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Quicksilver Captur 555 Pilothouse

Cheap introductory boat: Quicksilver new Pilothouse

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Small and yet surprisingly big: with the Captur 555 Pilothouse, US manufacturer Quicksilver brings the next low-priced entry-level boat.

Their inclusion in the Quicksilver Captur series can not hide the 555 Pilothouse. The design chosen by Quicksilver may not look appealing to everyone, but offers plenty of space in the rear and the cabin.

The 555 tested by us is the smallest model of the Captur series. The dimensions of the boat are 5.31 m in length and 2.40 m in width. In conjunction with its weight of 1170 kg plus engine, fuel and special equipment, the Captur

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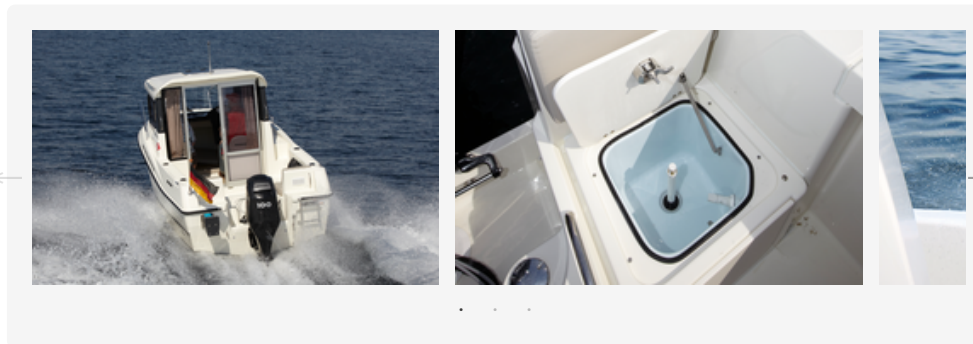
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555 Pilothouse remains well trailerable. For road transport, a towing load of 1,900 kg is required.

On the water, Mercury's long-running outboards provide between 60 and 115 hp for the drive. As a driving area, the boat was suitably typed according to C, thus waters near the coast. According to the data, the Quicksilver is not only suitable for anglers who need a lot of space in the stern, but also for two people with a child, who prefer to explore different waters by boat. But also for newcomers who want to share the fun with their friends (maximum crew size 5 persons), the Pilothouse offers a good and affordable entry into the water sports.

The basic price of our test boat in the standard version from shipyard amounts to 24 950 € including test engine - a Mercury F 100 EFI. With its four cylinders and a cubic capacity of 1.8 l, this delivers a proud 73.6 kW or 100 hp. In thrust is converted the power of a Spitfire propeller with the dimensions 4 x 13.4 "x 15".

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The fact that this is too small for our test load of two people and the half-full fuel tank shows the engine speed reached at full load. It is 6200 rpm, with the manufacturer's recommended full-load speed range being between 5000 and 6000 rpm. The log shows a maximum speed of 29.6 kn. The 90-liter fuel tank reaches this speed for a distance of 57 sm



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before the 15% reserve is started.

Although not so fast, for 22 sm you continue with the most economical glide of 20 kn and a speed of 4500 rpm. The Captur 555 is a good-natured and safe model for extreme maneuvers driven at maximum speed. Neither the slalom course, nor the tearing of the steer bring the Pilothouse to stagger. It also safely passes the circles, which are approached to the port and the port, and are becoming increasingly narrow.

To the backboard side, however, the propeller snaps air faster and requires a new start-up. The fact that the 555 Pilothouse is running at low speed is demonstrated, among other things, at the port speed of 3 kn. The boat is always on course, even with uneven loading or a weight shift. If you increase the engine speed and thus the speed to 2000 rpm or 5.4 kn, the hull will follow the weight shift and the skipper has to counteract.

From the cockpit, you reach the bow across the corridor, which is located on the steering-side, with a width of 0.27 m. If you go over it, the 555 is clearly perceptible and visible. However, uncertainty does not occur. At the beginning you can use the self-draining anchor box with bow fitting in front of it for anchoring and jamming or to sit on the small bench. In the case of longer persons, however, the roof overhang of the driver's cab limits the seat comfort.



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In addition to the sufficiently equipped driving position, the cabin is equipped with a well-cushioned driver's and passenger seat, with a very good all-round visibility and a V-shaped lying surface. This is also comfortable with the padded upholstery cushions and offers on an area of 1.90 x 1.93 m space for up to two adults and one child. The Quicksilver 555 Pilothouse shows its true size in the trunk as well as in the cockpit. In the rear, the two floor hatches allow you to store a lot of what you need on board. There is also an underfloor storage in the cabin. The processing of the gelcoat on the large areas is good, no dents or irregularities can be detected. Only on the control stand between the armature support and the side walls, as well as in some areas of the protective coating and the silicone seal, does the boat builders find themselves unsuccessful.

Thus, the contours are not straight, the protective coat partly too thin and the seams unclean. All the installations around the engine are handy for this purpose. The cable trees and electrical cables are well secured with cable ties and clip-on pockets. The latter also applies to the battery box and the plastic fuel tank. All hoses of the fuel supply are secured by two screw clamps against slipping.

Other aspects of passive safety include the cockpit side height of 0.72 m, a continuous anti-slip structure on the deck and the handrail on the cabin roof as well as a sturdy rail at the

On the Captur 555, as well as a sturdy rail at the bow of the 555 Pilothouse. On the other hand, the active safety equipment convinces us only partially: the standard fire extinguisher is good enough for the size and the positioning on the driving position, but only one electric bilge pump alone is not enough for the Lenze device. An additional manual bilge pump is indispensable in the event that the electrical system breaks down.

In terms of comfort, it is clear that the Captur 555 Pilothouse is mainly intended for the angelausflug. Correspondingly, things such as rod holders, fish crates and the possibility to keep the cockpit in the cockpit are standard. To be able to use the boat more comfortably and for longer weekend trips, you will not be able to get around at least one of the five selectable and up-to-date equipment packs.

In addition, there are other useful things to tour such as a camper top, bimini, windshield wiper and hydraulic steering optional. The comfort cab package for around € 1850 includes curtains, roof hatches, mooring cushions and an emergency seat between driver's and passenger seats. If that is not enough, you can buy the upholstery for the bow and the two seats in the cockpit for a total of 950 €, as well as a working light and a cockpit table in the cockpit package. For a proud 2900 € you get in the Smart-Edition both packages and other equipment from the fishing package like a sea water flushing system, two additional rod holders and a bait container system.

Conclusion

The Quicksilver Captur 555 is a solid kayak boat for fishing and family trips. There are some weaknesses in processing. From 22 350 € you will get plenty of boat for money.

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