

Our Boat

The boat is a 2000 Carolina Classic 25'. Her layout is the classic open express fisherman with a hardtop with full enclosures to escape the weather.

Below decks you will find a small refrigerator to keep lunches fresh, a marine head (toilet) with holding tank, and plenty of space to stow your gear for the day. So bring what you need to make your day on the water enjoyable.

Above decks you will find a well appointed helm area with all the necessary electronics to make your day on the water safe and to help us find the fish.

At the business end of the boat is the cockpit. In true classic form, there is an uncluttered open cockpit to fish. No obstructions so you can do battle in comfort.

The boat is fully inspected by the Michigan DNR and has all required safety gear on board.

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The boat is equipped with Raytheon 24 mile radar, raytheon st5000+ autopilot, Lowrance x-15mt chartplotter/gps/fishfinder, Bottomline ncc5300 chartplotter/gps/fishfinder with great lakes chip, 25 watt fixed VHF radio with 8' high gain antenna, Handheld vhf, Handheld Garmin gps, DepthRaider speed and temp unit and Fishhawk speed and temp unit.

For the fishing gear we have a mix as we are continually updating equipment. The late model Shimano Talora rods make

up the bulk of what we use. We have a set of 4 downrigger rods that are 7' 1 piece, many leadcore and copper rods from 7-9' and three sets of diver rods from 9'-10'6" and a pair of Talora wire diver rods. We also have a set of four 7'6" medium light action ugly sticks for the riggers, one 8'6" Luhr Jensen wire rod for # balls. The reels are matched to the duty they face. Larger leadcore and copper rigs are set up on Shimano Tekota 700 and 800 reels. Shorter leadcore rigs are on Okuma Titus lever drag reels. Down rigger rods are loaded with Okuma Titus and Diawa Sealine reels. The diver rods are all loaded on Diawa Sealine reels with line counters. As usual, more rods and reels will show up as I continually update all the gear to keep in new and in top condition.

The boat was re-fitted with all new Traxtech fishing systems rod holders and tracks in 2007. There are 22 holders on the hard top for storage, 8 adjustable holders on the hardtop supports for board rods, 5 holders on each gunwhale for divers and a spare holder on each side on the transom next to the riggers.

New for 2013 are the highly anticipated Traxstech down riggers. They are the fastest riggers on the market with up to 310 feet per minute retrieve pulling a 12# weight. They also sport a digital control panel for push button functions and hands free operation. We are very excited to have these great riggers on the boat.

Some people may think 50 rod holders on a 25' boat is a bit overkill, I think it's just right!

When it comes to the baits, we could talk for hours. For the trolling spoons, I use almost exclusively Northport Nailers from Magna Dyne products. You will see in my reports a color name and number most times. It is way easier to remember the color number than all the names while writing fishing reports.

In addition to spoons, we use plugs from a few makers including the new Nailer Plug, Tomic and the classic J-plug. Flasher/ Fly rigs produce big numbers of fish all season and we prefer Pro Troll E chip flashers and metal dodgers. We use the Nailer Fly from Magna Dyne to trail our flashers and dodgers. You may notice I mention leadcore line a lot. I have setups pre-rigged with leadcore line that measures from 2-12 colors (20-120 yards). These setups are very effective at covering wide ranges of the water column and impart unique actions to the lures, therefore generating lots of action. New for 2008 I have added copper line setups for the deeper water presentations ranging from 225-450' of line.

We carry a minimum of two landing nets that are fitted with 10' fiberglass handles that won't break.

Performance:

The boat has a single gas engine 7.4L 454 Volvo motor with 330 hp and a jackshaft runs back to a Volvo duoprop outdrive. The fuel tanks hold a total of 165 gallons. We cruise anywhere from 23-28mph depending on load. Wide open throttle with a light load the boat tops at 38 mph. The boat can sustain a comfortable ride in most conditions. All boats bounce around to some extent, but Salmonhead has an exceptional ride for her size. The ride can be attributed to her heft, weighing in at about 10,000# depending on load. Add to that, the aggressive hull design made for slicing waves, the Salmonhead will get you in comfortably and safely even if mother nature doesn't cooperate.

The boat was built in 2000 and has always been maintained exceptionally well to ensure your day on the water is fun without mechanical interruption. New for 2008, I have had the bottom fully barrier coated and bottom painted for long term protection from sitting in a slip.