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The Quicksilver Activ 805 is a well-equipped kayaking boat for four people. Ralf Marquard tested them on the Baltic Sea.

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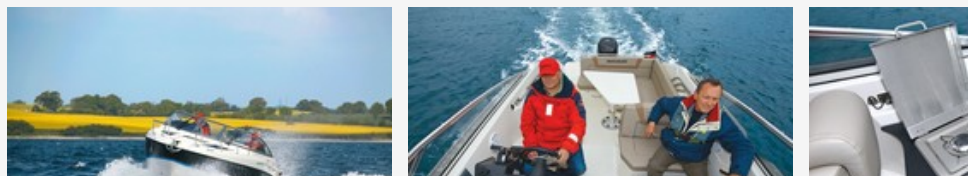
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Trailer compatibility and boat comfort run counter to each other. Say, the boat is bigger or comes more equipment on board, which increases the comfort, so the boat weight automatically increases and you need a bigger trailer and a more powerful train car. Quicksilver has found a good compromise on this point with its Activ 805 Cruiser. With an empty weight of just 1700 kg plus Mercury Verado 300 Pro outboard (just under 300 kg) and equipment you land around the 2300 kg, the trailers of the 3-t class well "shoulder". Suitable towing vehicles can be found in the SUV, off-road vehicle and pickup class.



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The windshield is made of safety glass and has two windshield wipers with a washing system and a sufficiently large wiping area.

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The shipyard recommends internal waterways and coastal waters. The latter was available to us on the test day. We drove on the Baltic Sea off Neustadt. In wind at 4 Bft. from south-west stood a short steep stern lake in front of the Neustädter Bucht. The Activ 805 Cruiser is soft and unstable, with water splashing into the cockpit at an angle to the shaft, which is not unusual for this type of boat.

At courses against the sea, speeds of up to 24 knots can still be driven backwards, while when traveling with the wave, full throttle was possible in some protected corners. We reached a respectable speed of 41 kn. It must be clear that this speed is not particularly economical. To achieve this, the skipper has to throttle the engine by at least 2200 rpm, as the Quicksilver-Mercury combination slips most economically between 3500 rpm and 4000 rpm with 1.75 l / sm. It is then 136 m wide, which is just enough for this boat size.

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In order to bring the Quicksilver into the optimum position, the powerboat trim and trim tabs (extra) sit on our test boat. With the Z drive fully adjusted to the mirror, and the flaps at the top, the Activ comes effortlessly and without visibility into gliding (starting at about 3000 rpm). The flaps are not needed over the entire gliding area, unless wind or asymmetrical load put the boat on its side. The rear shaft has a typical height, which makes the tubing or water jogging possible without problems.

The fast maneuvers we wind-driven also in the case of a wave, which particularly affects the fast curves. In this situation, the trunk hangs normally on the side, pulls softly and then swings into the waves. A maneuver, which should not be too narrow in these circumstances, so that the driving community in no great chimney. With a trimmed drive (about level five on the display), the propeller tends to pull air, thus ending the orbit. Slalom courses as well as ripping of the rudder are smooth and direct without hitting or hooking.

The electrohydraulic rudder system from Mercury is particularly positive in all maneuvers. In spite of the wind, you have to steer only a little at low speed, which can be driven smoothly even on canals up to about 7 kn on the basis of the small waves generated by the boat.

The steering wheel sits on a clearly divided driving stand with electronic single-lever control, Smart-Craft instruments (engine monitoring) and Simrad chartplotter, which is on the accessory list. A compass, which we demand for boats from CE category "C", we searched in vain. Rocker switches, trim tabs and bow thrusters (extra), the skipper sits on a sporty padded seat, which can be adjusted in all directions and thus seatposts with a lot of

regroom.

Also ideal is the foldable area in the front area, which makes the seat offshore. It is protected by a three-section safety glass windshield with two windshield wipers, which have a washing system and a sufficiently large wiping area. For the passenger, a 1 1/2-fold bench with side hold is available.

The rest of the driving community finds the seats on a variable seat-recliner combination aft. The rear bench rest can be adjusted in two steps (head pillow or large reclining area) and converts the seating corner together with a table upholstery to the comfortable outdoor stage for sunbathers. Water rattle is a shared huge bathing platform with a bathing ladder available from the water to use well. In the middle of the rigidly bolted outboard, the connecting cables of the ship's passage pass safely in a protective hose.

In the fuselage, the cables and hoses are clearly bundled and fixed in clamps. In the tank system, the tightly screwed tank and an external fuel filter are convincing. We did not find the shut-off valve for the fuel. Two 95 Ah batteries plus bow thruster battery supply the 12 V system, shore connection with battery charger is included in the accessory list. The same applies to the "Smart Edition package" in the cockpit cooker, refrigerator, sunlounger, plotter, fishfinder and radio. Below deck, it expands the comfort with sea water toilet and sewage tank.

In order to get more easily into the wet cell, the designer has developed a special double door. Next to the Nasszelle is the decline with stairs. The underfloor cabin behind it fits with height and dimensions for children. Also one or two adults can use the place times, the Reinkrabbeln is however quite sporty. Lighter is the entry into the bow berth, which is designed for two adults.

For storage, there are boxes and shelves, for the airing you use the escape hatch, which leads to the bow. The normal way to the foredeck is through the middle passage with wide steps (formed into the cabin door). From there, one moves from the window frame strut to the rail. In the cockpit you have to get used to a step in the ground area, so as not to stumble. The safety equipment includes two E-bilge pumps, but the hand-held pump required by us is missing. The hand-held fire extinguisher is therefore part of the standard equipment

CONCLUSIONS: The Quicksilver Activ 805 Cruiser is motorized with the Mercury 300 Pro and shows attractive handling characteristics. We were particularly impressed by the rough water behavior. For the splash tour with friends or the trip with the family it is great.

Data sheet: Quicksilver Activ 805 Cruiser

Shipyard:	Quicksilver
Type designation:	Quicksilver Activ 805 Cruiser
CE category:	C - coastal waters
Material of hull and deck:	plastic
Length (m):	7.88 m
Width (m):	2.55 m
Displacement (kg):	1.73 t

Price: 68.190,00 €

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