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Boston Whaler 190 Montauk

Boston Whaler's new 190 Montauk is a larger version of the third-generation Montauk 170 and 150 models introduced several years ago. The hull shape descends directly from the Montauk 17, the over-achieving inshore utility boat that's been favored by several generations of East Coast boaters for more than 30 years.

This new 19-footer, powered by Mercury's clean and thrifty 115-horsepower 4-stroke, has a wave-cleaving forefoot and a flared bow to knock down spray. The roomy interior has seats that hold coolers in front of and abaft the center console. Additional seating comes in the stern quarters or, even better, on a removable center stern seat with cushioned back. Storage abounds: There's a large space under the bow platform, more in the console (which is designed to hold a compass, electronics, fire extinguisher and optional stereo and tackle drawers) and under the seats in the stern quarters. The center stern seat covers a round cooler that can convert to a livewell. The optional fishing package includes tackle drawers, a cushion and backrest for the cooler in front of the console and 4 vertical rod holders. Hard-core anglers will want to work out additional secure rod storage.

The Mercury 115 is a great match for the 190 Montauk. Our test boat planed cleanly at 17 mph (3250 rpm), cruised easily at 20 to 28 mph (3500 to 4500 rpm) and topped out at 38 mph (6000 rpm). Fuel economy was outstanding, from 12 mpg at trolling speeds to 6 mpg at cruise. Boston Whaler, Edgewater, FL; 800-942-5379; www.whaler.com.

LOA.....	19'
Beam.....	8'
Draft.....	12"
Weight.....	1,900 lbs.
Fuel.....	60 gals.
Capacity.....	8 persons
Base price.....	\$28,174
	w/115 hp Mercury 4-stroke and single-axle trailer

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—John Page Williams