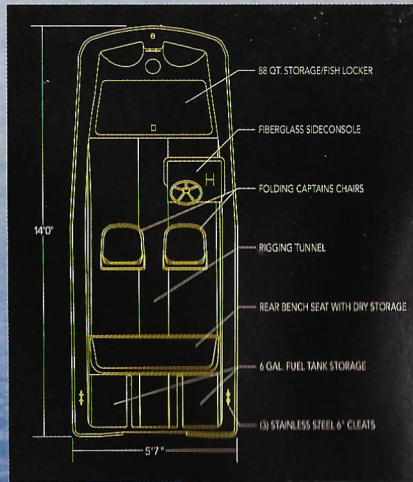
My family is very much involved in the day-to-day business. Even with our growth, you can still speak to any of us with a simple phone call. We don't sentence you to the voice mail runaround! My father, Lanness McKee, daily inspects each boat for quality before it is allowed to leave the plant. Staff members with 35 years at McKee Craft continue to add expertise to every boat, providing experience, quality and consistency unparalleled in the industry.

Value shines through to our long term relationships, as well. Many of our dealers have been selling McKee Craft boats for more than a decade and many McKee Craft owners keeps their boat for two generations or more. This, alone, adds to the superlative character of our line and the service you can expect for years to come. Own more than just a boat. Own a hand crafted heirloom created by people who share the best of American values. Enjoy a finished product created from outstanding materials, professional pride of superior workmanship and integrity of design. When it is time to spend your hard-earned money on a fishing boat, fun boat, family boat or working craft, choose one to be proud of. Choose McKee!

Enjoy,  
Lanness "Key" McKee Jr.  
President



# 14' Waypoint



# 14' WAYPOINT / 14' CUSTOM DELUXE

**SPECIFICATIONS**

Overall Length .....	14' 0"
Beam .....	67"
Draft .....	7"
Approximate Boat Weight .....	665 Lbs.
Maximum Weight Capacity .....	890 Lbs.
Swamped Capacity .....	1750 Lbs.
Persons Capacity .....	4
Maximum Horsepower .....	65
Recommended Horsepower .....	50
Minimum Horsepower .....	25
Transom Height .....	20"
Interior Freeboard .....	15"

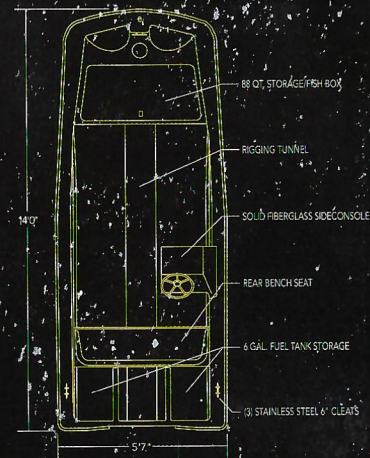
## 14 WAYPOINT

- Stable - Cathedral Hull Design
- Stainless Steel Bow Lifting Eye
- (2) Stainless Steel Ski Eyes
- (3) 6" Stainless Steel Cleats
- Navigation Lights
- Stainless Steel Steering Wheel
- Fiberglass Rear Mount Console
- Insulated 88 Qt. Fiberglass Fish Box
- Rear Bench Seat

## 14' CUSTOM DELUXE

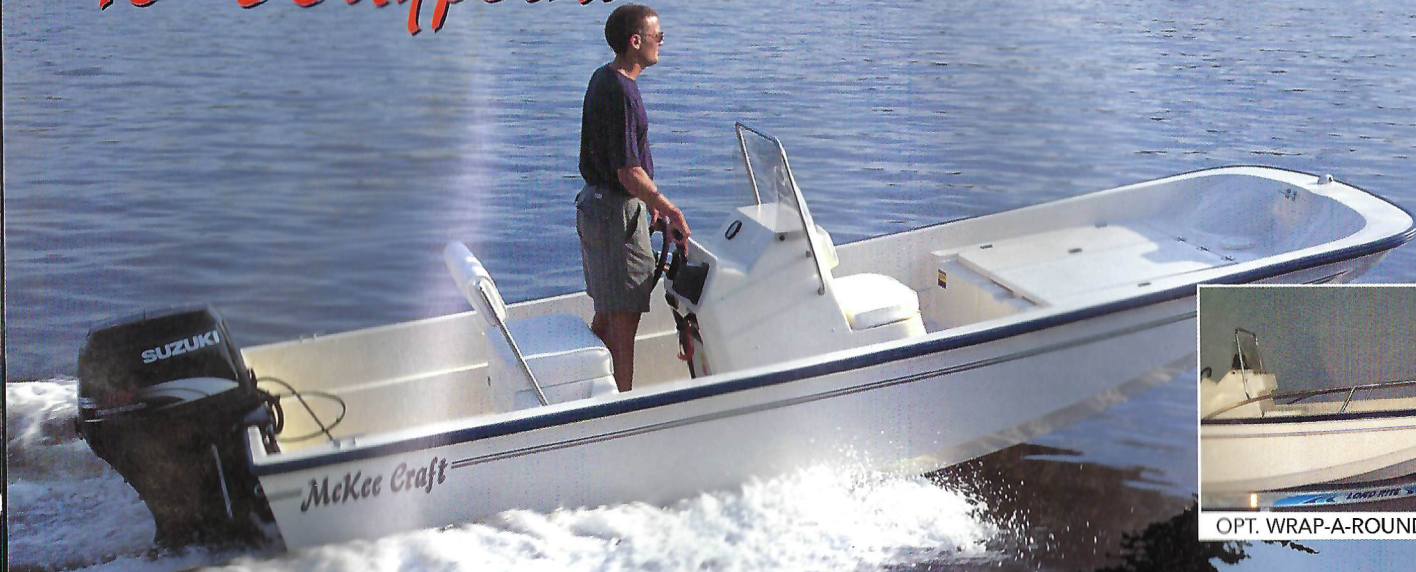
- Stable - Cathedral Hull Design
- Stainless Steel Bow Lifting Eye
- (2) Stainless Steel Ski Eyes
- (3) 6" Stainless Steel Cleats
- Navigation Lights
- Stainless Steel Steering Wheel
- Fiberglass Side Mount Console
- Insulated 88 Qt. Fiberglass Fish Box
- (2) All Weather Folding Chairs with Cushions
- Rear Bench Seat With Lockable Dry Storage

# 14' Custom Deluxe

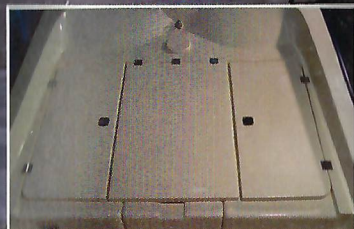




# 16' Waypoint



OPT. WRAP-A-ROUND BOW RAIL



OPT. FORWARD STORAGE BOX



STD. 18 GAL. FUEL TANK

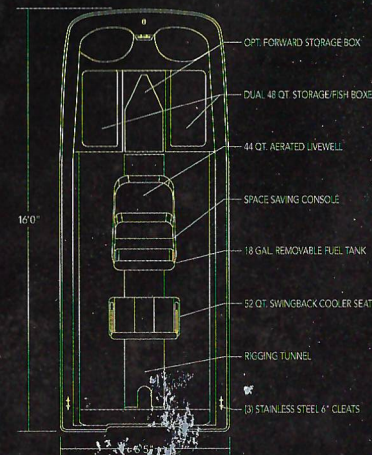


## 16' WAYPOINT SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length	16' 0"
Beam	77"
Draft	9"
Boat Weight (Approx.)	990 Lbs.
Maximum Weight Capacity	1370 Lbs.
Swamped Capacity	2650 Lbs.
Persons Capacity	6
Maximum Horsepower	115
Recommended Horsepower	70
Minimum Horsepower	40
Transom Height	20"
Fuel Capacity	18 gal.
Interior Freeboard	18"

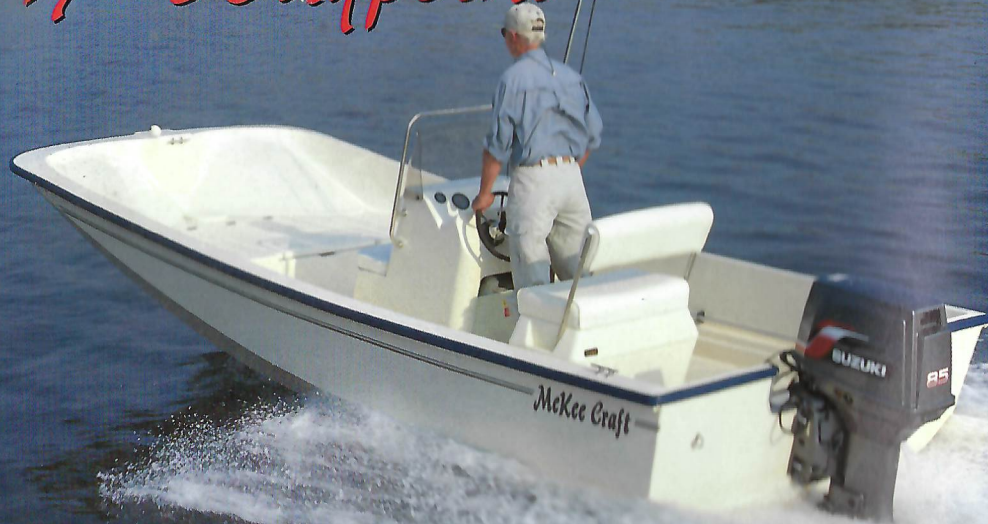
## STANDARD EQUIPMENT

- Stable - Cathedral Hull Design
- Space Saving Center Console
- 18 Gallon Above Deck Fuel Tank
- 52 Qt. Swingback Cooler Seat
- Oval 44Qt Aerated Livewell
- (2) 48 Qt. Bow Fish Boxes
- Stainless Steel Bow Lifting Eye
- (2) Stainless Steel Ski Eyes
- (3) 6" Stainless Steel Cleats
- Navigation Lights
- Stainless Steel Steering Wheel
- Stainless Steel Console Grab Rail
- Plexiglass Windshield
- Tank Mount Fuel Gauge





# 17' Waypoint



52 QT. COOLER SEAT



OPT. FORWARD STORAGE BOX



EXTRA LARGE COCKPIT

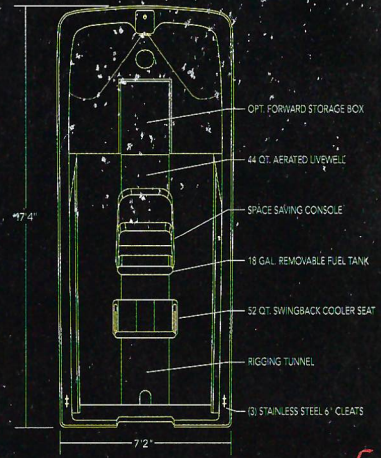


## 17' WAYPOINT SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length.....	17' 4"
Beam.....	86"
Draft.....	10"
Boat Weight (Approx.).....	1480lbs
Maximum Weight Capacity.....	1770lbs
Swamped Capacity.....	3300lbs
Persons Capacity.....	8
Maximum Horsepower.....	160
Recommend Horsepower.....	90
Minimum Horsepower.....	60
Transom Height.....	20"
Fuel Capacity.....	18 Gal.
Interior Freeboard.....	19"

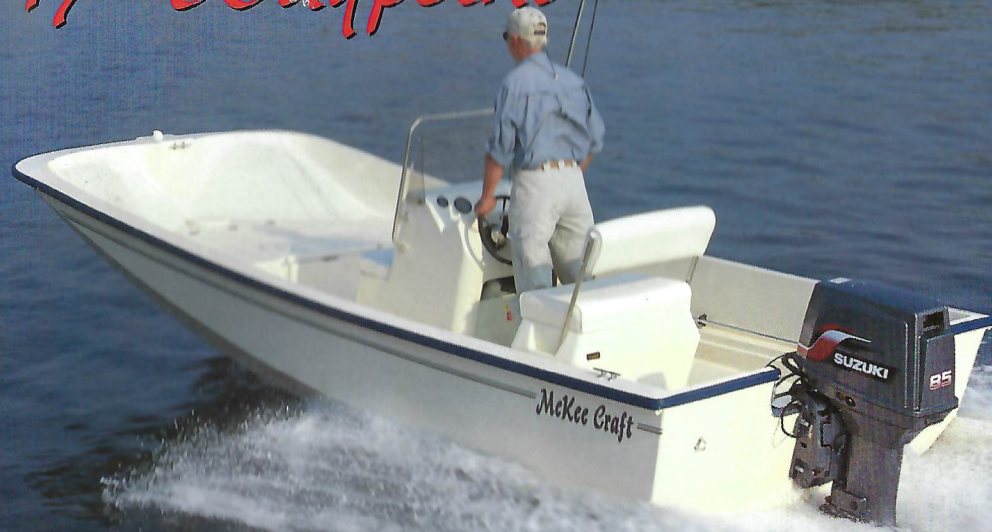
## STANDARD EQUIPMENT

- Stable - Cathedral Hull Design
- Space Saving Center Console
- 18 Gallon Above Deck Fuel Tank
- 52 Qt. Swingback Cooler Seat
- Oval 44Qt Aerated Livewell
- Stainless Steel Bow Lifting Eye
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# 17' Waypoint



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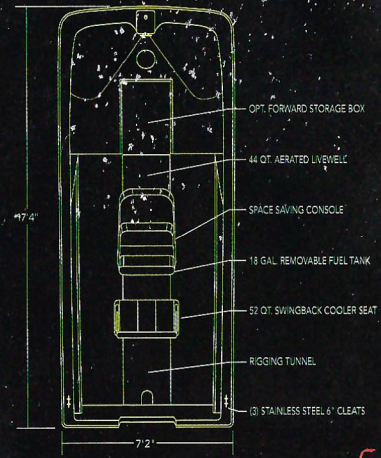


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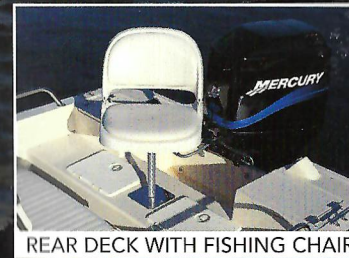
## STANDARD EQUIPMENT

- Stable - Cathedral Hull Design
- Space Saving Center Console
- 18 Gallon Above Deck Fuel Tank
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- Oval 44Qt Aerated Livewell
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- Navigation Lights
- Stainless Steel Steering Wheel
- Stainless Steel Console Grab Rail
- Plexiglass Windshield
- Tank Mount Fuel Gauge

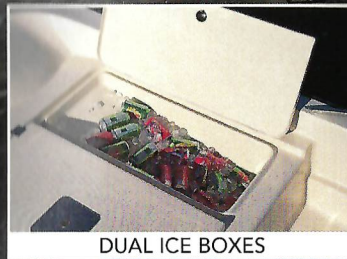




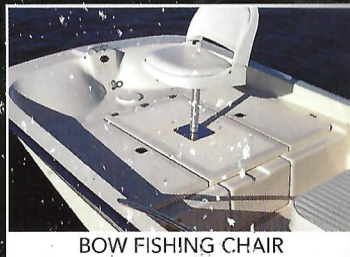
# 160 Bass-n-Bay



REAR DECK WITH FISHING CHAIR



DUAL ICE BOXES



BOW FISHING CHAIR



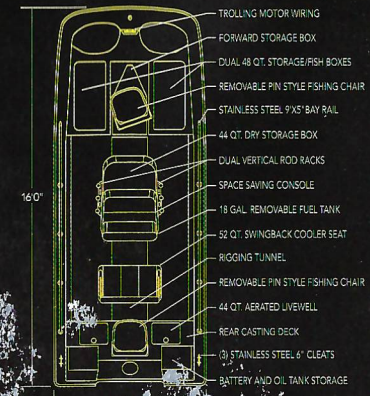
## 160 BASS-N-BAY

### SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length .....	16' 0"
Beam .....	77"
Draft .....	9"
Boat Weight (Approx.) .....	1090 Lbs.
Maximum Weight Capacity .....	1370 Lbs.
Swamped Capacity .....	2650 Lbs.
Persons Capacity .....	6
Maximum Horsepower .....	115
Recommend Horsepower .....	70
Minimum Horsepower .....	40
Transom Height .....	20"
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Interior Freeboard .....	18"

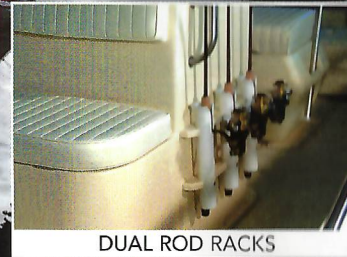
### STANDARD EQUIPMENT

- Stable - Cathedral Hull Design
- Space Saving Center Console
- 44 Qt. Console Storage Area
- 18 Gallon Above Deck Fuel Tank
- 52 Qt. Swingback Cooler Seat
- (2) Removable SS Bow Fishing Chairs
- Rear Benchseat/Splashwell with 44 Qt. Box
- Oval 44 Qt Aerated Livewell
- (2) 48 Qt. Bow Fish Boxes
- Forward Storage Box
- Stainless Steel Bow Lifting Eye
- (2) Stainless Steel Ski Eyes
- (3) 6" Stainless Steel Cleats
- Stainless Steel 9'x 6" Side Rails
- Navigation Lights
- Trolling Wiring w/Takedown Bow Light
- Stainless Steel Steering Wheel
- Stainless Steel Console Grab Rail
- Plexiglass Windshield
- Tank Mount Fuel Gauge
- (2) Vertical Rod Storage Racks





# 174 Bass-n-Bay



DUAL ROD RACKS



TUNNEL HULL DESIGN



OPT. BIMINI TOP



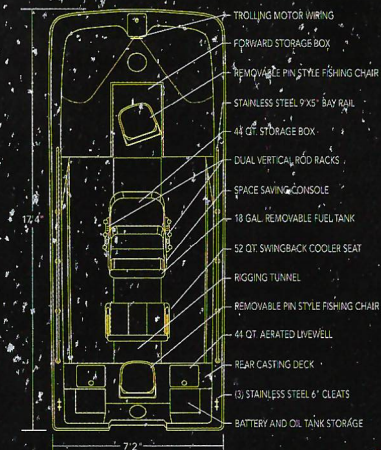
## 174 BASS-N-BAY

### SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length .....	17' 4"
Beam .....	86"
Draft .....	10"
Boat Weight (Approx.) .....	1480lbs
Maximum Weight Capacity .....	1770lbs
Swamped Capacity .....	3300lbs
Persons Capacity .....	8
Maximum Horsepower .....	160
Recommend Horsepower .....	90
Minimum Horsepower .....	60
Transom Height .....	20"
Fuel Capacity .....	18 Gal.
Interior Freeboard .....	19"

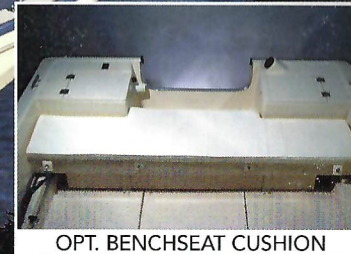
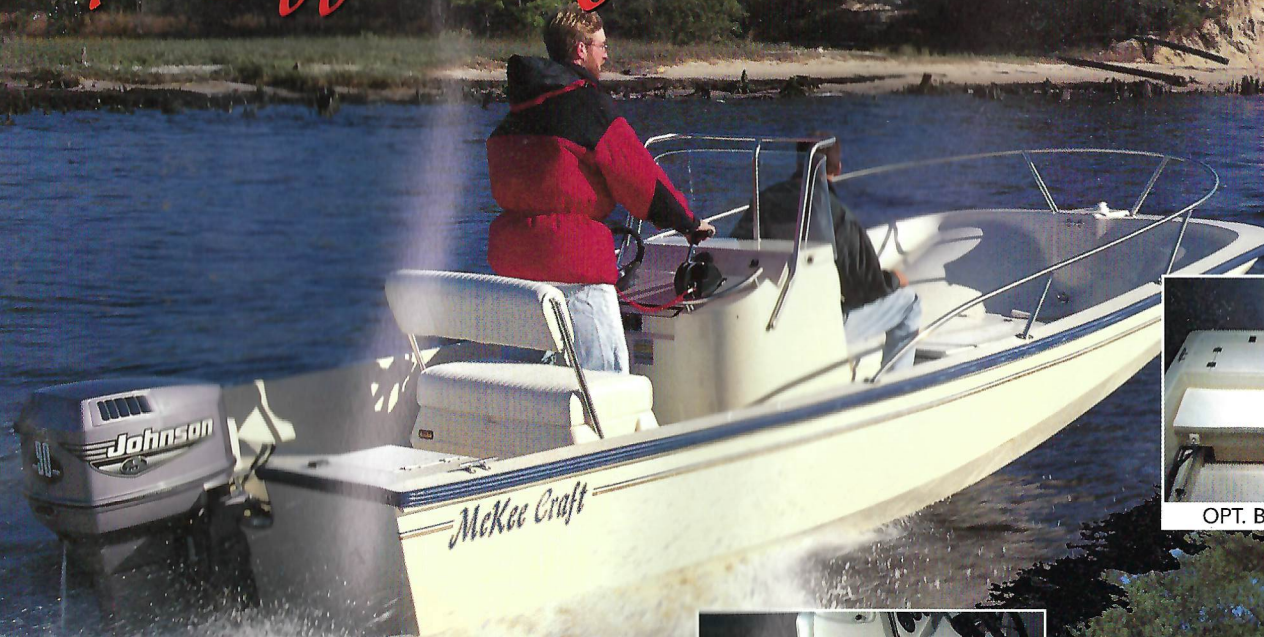
### STANDARD EQUIPMENT

- Stable - Cathedral Hull Design
- Space Saving Center Console
- Shallow Draft Tunnel Hull Design
- 44 Qt. Console Storage Area
- 18 Gallon Above Deck Fuel Tank
- 52 Qt. Swingback Cooler Seat
- (2) Removable SS Bow Fishing Chairs
- Rear Benchseat/Splashwell with 44 Qt. Box
- Oval 44Qt Aerated Livewell
- Forward Storage Box
- Stainless Steel Bow Lifting Eye
- (2) Stainless Steel Ski Eyes
- (3) 6" Stainless Steel Cleats
- Stainless Steel 9'x 6" Side Rails
- Navigation Lights
- Trolling Wiring w/Takedown Bow Light
- No Feed Back Steering System
- Stainless Steel Steering Wheel
- Stainless Steel Console Grab Rail
- Plexiglass Windshield
- Tank Mount Fuel Gauge
- (2) Vertical Rod Storage Racks





# 17' Offshore Fisherman



OPT. BENCHSEAT CUSHION



LARGE CONSOLE STORAGE



OPT. BOW CUSHION SET



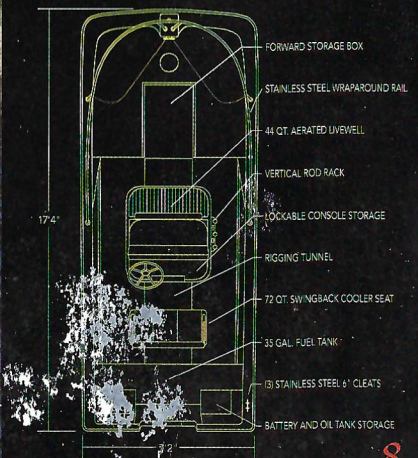
## 17' OFFSHORE FISHERMAN

### SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length .....	17' 4"
Beam .....	86"
Draft .....	10"
Boat Weight (Approx.) .....	1480lbs
Maximum Weight Capacity .....	1770lbs
Swamped Capacity .....	3300lbs
Persons Capacity .....	8
Maximum Horsepower .....	160
Recommend Horsepower .....	90
Minimum Horsepower .....	70
Transom Height .....	20"
Fuel Capacity .....	35 Gal.
Interior Freeboard .....	19"

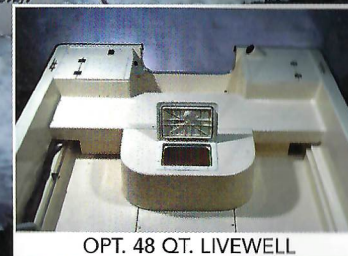
### STANDARD EQUIPMENT

- Stable - Cathedral Hull Design
- Deluxe Center Console
- Lockable Console Storage
- 72 Qt. Swingback Cooler Seat
- Benchseat/Splashwell w/ 35 Gal Fuel Tank
- Forward Storage Box
- Lockable Glove Box
- Stainless Steel Bow Lifting Eye
- (2) Stainless Steel Ski Eyes
- (3) 6" Stainless Steel Cleats
- Stainless Steel Wrap-A-Round Bow Rail
- Navigation Lights
- Stainless Steel Steering Wheel
- Stainless Steel Console Grab Rail
- Oval 44Qt Aerated Livewell
- Plexiglass Windshield
- Tank Mount Fuel Gauge
- Vertical Rod Storage Rack





# 17' Southporter



OPT. 48 QT. LIVEWELL



OPT. FACTORY PRE-RIGGING



STD. BOW CUSHION SET



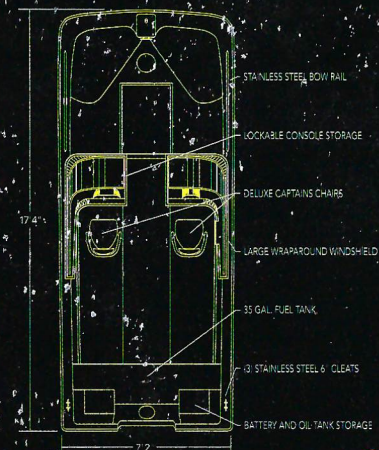
## 17' SOUTHPORTER

### SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length .....	17' 4"
Beam .....	86"
Draft .....	10"
Boat Weight (Approx.) .....	1,480lbs
Maximum Weight Capacity .....	1,770lbs
Swamped Capacity .....	3,300lbs
Persons Capacity .....	8
Maximum Horsepower .....	160
Recommend Horsepower .....	90
Minimum Horsepower .....	70
Transom Height .....	20"
Fuel Capacity .....	35 Gal.
Interior Freeboard .....	19"

### STANDARD EQUIPMENT

- Stable - Cathedral Hull Design
- Dual Console w/Wrap Around Windshield
- (2) Deluxe Pilot Chairs w/Sliders
- Benchseat/Splashwell with 35 Gal Fuel Tank
- (2) Lockable Console Storage Areas
- Lockable Glove Box
- Stainless Steel Bow Lifting Eye
- (2) Stainless Steel Ski Eyes
- (3) 6" Stainless Steel Cleats
- Stainless Steel 4"x 4" Bow Rails
- Navigation Lights
- (5) Piece Bow Cushion Set
- Stainless Steel Steering Wheel
- Stainless Steel Console Grab Rail
- Acrylic Center Flap Wind Block
- Tank Mount Fuel Gauge





# Backwater 172



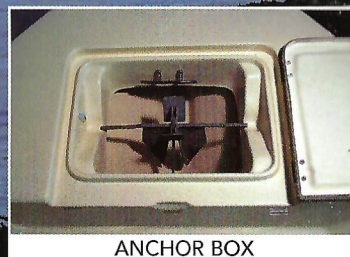
## BACKWATER 172

### SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length .....	17' 2"
Beam .....	84"
Draft .....	11"
Boat Weight (Approx.) .....	1250lbs
Maximum Weight Capacity .....	1260lbs
Swamped Capacity .....	2650lbs
Persons Capacity .....	5
Maximum Horsepower .....	115
Recommend Horsepower .....	90
Minimum Horsepower .....	60
Transom Height .....	20"
Fuel Capacity .....	36 Gal.
Deadrise at transom .....	18 degrees
Interior Freeboard .....	19"

### STANDARD EQUIPMENT

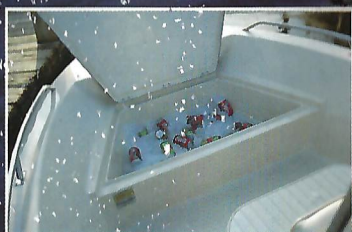
- Fast/Dry Reverse Lifting Strake Hull
- Space Saving Center Console
- Shallow Draft Tunnel Hull Design
- Snag Free Deck Design
- 52 Qt. Swingback Cooler Seat
- Lockable Console Storage Area
- 44 Qt. Console Storage Box
- Stainless Steel Bow Eye
- (2) Stainless Steel Ski Eyes
- (3) 6" Stainless Steel Cleats
- Stainless Steel 4'x 4" Bow Rails
- Navigation Lights
- Stainless Steel Steering Wheel
- Self-Bailing Deck
- Boxes Drain Directly Overboard
- Integrated Anchor Storage Box
- 124 Qt. Insulated Fish Box
- Stainless Steel Console Grab Rail
- Plexiglas Windshield
- Below Deck 36 Gallon Fuel Tank
- Dual Oval 44Qt Aerated Livewells
- Vertical Rod Storage Rack
- Raw Water Wash Down



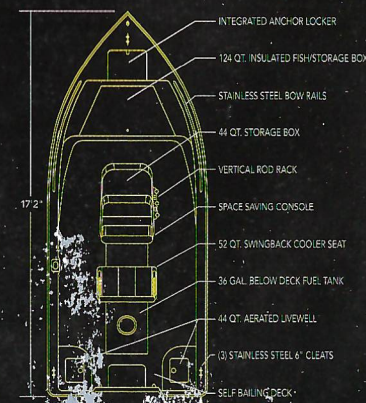
ANCHOR BOX



DUAL 44 QT. OVAL LIVEWELLS

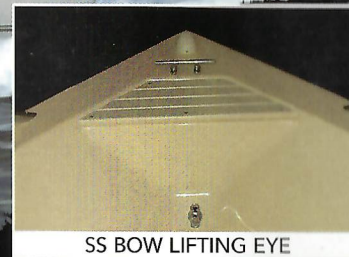
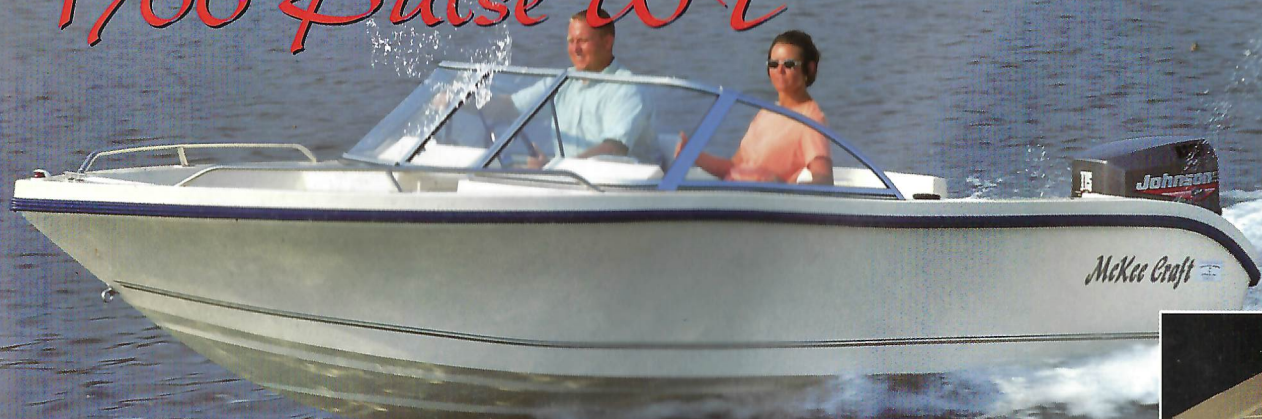


124 QT. FISH BOX

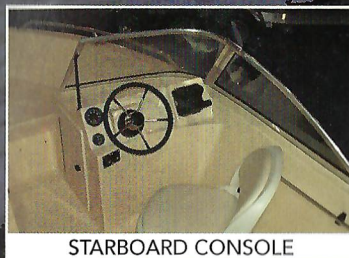




# 1700 Pulse WT



SS BOW LIFTING EYE



STARBOARD CONSOLE



JUMPSEAT/BOXES

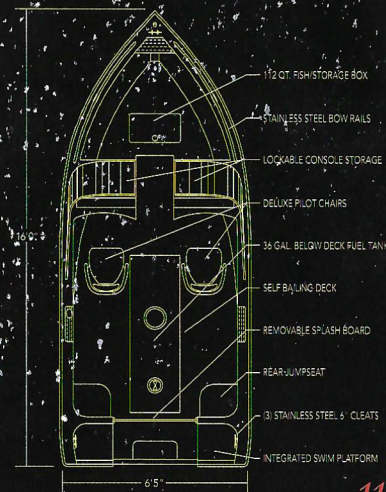


## 1700 PULSE WT SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length	16' 11"
Beam	84"
Draft	11"
Boat Weight (Approx.)	1250lbs
Maximum Weight Capacity	1260lbs
Swamped Capacity	2650lbs
Transom Height	20"
Fuel Capacity	36 Gal
Persons Capacity	5
Maximum Horsepower	115
Recommended Horsepower	90
Minimum Horsepower	60
Deadrise at transom	18 degrees
Interior Freeboard	21"

## STANDARD EQUIPMENT

- Fast/Dry Reverse Lifting Strake Hull
- Dual Console w/ Wrap Around Windshield
- Shallow Draft Tunnel Hull Design
- (2) Deluxe Pilot Chairs w/Sliders
- Dual Rear Jump Seat Storage Boxes
- (2) Lockable Console Storage Areas
- Lockable Glove Box
- Stainless Steel Bow Lifting Eye
- (2) Stainless Steel Ski Eyes
- (3) 6" Stainless Steel Cleats
- Stainless Steel 4" x 4" Bow Rails
- Navigation Lights
- Stainless Steel Steering Wheel
- Automatic Bilge Pump
- Self-Bailing Deck
- Boxes and Wells Drain Directly Overboard
- 112 Qt. Insulated Fish Box
- Below Deck 36 Gallon Fuel Tank
- Stainless Steel Console Grab Rail
- Acrylic Center Flap Wind Block





# 1800 Pulse CC



4 DRAWER TACKLE CENTER



STANDARD BOW RAILS



OPT. CAPTAINS CHAIRS



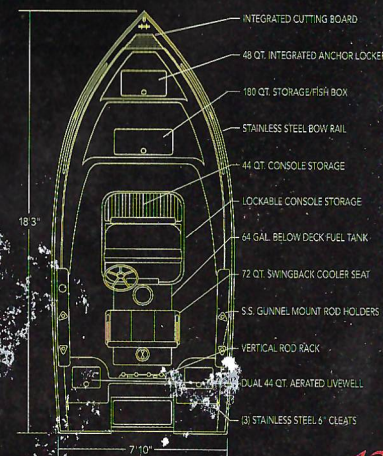
## 1800 PULSE CC

### SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length .....	18' 3"
Beam .....	7' 10"
Draft .....	17"
Boat Weight (Approx.) .....	1500lb
Maximum Weight Capacity .....	1850lb
Swamped Capacity .....	3000lb
Persons Capacity .....	5
Maximum Horsepower .....	175
Recommended Horsepower .....	125
Minimum Horsepower .....	115
Transom Height .....	25"
Fuel Capacity .....	64 Gal
Deadrise at Transom .....	18 degree
Interior Freeboard .....	21"

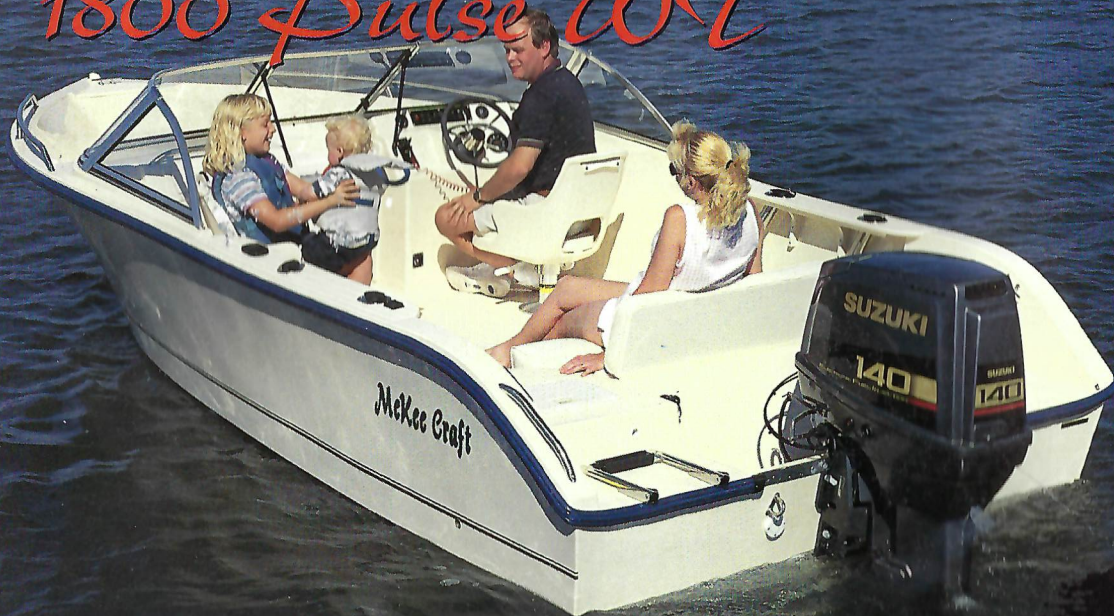
### STANDARD EQUIPMENT

- Fast/Dry Reverse Lifting Strake Hull
- Deluxe Center Console
- 72 Qt. Swingback Cooler Seat
- Lockable Console Storage Area
- 44 Qt. Console Storage Box
- Lockable Glove Box
- Stainless Steel Bow Eye
- (2) Stainless Steel Ski Eyes
- (3) 6" Stainless Steel Cleats
- Stainless Steel 4' x 4" Bow Rails
- No Feed Back Steering System
- Stainless Steel Steering Wheel
- Automatic Bilge Pump
- Self-Bailing Deck
- Boxes Drain Directly Overboard
- 48 Qt. Anchor Storage Box
- 180 Qt. Insulated Fish Box
- Stainless Steel Console Grab Rail
- Plexiglas Windshield
- Below Deck 64 Gallon Fuel Tank
- Dual Oval 44Qt Aerated Livewells
- (4) SS Gunnel Mount Rod Holders
- 4 Drawer Tackle Center
- Vertical Rod Storage Rack
- Raw Water Wash Down





# 1800 Pulse WT



OPT. BOW CUSHIONS



REAR BENCHSEAT



DUAL 44 QT. LIVEWELLS

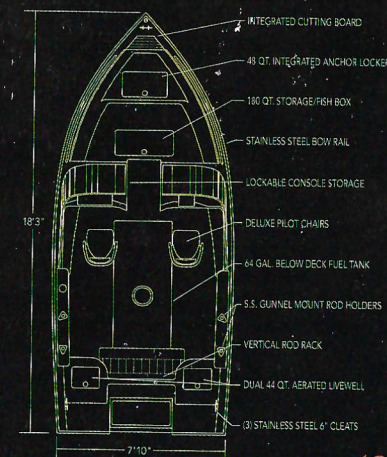


## 1800 PULSE WT SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length .....	18' 3"
Beam .....	7' 10"
Draft .....	17"
Boat Weight (Approx.) .....	1500lbs
Maximum Weight Capacity .....	1850lbs
Swamped Capacity .....	3000lbs
Persons Capacity .....	8
Maximum Horsepower .....	175
Recommended Horsepower .....	125
Minimum Horsepower .....	115
Transom Height .....	25"
Fuel Capacity .....	64 Gal
Deadrise at Transom .....	18 degrees
Interior Freeboard .....	21"

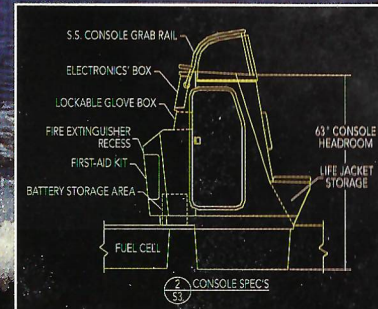
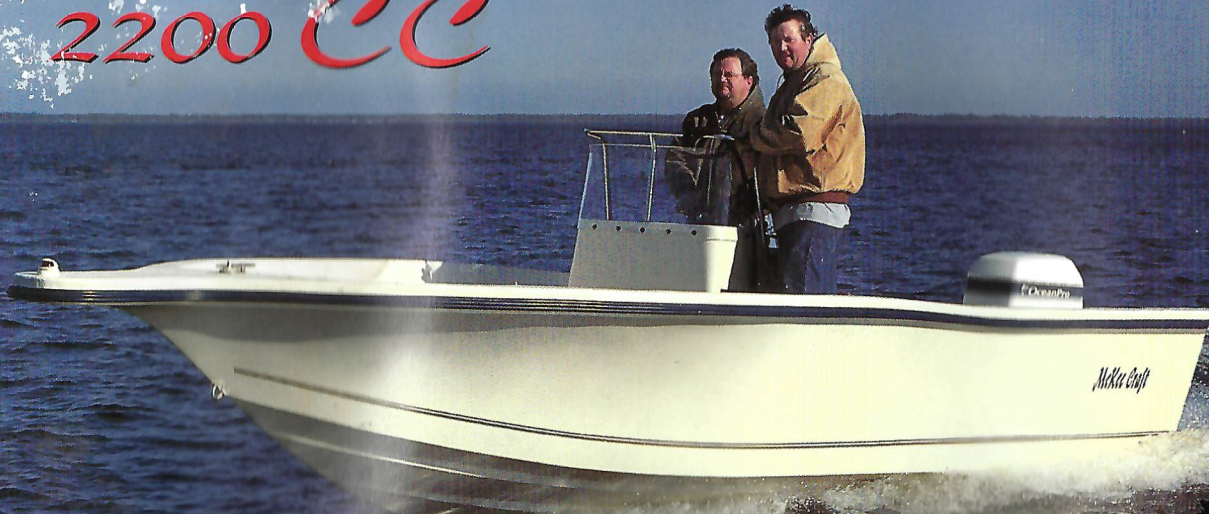
## STANDARD EQUIPMENT

- Fast/Dry Reverse Lifting Strake Hull
- Dual Console w/Wrap Around Windshield
- (2) Deluxe Pilot Chairs With Sliders
- 2 Person Rear Bench Seat
- (2) Lockable Console Storage Areas
- Lockable Glove Box
- Stainless Steel Bow Eye
- (2) Stainless Steel Ski Eyes
- (3) 6" Stainless Steel Cleats
- Stainless Steel 4'x 4" Bow Rails
- No Feed Back Steering System
- Stainless Steel Steering Wheel
- Automatic Bilge Pump
- Self-Bailing Deck
- Boxes Drain Directly Overboard
- 48 Qt. Anchor Storage Box
- 180 Qt. Insulated Fish Box
- SS Passenger Console Grab Rail
- Below Deck 64 Gallon Fuel Tank
- Dual Oval 44Qt Aerated Livewells
- (4) SS Gunnel Mount Rod Holders
- Acrylic Center Flap Wind Block
- Raw Water Wash Down



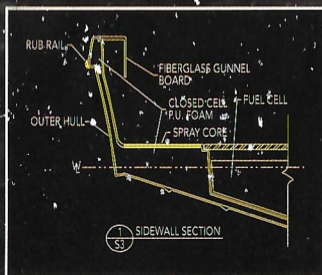


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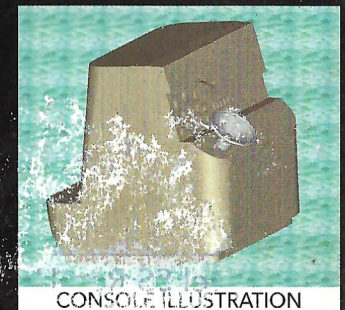
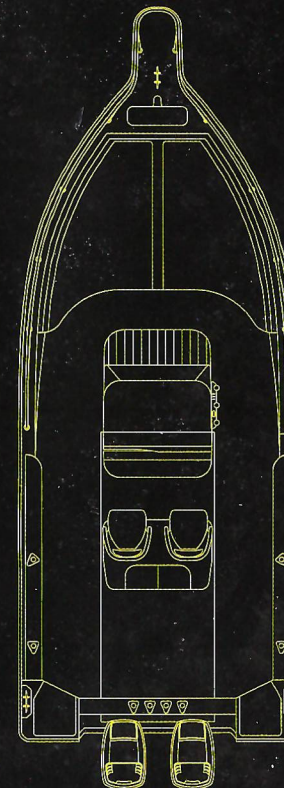
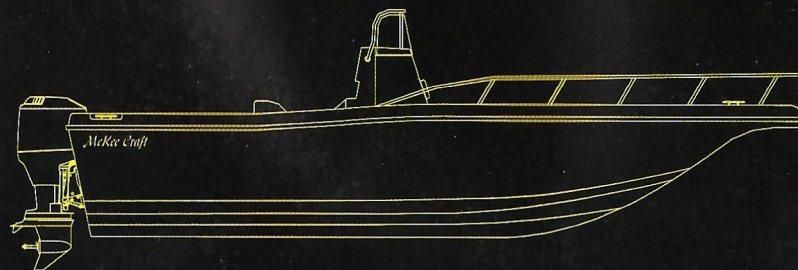


DETAIL DRAWING

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DETAIL DRAWING



CONSOLE ILLUSTRATION

## 2200 PULSE-CC

### PRELIMINARY SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length	22' 7"
Beam	8' 6"
Draft	15"
Boat Weight (Approx.)	2400 lbs
Maximum Horsepower	230
Recommended Horsepower	175
Minimum Horsepower	115
Transom Height (Single Engine)	25"
Transom Height (Twin Engines)	20"
Fuel Capacity	125 Gal
Deadrise at Transom	18 degrees
Interior Freeboard	25"

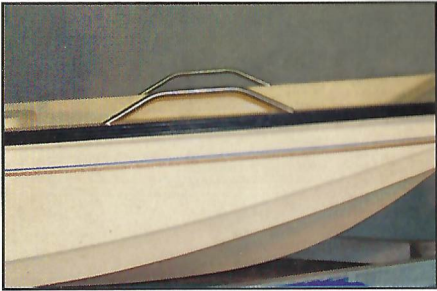
### STANDARD EQUIPMENT

- Fast/Dry Reverse Lifting Strake Hull
- Walk-in Center Console
- (2) Deluxe Pilot Chairs With Sliders
- 30 Gallon Livewell/Bait Station
- Lockable Full Size Electronics Box
- Storage for Portable Head
- Lockable Glove Box
- Stainless Steel Bow Eye
- (2) Stainless Steel Ski Eyes
- (3) Stainless Steel Cleats
- SS Wrap-A-Round Bow Rail
- No Feed Back Steering System
- Stainless Steel Steering Wheel
- Automatic Bilge Pump
- Self-Bailing Deck
- Boxes Drain Directly Overboard
- Anchor Storage Box
- 275 Qt. Insulated Fish Box
- Stainless Steel Console Grab Rail Windshield
- Below Deck 125 Gallon Fuel Tank
- (4) SS Gunnel Mount Rod Holders
- 4 Drawer Tackle Center
- Raw Water Wash Down
- 165 Qt. Bow Box/Cooler
- 96 Qt. Bow Cooler

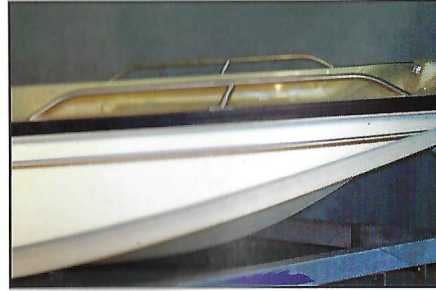
- Plus Many Coming at Release!



# Options



SS 2' x 4" Side Rails



SS 4' x 4" Side Rails



SS 6' x 6" Side Rails



SS Wrap-A-Round Bow Rail



Boarding Assist Kit



Rear Benchseat Cushion



Bow Chair



Trolling Wiring Upgrade



Swivel SS Rod Holder



172 Backwater Livewell Cushion



1800 Deluxe Top



Lounge Seat Upgrade



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Dear Sir:

How tough is a 14' McKee boat supposed to be? With a crushed bow and shattered side, rub rails pulled loose to act as a second sea anchor, five men aboard – water, gas & supplies; is it supposed to withstand the hammering of 30' waves in a full gale for 37 hours and not disintegrate? Well, we thank God you build a boat with that hidden bonus of integrity that keep it intact in spite of the above abuse and misuse.

When my 47' motor sailer, the Tiki, foundered after 2 days in a full gale beating off the Grand Bahama Shoals, we took to the life boat. After we sent out our Mayday, we spent 2 hours putting gear aboard and where possible tying it down...

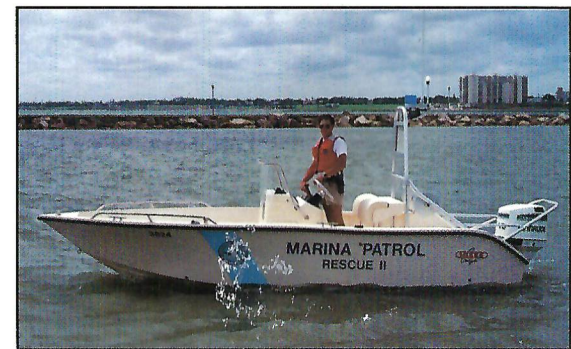
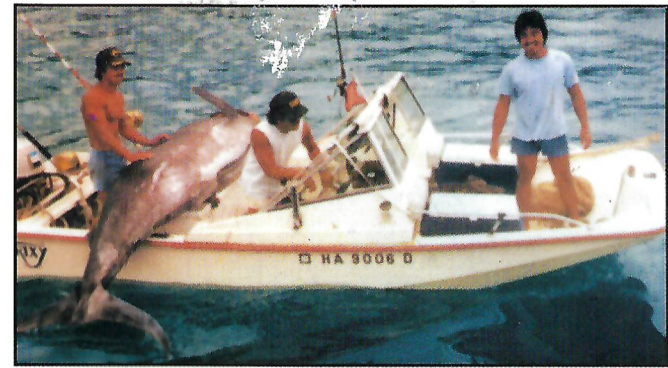
To stow these things, one man was aboard with two men pulling the McKee up to the stern and two men above slinging gear aboard. Time and again the stern splintering the bow and stern no matter how we tried to fend it off. The waves were 30 feet or higher, the wind at 60 on my anemometer – it was a wild sea. One side swipe splintered the right side of the bow sheering off a piece 10 inches by 2 feet from the outside fiberglass covering, exposing the floatation material...

As the U.S. Coast Guard said to my sons 24 hours after the Tiki sank, "there is no use our continuing this search; no small boat could possibly survive in the cross seas in a Gulf Stream gale of this magnitude". Little did they know of your great design, how well she responded to a quick turn of motor to avoid a cresting, crashing wave and how her structure could hold together under the incessant pounding of tremendous, solid seas.

We eventually ran out of gas...having travelled right through the teeth of the gale. Five hours later, 10 miles further out, and some 20 miles further north, we were picked up by the SS Texaco Nebraska and...taken aboard, two by stretcher, one unconscious and three of us still on our feet.

All of us are grateful I picked a McKee boat as a tender and life boat we're further grateful you people really know how to build a boat with that extra integrity that made it so much more durable than we could reasonably expect.

Sincerely yours,  
S. M. "Bus" Huestis  
Captain & owner of the late Tiki and survivor  
by the Grace of God, The SS Texaco Nebraska  
and the Builders of the McKee Craft.



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