

Seaswirl 2901 Walk Around

Once the reigning king of the Seaswirl lineup, the 2901 Walk Around has since given up her throne to the 3301, but her popularity hasn't diminished in the slightest. When staying under 30' (3.1 m), you can't beat her all-around value and toughness under fire offshore. And not only is she a capable fighter, the 2901 also makes a formidable family boat, and that goes a long way towards Dad getting his dreamboat while the family can still join him when the fish aren't biting. So...we fish on Saturday, and cruise on Sunday; not a bad option at all. Check out our video and full report on the Seaswirl 2901 Walk Around OB and see if you're hooked.

Key Features

- 10 year transferable hull limited warranty
- 30 oz marine vinyl
- Bow pulpit with anchor roller
- Marine AM/FM CD
- Deck washdown system
- High water alarm
- Hydraulic trim tabs
- Porcelain marine head with deck pump out fitting
- Swim platform with dive ladder
- V berth sleeping area with storage below

Specifications

Seaswirl 2901 Walk Around (2009-2010) Specifications			
Length Overall	29' 8"	Dry Weight	8,500 lbs. with engine
Beam	125"	Fuel Cap	239 gal.
Draft	15"	Water Cap	29 gal.
Deadrise/Transom	21 deg.	Bridge Clearance	111"
Max Headroom	6' 5"		

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Engine Options

Seaswirl 2901 Walk Around (2009-2010) Engine options	
Std. Power	Not Available
Tested Power	 2 x 250-hp Evinrude E-TEC By overcoming the oil-mixing hassle, the governmental emissions hurdles, and greatly improved fuel-e...
Opt. Power	Not Available



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Seaswirl 2901 Walk Around (2009-2010) Captain's Report



Here is the Seaswirl 2901 with the optional Alaskan enclosed bridge package. This is the way that 75% of the 2901s are purchased. The Alaskan option costs just \$6,000 more. Seaswirl is one of the few builders that offers this arrangement.

At one time the 2901 was the company's flagship cabin boat. That position is now held by the beefier 3301 WA. Still, the popular 2901 is a hot seller and fits the under 30' (3.1 m) niche nicely. The slightly smaller and more economical 2901 has been completely re-tooled, and modernized for today's competitive market place, but retains her classy looks and choice of stern drive or outboard propulsion formats. Due to popularity, we tested the latter configuration, equipped with a pair of Evinrude 250-hp E-TEC's strapped to the stern.

The enclosed hardtop option allows anglers to extend their season and stay cozy when Mama Nature turns nasty,

Performance

We found the top speed for the Seaswirl 2901 Walk Around to be 49.3 MPH (79.3 KPH), burning 45.2 GPH (171.08 LPH). Best cruise was 28.2 MPH (45.4 KPH), and the boat gets 1.74 MPG (0.74 KPL), giving the boat a cruising range of 374 miles (601.89 kilometers).

With 500 horses on tap the 2901 ran well, giving a solid, confident ride. Even though running around the Gulf shore waters in 1-2 foot chop was hardly a challenge for this boat. The 2901 is designed with a high shear line for rough water angling and is a favorite among Pacific Northwestern anglers who appreciate a boat with high freeboard. Hydraulic-assist steering and good sightlines made for well-behaved drivability.



We think the Seaswirl 2901 hardtop has a nice distribution of room between the covered bridge deck and the open cockpit.

Helm Ergonomics

Besides basic controls and instrumentation, the throttle are mounted more on the horizontal than on many boats in this class, which is a good thing. However, we found that the skipper's seat is not comfortable as we would like for long

jaunts. The companion's side seat wasn't any better with the balance of the seating in the cockpit following the same ideology; a narrow cushion and thin padding. The helm could also use a glove box or other small locker for stashing a boater's basic needs.



The helm seat was not particularly comfortable for long hauls to the fishing grounds. We like the circuit breakers under the dash rocker switches, and check out the open real estate for planting a nav package.

On the other hand, we liked the molded steps up to the foredeck. Grab rails would be a nice addition here. Using the side decks, I found access to the bow and pulpit to be secure with assistance from a high bow railing fabricated from stainless, welded tubing.



While the molded steps are easy enough to use, there is a distinct lack of grab rails. Anyway, real men use the side decks to go forward.

A Side Note

And while on the subject of side decks, we have to give Seaswirl high marks for channeling the water overboard, instead of allowing it to flow into the cockpit from the side decks. If you end up stuffing the bow in heavy seas, you'll have little to worry about. Whatever does end up in the cockpit will be ejected in short order thanks to the self-bailing cockpit scuppers.



Notice how green water from the bow will get channeled right over the side before reaching the cockpit. This is a thoughtful design feature.

The fiberglass hardtop was also a big plus, especially since it comes as standard equipment. The top includes molded radio boxes, spreader lights and rocket launchers, but you'll have to pay extra for the canvas enclosure and windshield wiper. Below, the cabin and head compartment are built around a smooth fiberglass liner making for easy housekeeping.

In the Cockpit

The cockpit's fishability ranked high, too, as one would expect for a boat built for Pudget Sound and Pacific NW game and meat fishing. The Striper 2900 does not have all of the more esoteric fishy details one might find on some boats in class, but remember that the 2901 was designed to be an affordable boat. If you want all of the fishy gimcracks add them as options, or go elsewhere and pay-up.

At the transom is a comfortable rumble seat that fits two comfortably, or three close friends. Most often these are hard to deploy, and even harder to stow. Not so with this Seaswirl 2901 version. Up and down in a flash and no pinched fingers or crushed hands. Not even a curse word. Tucked behind this rumble seat are the ship's batteries and electrical switches.



Aft rumble seats are now the norm, but they are usually tough to deploy and re-stow. Happily, the Seaswirl 2900's seat was a snap to pull out and to stow. Note rod holders in the gunwales and fish boxes in the deck.



If you opt for the generator installation, it goes right in the middle of the cockpit deck. We'd add some sound-deadening material to the hatch.



On the port side is a bait prep center with sink. Notice the gas assist strut and gasketed lid. When the lid is down the counter become mezzanine seating, just like the big convertibles. Note the foot rests.



Batteries and electrical switches are conveniently located out of the way on the transom. Note the gasket to keep moisture out. We like the handy location.

Cabin Class Comfort

Whether over-nighting with the family, or with your beer-guzzling fishing buddies, the Seaswirl 2901 WA delivers. The Seaswirl 2900 has one of the best uses of cabin space we have seen in a small boat. The "V"-berths forward have back rests that make into Pullman berths, which can be deployed from the seat backs and secured to the overhead. This arrangement will increase your ability to add more people without crowding or packing a bunch of guys into the same bed (not that there's anything wrong with that). The table lowers to form another berth, and yet another is under the cockpit in the mid-berth.



We've got to give high marks to Seaswirl for adding Pullman berths over the V-berth. Another berth is aft in the mid cabin. Note the three portlights and overhead hatch for adding natural light and air.

The mid berth makes another great place to stash bodies for the night, with a closable privacy curtain. Seaswirl has crammed a lot of liveability into this 29' package.



Looking down at the galley.



The wet head has full standing head room.

Engine Options

Let's not forget that this is an outboard powered boat, and you have choices. They travel in pairs and are offered by the "big three" (Yamaha, Evinrude, or Mercury). Horsepower will come from a pair of 225's or 250 four strokes or 2-stroke E-TECS. Almost all of the boats go out the door with twin 250s which have a retail MSRP of about \$135,000.

The 2901 WA comes with a very extensive list of standard features, (we're talking big value here), and a comparably short options list. Items you'll have to consider adding are such luxuries as cabin air conditioning and a 5 kw generator. Your electronics package and hull side colors are options to think about, too.

If you're looking to stretch your fishing dollar by combining offshore functionality with a family weekender, then the Seaswirl 2901 Walk Around OB deserves a closer inspection. It's a great mix of both worlds.

Seaswirl 2901 Walk Around (2009-2010) Test Result Highlights

- Top speed for the Seaswirl 2901 Walk Around (2009-2010) is 49.3 MPH (79.3 KPH), burning 45.2 gallons per hour (GPH) or 171.08 liters per hour (LPH).
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For complete test results including fuel consumption, range and sound levels go to our [Test Results](#) section.

Standard and Optional Equipment

Seaswirl 2901 Walk Around (2009-2010) Standard and Optional Equipment	
Systems	
Air Cond./Heat	O
CD Stereo	S
Head: Fixed	S
Power Steering	O
Shore Power	S
Trim Tabs	S
Washdown: Fresh Water	S
Washdown: Raw Water	S
Windlass	O
Galley	
Icemaker	O
Microwave	O
Refrigerator	S
Stove	S
Exterior Features	
Carpet: Cockpit	O Snap-In
Hardtop	S
Outlet: 12-Volt Acc	S
Swim Ladder	S
Swim Platform	S
Transom Door	S
Canvas	

Full Canvas



= Standard



= Optional

Seaswirl 2901 Walk Around (2009-2010) Warranty

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Warranties change from time to time. While BoatTEST.com has tried to insure the most up-to-date warranty offered by each builder, it does not guarantee the accuracies of the information presented below. Please check with the boat builder or your local dealer before you buy any boat.

Hull Warranty

Years 10 year

Transferable Yes

Certifications

NMMA Certification Yes