

Super Air Nautique 230

Lose yourself in the moment

The Super Air Nautique 230 is one of the elitist crafts in its class. Hitting the water in 2008, it elevated the industry by producing a well-defined wake with a solid lip and pro-level pop. But, who rides behind it? Try Shaun Murray, Danny Harf, J.D. Webb, Bob Soven and Jimmy LaRiche, to name but a few. But who wins behind it? Well, technically everyone at the Masters, the Wake Games, WWA Wakeboard National Championships, Canadian Wakeboard Nationals and many other prestigious tournaments around the world since this craft is the choice at many International high-class competitions.



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With the Nautique 230, you can ride and surf all day with up to 15 of your closest wake-loving friends. Even when fully loaded, it delivers exceptional acceleration and drivability.

The Super Air Nautique 230 is equipped with hardcore wakeboarding and surfing features — such as the all-new Flight Control Tower that easily folds with a bridge and garage setting. Removable swivel wakeboard and wakesurf racks, arena style seating, nearly 490 kg of integrated ballast, and Nautique LINC System with Zero Off and GPS tracking capability shows the craft was built to not only boast, but prove she's the ultimate contender as the wake champ.

You get to choose from a long list of the edgiest options on the water, including reversible seating and sweet sound system upgrades. Everything about the Super Air Nautique 230 is designed to put you and your friends at the top of your game.



Deck layout

The Super Air Nautique offers up a particularly different style of interior layout, rarely seen in South Africa.

With plenty of onboard storage for all your gear, passengers, and left over moving space, it's no wonder this craft is making a big impact on the industry ... fast.

With elements such as an ample sized bow, and even roomier stern, you'll be smiling all the way as passengers sit in nothing but luxury and class.

Everything about this craft shows that each detail has been well thought out and planned for ease of use. Take for example the way in which you board the craft from the stern. The aft sun lounge (in three sections) is easily transformed to allow for a non-slip walkway into the craft, via a stair.





The Super Air Nautique's Flight Control Tower easily folds with a bridge and garage setting.



The high-tech helm area might seem slightly intimidating at first, but its screen management system makes it easy to use.



Everything about this craft screams 'attention to detail', for example the stylish recessed cupholders in the gunnels.

When the sun lounge compartments are open on their gas struts, you get plenty of storage for ropes, clothes, towels and more. Extra storing space is available under the rest of the seating around the craft.

Another very nifty idea is that the stern seating can be easily removed or simply moved forward and rotates, allowing passengers to watch all the action behind the craft in comfort.

At the helm, the skipper sits in a wrap-around chair — I guess it's akin to being hugged snugly by a friendly panda bear. Here, all the instruments are of the highest class, as you would expect from a world-class tournament wakeboat. Although perhaps a little intimidating initially to first-time visitors to this type of craft, all the systems are easy to use, probably owed to the screen management system.

Performance

The Super Air Nautique 230 is every bit the high powered, cream of the crop, exhilarating craft she should be to have accomplished all of the above accolades. That said, you're expecting me to say the craft is faultless in her handling and ride characteristics — which she really is.

The Nautique 230 is kitted with an absolute power-house that is the PCM ZR409 inboard motor, the Nautique 230 is shoveling out some serious authority. With 409 HP, and a carefully designed hull for tight cornering and a soft ride, this craft is built to handle whatever the water can throw at her, and far more. With the ballast tanks set for surfing, you don't need the craft fully laden just to have a surf — or quite possibly the biggest wake session of your life.



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Acceleration onto the plane is more than quick enough, and the wake kicked out the back is not only clean, but gives plenty of pop for the rider at the end of the line.

Throughout the review, the craft left me in control, and her reactions to my input were responsive, leaving me and the passengers feeling safe and comfortable.

Conclusion

In all honesty, just like most other tournament wakeboats, there's just something about the 230 that doesn't make me feel like I'd have a roll around in the hay with her if I could. It's almost as if she's too beautiful, forgiving, and immaculate that I don't want to let myself fall in love for her! Or maybe I'm thinking of it all wrong, after all, true passion is supposed to be a confusing thing. Perhaps I've never known what love for a craft is until now?

What I can tell you is that the Super Air Nautique 230 is without doubt an amazing boat. She's packed with quality and overflows with sex appeal.

With so much to offer, you best believe she's going to be winning hearts over throughout the country!

Pricing on the Super Air Nautique 230 is R950 000 for the full house package. The base price of the craft starts at around R800 000.

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