





# THE MIGHTY MARVEL

Quicksilver 675 Pilothouse is a cracking mid-size boat



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**O**VER THE MANY YEARS THAT I'VE been reviewing boats, I have observed the evolution of several of today's leading manufacturers of sport-fishing boats. They've progressed from producing basic, run-of-the-mill boats into high-quality, superbly-finished vessels that perform equally as well as they look.

The Quicksilver Captur 675 Pilothouse is a great example of this. The opening paragraph from the brochure states: "The 675 Pilothouse contains an intelligently designed cockpit for comfort, coupled with class-leading space that is perfect for both fishing and leisure.

"The craft's maximum 200 horsepower

engine will allow you to easily reach a cruising speed of 25 knots, and whether you want to relax with friends, or get your line in the water, our SMART edition combines the right mix of cockpit, cabin and fishing options for your needs. Your boat will be perfectly suited to your lifestyle."

From what I recently experienced during my sea trial in Swansea Bay, the above is a fairly accurate assessment of this cracking little boat.

## TAKE THE TOUR

As you can see by the images, the Captur 675 Pilothouse is a classic mid-size angling boat, featuring a fully enclosed wheelhouse with uninterrupted access to the bow achieved by walkways either side.

Cabin access is through sliding glass doors and, once within, you soon note that

the wheelhouse offers excellent all-round visibility and is appreciably light and airy.

A double berth is incorporated within the bow, making this boat ideal for overnight trips, and this is complemented with a basic, yet functional galley that is provided to port.

Plenty of all-important stowage space is included within the cabin. The helm is located to starboard, with the helmsman provided with a comfortable, padded seat.

The self-draining fishing cockpit is spacious enough for two or three, possibly four, anglers to fish together in comfort. Inboard freeboard is excellent, with useful rod stowage racks and rod holders provided as standard.

Folding padded seats were provided on the port side and at the transom, though these are optional extras.

Key cockpit features include rectangular, self-draining, fish-stowage boxes to port ►



and starboard, either side of a huge central general stowage locker.

The transom features an opening door to starboard, along with a neat little aerated livebait well incorporated to port. All necessary deck hardware, including smart stainless pulpit rails forward, are provided fitted as standard.

The overall length of the Captur 675 is 6.55 metres, and she sports a 2.54m beam. She displaces 1,585kg, conforms to CE Category C, and features a 200-litre, built-in fuel tank.

The catalogue mentions a Smart edition. Basically, this offers a combination of factory-supplied and fitted optional extra packs, including a cabin comfort pack, cockpit comfort pack and a fish pack.

This combined package offers a 15 per cent saving compared to buying these packs individually, and features numerous useful extras. These include a berth forward, cabin curtain, roof hatch, pressure wash system, fridge, portable butane stove, aft and port side folding seats, cockpit table, seawater wash down, bait well system, two additional rod holders and fish locker pumps.

#### ON THE WATER

On the day, a sloppy sea was ruffling the surface of the bay into a lively chop, decent enough condition to assess a fishing boat.



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The boat was fitted with a 150hp Mariner four-stroke, a powerful engine that produced a top speed well in excess of 30mph.

Of course, in order to be able to run any distance at such speeds, you need suitable conditions, not to mention a hefty wallet. However, the beauty of running big outboard

engines, which is becoming increasingly popular with British boat anglers, is that rather than being the gas-guzzling monsters of the past, these modern four-stroke petrol engines can be quite economical.

Just because an engine is capable of producing a maximum speed of 40mph on a calm day, it doesn't mean you have to run it at full tilt at over 5000rpm – unless you are deliberately setting out to see how much petrol you can burn. Throttle back to around 3000rpm, and you'll likely achieve a cruising speed in the region of 20 knots, which, apart from being plenty fast enough aboard any small boat, will burn considerably less fuel, and result in a lot less wear and tear on the engine.

Given the conditions, the Quicksilver Captur 675 Pilothouse provided a smooth, slam-free ride at sensible speeds up to around 20 knots, with the vee-hull cutting cleanly through the breaking waves. Thrown into all of the usual manoeuvres with the sea running at various points of sailing, she provided an excellent and notably stable ride.

In conclusion, certainly this is a boat I would happily venture many miles offshore to fish in, confident in the knowledge that should conditions turn nasty, the boat would get me back to port in comfort and safety.

## 675 PILOTHOUSE FEATURES



The cockpit is designed for comfort



The 150hp Mariner four-stroke engine



Cabin access is through sliding glass doors



Folding padded seats are optional extras



A bait well system is a useful extra

## NEED TO KNOW

### INFORMATION

■ The Quicksilver Captur 675 Pilothouse retails for £22,287, the exact price depending on engine size and final specifications. A wide range of optional extras are available.

For more information on this and other models from the extensive Quicksilver range, contact Network Yacht Brokers, Swansea, tel: 07793 067834 or 01792 465550. Web: [www.nybswansea.co.uk](http://www.nybswansea.co.uk)