

# BENNINGTON 2075 GLi



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## SPECIFICATIONS

### Tested STATS



**LENGTH:** 20 ft., 6 in.  
**BEAM:** 8 ft., 6 in.  
**CAPACITY:** 9 people  
**DRY WEIGHT:** 2,194 lbs.  
**FUEL CAPACITY:** 26 gals.  
**MAXIMUM HP:** 115

#### PERFORMANCE

|                      | MPH  | RPM         | DBA |
|----------------------|------|-------------|-----|
| <b>PEAK</b>          | 30.1 | 6000        | 85  |
| <b>CRUISE</b>        | 13   | 3000        | 75  |
| <b>TIME TO PLANE</b> |      | 2.5 seconds |     |
| <b>0-20 MPH</b>      |      | 4.1 seconds |     |

#### TEST POWER

**YAMAHA F-115** 115 hp

#### PRICE

**WITH TEST POWER** \$25,993

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**3 FAVORITE STANDARDS:** Under-deck spray deflectors, 9-foot Bimini top, cockpit table

**3 FAVORITE OPTIONS:** SeaStar hydraulic steering, retractable ski tow, fishing package (includes livewell and Porta Potti)

**M**ost people know Bennington as a maker of upscale luxury pontoon boats that exemplify the adage, “you get what you pay for.” But with the 2075 GLi, Bennington shows that it can build a quality pontoon rich in standard features without blowing the family budget.

One of the biggest changes for 2010 is higher fencing for improved passenger safety. The seating layout makes the most of the available deck space (nearly 20 feet) with twin couches up front and an L-shaped cockpit settee. All have easily accessible storage underneath with seat bottoms that flip open inward and stay open. Three points of access give passengers easy entry, and swimmers and skiers will love the swimming pool-style boarding ladder in the stern.

One place Bennington didn't skimp on this value-lined pontoon is the helm station, which gives drivers an extra-wide seat that matches the 40-inch-wide console. Some builders create a lower price point by making a lot of the features

options, but an off-the-rack 2075 GLi includes things like a full Faria gauge array, a 9-foot Bimini top, a soft cooler and a Rockford Fosgate MP3 stereo that even has a USB input.

Our test model is equipped with the upsized 25-inch pontoons, which allowed Bennington to mount the maximum horsepower on the engine bracket in the form of Yamaha's F115 four-stroke. The package hooked up exceptionally well as we reached plane in 2.5 seconds with very little bowrise. We continued accelerating to 20 mph in 4.1 seconds on our way to a top speed of 30.1 miles per hour. Handling was pretty standard for a twin pontoon boat without lifting strakes, with hard turns in either direction creating a slight outward lean. One option we would have chosen with the 115 hp Yamaha is SeaStar hydraulic steering.

In the stern is a large sunpad with a two-person changing station underneath. Watersports fans will definitely want to add the optional ski pylon that retracts when not in use.

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