



Wake Magazine Article

Not being complacent after the success of the Sorrento, the team at Matrix set out to build a wakeboard-specific boat to meet growing demand.

The Expression was introduced at the Melbourne Boat Show in July before being displayed around the country, attracting plenty of interest from the wakeboarding public.

The Sorrento had built a strong following and received plenty of praise for its build quality, features, performance and wake, and rumours of a bigger Matrix had been floating around for some time, so we were keen to get one on the water.

Overall

The first impression of the Expression – and this was obvious while checking out the reaction of the public at the boat shows – is that it is a large boat. It looks very wide and deep, in the mould of the big American wakeboarding boats.

The Expression is an all-fiberglass construction with foam filled floors, and measures in at 6.3m (21') long without platform and 2.38m wide. In comparison to the Sorrento it is only 15cm longer, but around 20cm wider, while there is almost 30cm more freeboard, making it look and feel much higher in the sides. The addition of a removable platform also creates a longer deck with more usable space.

Despite the Expression being an obviously larger boat, Matrix has maintained its familiar lines and styling, particularly in the hull.

Inside

The seating arrangement gives three separate areas to relax, with plenty of space in each. At the rear the U-shaped back seat offers punters the opportunity to lie back and relax, or sit with backs resting on the sides to watch the action. For pole position you can opt for the rear facing seat on the engine hatch, with room for two at a squeeze.

A transom step into the boat allows easy access from the rear platform without stepping on seat cushions. As with all other seat bases in the Expression, the driver's and observer's seats are set high for a comfortable upright sitting position. This allows easy viewing while still being sheltered from the elements by the high sides and all-glass windscreen.

Moving through the bow and window door you'll notice the deep bow provides comfortable seating for up to four people with an oval shaped base section for your feet.

Sitting in the pilot's seat you feel completely in control, positioned high and comfortable on a slide adjustable chair. The new dash layout and design is both practical and stylish. The vinyl wrapped dash pod with brushed aluminum inserts sweeps around flowing into the arm rest and accelerator panel, providing a comfortable arm position.

The driver is treated to full instrumentation including switches for ballast system, stereo remote, drink holder, adjustable steering wheel and side storage.

Storage

Even with the ample seating in the Expression, stow away storage is not a problem. The double observer seat lifts to expose enough storage for a board in a board bag, or two to three out of bags. High sides allow enough space for a board in the side pockets or storage in the net pockets.

Under seat storage in the bowrider section (including esky) and rear U-lounge (depending on ballast option) gives additional storage space. There is also a lockable section (accessed from bow walkway) in front of the dash perfect for safety equipment or valuables to be locked in when away from the boat.

The glove box houses the stereo head unit and plenty of space for phones, wallets and CDs. Ample drink holders and other small storage compartments are scattered around the boat.