

# VALUE-PACKED SPACE MACHINE



The Lewis 590 Centre Console is a very useful sort of fishing boat that won't break the bank. It offers a lot of useful fishing room and its design also overcomes one of the shortfalls of centre consoles – lack of storage space in some instances.

Thankfully, this is not the case with the Lewis 590.

There's a lot of open space in the Lewis 590, all of it aimed at making things easy for the angler or family boater



The ride is smooth and the handling superb.



Everything is at hand for the skipper of the Lewis 590 CC and in clear view.

out for a day on the water with Mum and the kids aboard.

Up forward, tucked behind the wide bowsprit with large roller, is a big self-draining anchor locker with locking lid and a non-skid platform behind.

A well-upholstered two-person seat is atop a storage locker – one of several useful storage areas – which could double as a casting platform in smooth waters.

The floor is all carpeted and anglers working up

forward or alongside the console will enjoy the security of the large bow/side rail and the various handholds around the console.

The console has a forward seat with backrest and a storage bin below. The console also has storage space behind a large hatch on the port side.

The console is compact and well set up. The windscreen offers slipstream protection for two and grab rails around the T-top set with its five-shot rocket launcher.

The helm layout is basic but effective. A row of gauges along the top section monitor the 90 E-Tec, there's a bank of switches to port and lower, a Northstar 457 sounder to port and engine controls to starboard. The marine radio is to starboard at a lower level.

The centrally located sports wheel tops a non-feedback steering helm unit.

The upholstered lid of the two-person storage box/seat

swings forward for access to more storage and the backrest swings back for driving and forward for fishing.

There is enough room between the console and seating to drive standing when the ocean gets rough.

### COCKPIT

Quite large raised side pockets feature five rod racks per side. Rod butts fit into the rubberised clasps and the tips extend well into the moulded inner sides. These racks can store full-sized boat rods safely out of the way.

The removable quarter seats have backrests and there are two rod holders per side – making a total of nine on board.

There is a drained underfloor storage area for the catch or general storage and the large locker built into the transom is ideal for battery storage. There is a standard bilge pump in the aft drainage sump.

Twin boarding platforms offer easy entry and egress and are effectively hull extensions that sit above the water at rest and under way but serve as giant planing aids to enable the hull to plane away quickly at quite a low speed.

In all, this is a very effective and useful set-up for anglers and family boaters. Finish and general layout in the Lewis 590 are totally user-friendly, space is ample and the rounded and smooth moulded finish and lack of protrusions leave nowhere to bump or injure occupants.

### PERFORMANCE

The Lewis 590 pedigree can be traced back to Yamaha/Southwind boats, acclaimed for their easy performance from modest power. The 590 hull has sweet, sweeping lines and can plane very easily at low engine revs.

The quite fine bow entry sports two full-length strakes and another finishing

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Specifications	
Length:	5.90m
Beam:	2.3m
Hull weight:	820kg
Deadrise:	23°
Fuel:	130L
Power:	.90hp to 150hp
As tested:	.90hp Evinrude E-Tec
Max persons:	6
Towing:	6-cyl or 4WD
LOA:	7.0m
Height to T-top:	2.95m



The Lewis 590CC hull shows its underwater pedigree. Whether in a head sea or a following sea, its behaviour is exemplary.



The well-upholstered seat at the front of the centre console has a good deal of storage below.

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The foredeck treatment allows for easy anchoring and the upholstery can be removed to make the casting platform the place to be in smooth water. There's more storage below.

an excellent offshore rig in sensible conditions and bay, harbour and estuary work would, of course, be a breeze. Even though it is at the bottom end of the power rating, performance from the 90hp Evinrude E-Tec was very good. With two aboard the 590 planed at 2600 rpm at 8 knots (14.8kmh). At 3000rpm we saw 14 knots (26.2kmh) on the GPS and at 4000rpm it recorded 20 knots (37.3kmh). At 5000rpm we were doing 26.4 knots (49.2kmh) and at

5200rpm a nippy 28.8 knots (53.3kmh). For a fishing boat, that's excellent performance, especially considering the manner the very quiet and smooth Evinrude could push the Lewis 590 onto the plane in around two hull lengths. That E-Tec's instant power would be a valuable asset when crossing a bar if a wave appeared threatening. The question does arise just how seriously fast this boat could go with the maximum rated 150hp. I'd



The 90hp E-Tec is at the minimum recommended power but pushed along the Lewis 590 CC along with ease. With the maximum rated 150hp, this would be the only view most other boaters would see.

From page 86 amidships. The transom deadrise is a deep Vee 23° for ironing out waves, the 35cm wide planing plank adds stability at speed and ease of planing and reversed chines add to stability at rest and keep spray away from the occupants.

This hull made very easy work of chop and swell in sheltered waters and offshore.

Ride was exceptionally smooth and controlled, thanks to the 820kg hull weight and excellent design. The ride was dry during test runs although strong crosswinds and chop from the side might create a bit of spray despite the generous sides of around 800mm.

The hull was just as well-mannered in a head sea or a following sea. This is



Left: There's loads of fishing space in the Lewis 590 CC and there's also plenty of storage – something you can't always say about other centre consoles. Right: More boats should have these: The cockpit side pockets have smart rod racks that protect rod tips from damage. Removable rear seat squabs increase fishing room.



opt for more power only if the ski hooks on the transom were in frequent use.

Handling was sharp. That deep vee hull could really dig into turns and then straighten up in a couple of boat lengths – but handy for tow sports-orientated families and for nimble bar work.

Stability was also good. With that 23° hull one might expect some tenderness at rest but the strakes and reversed chines did a good job of keeping the craft level even with a couple of blokes on one side.

**SUMMARY**

For a serious or family angler the Lewis 590 has a lot going for it.

It's roomy, comfortable

and has ample work space for anglers and seating for up to six.

Ride and handling are up with the best and although the 90hp E-Tec was only modest power it performed creditably. Finish is very good throughout with upholstery and carpet detail very neat.

As a bay, estuary or offshore rig the Lewis 590 could certainly fulfil a lot of requirements.

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