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# BOAT TEST

## Pegazus 600

The sports fisher is one of the oldest types of boat on the water yet, this style is still evolving. Simon Everett has a look at the latest design from Pegazus.



In order to stand out from the crowd, the modern angling boat has to have something unique to offer. No longer does the plain cuddy with a couple of lockers cut the mustard. Today's buyer is looking to get far more for their money and boat designers have had to become ever more creative to utilise the space available, throughout the boat, to best effect and offer greater versatility of appeal to stand out in the market. When I first saw the Pegazus, I could see straightaway how she would appeal to family life and fishing.

### Built in Poland

The Pegazus is both designed and built in Poland, primarily for their domestic market, and conforms to the Polish Ship Registry certification for build quality and safety, similar to our Lloyds Registry. The Baltic can be a really nasty piece of water,


chopping up suddenly and becoming rough in no time at all.

The Pegazus' hull is shaped to provide comfort for the most part but the ability to deal with those inclement conditions when they arrive, with high freeboard forward and fully self-draining cockpit.

The immense beam, over 2.5m of it, makes the Pegazus extremely stable both underway and when stationary. The extra wetted area does shed some speed but the benefits it provides make it worth it. There is more cockpit deck space as a result too, with two floodable fish hatches that can be used for keeping live-bait or, just as easily, washed-out fish stowage lockers. There is one either side with the hatch lids supported on spring struts, the main compartment hatch cover is supported on gas struts and provides space for warps and fenders.

### Useful second steering position

When fishing on the drift, where you are constantly having to motor back up for the next drift or, when trolling for long periods, having a second steering position in the cockpit is really useful, saving plenty of legwork. The Pegazus has a trick up her sleeve that provides that kind of convenience in the form of a sliding-helm console. The entire console slides aft from within the wheelhouse to where a second helm would normally be fitted. There is a further benefit of this system, in that the additional space created within the wheelhouse makes life so much easier when spending a night aboard. It is just a matter of pulling a shoot bolt and sliding the helm console on its glide track until it locks into position. Forward vision is better when the console is inside the



wheelhouse but, for slow cruising, you can see well enough from the outside helm position. It isn't meant to be used for passage-making at speed but, on calm days, it would be fine. In rough weather I would want to be inside anyway!

### Performance

The performance isn't going to set any records, the wide beam and extra wetted area see to that, but there is a large planing area that puts her on the plane at just over 10 knots and she will cruise very happily at an economic engine speed around the 15-17 knots mark. If you need to make faster progress then she will hold 20-23 knots and still have revs in reserve. ▶

*Nice clean wake*



*Bright, spacious wheelhouse*

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I also think she could possibly take the next size up prop, which would reduce the revs by approximately 400, so she should still maintain maximum power at the wide-open throttle position, but provide greater bite to pull that bit harder. With the 17 inch prop she did run up very easily, which is what leads me to think the 19 inch one would be worth trying.

## Handling

The handling of the Pegazus is fine under normal use, push hard, though, and the hull shows a tendency to slide, although it has to be said the stability is retained throughout, with the substantial reverse chines providing support as well as lift. The essence of the Pegazus is for more considered use regardless of the conditions. The

Pegazus 600 is a family-friendly, fishing-orientated craft that is offered at a competitive price for the level of specification and the size of the engine. If your budget is more limited, then a smaller motor could be a sensible choice. As a practical boat for the angler, that after deck with its twin wet lockers and safe bulwark, all round, the Pegazus is worthy of consideration.

Folding seats each side in the cockpit



The Pegazus handles perfectly well



Enclosed helm position has sliding side screens



## Specifications

LOA	6.2m
Hull length	5.4m
Beam	2.54m
Draft	0.35m
Weight	890kgs
Max power	150hp
Max crew	6 persons
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## Performance figures

with Suzuki DF115

RPM		Speed (knots)
600		1.9
1000		4.2
2000		6.1
3000		7.3
4000	plane	10.4
4200	easy cruise	16.1
4500	cruise	18.3
5000	fast cruise	21.8
6000		26.2