

INDEPENDENT DEAL REPORT • BUYER COPY

2021 Boston Whaler 270 Dauntless

Miami, FL • 27 ft • 520 hrs • asking \$232,000 • Ref BVDEMO_WHALER2 • May 27, 2026

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VERDICT • PROCEED CAREFULLY

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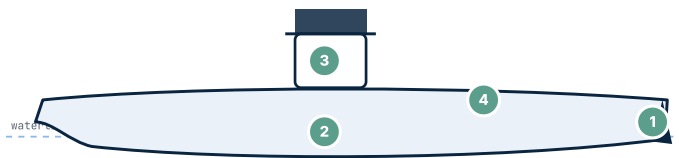
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⚙️ Outboard power

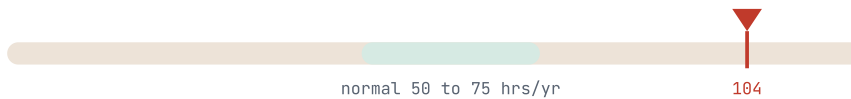
2 021 Boston Whaler 270 Dauntless, twin Mercury Verado 300s with 520 hours, dealer listed in Miami at \$232,000. The hull and engines are excellent and the resale liquidity is strong, but the price sits about 28% above the corpus midpoint and the comparable set, and 520 hours over four seasons (130 hrs/yr) is firm use that the price doesn't reflect. This is a negotiate, not a pass: the right number is in the high-\$190s to low-\$200s, contingent on a Mercury service history and a survey.

— WHERE THE RISK LIVES ON THIS BOAT



- 1 Outboard(s) & transom · generally sound
- 2 Hull below waterline · generally sound
- 3 Console & rigging · generally sound
- 4 Deck & livewells · generally sound

— USAGE SIGNAL · 104 HRS/YR



520 hrs over 5 years is **high, heavy use,**
price the engine accordingly.

IS IT A FAIR PRICE?

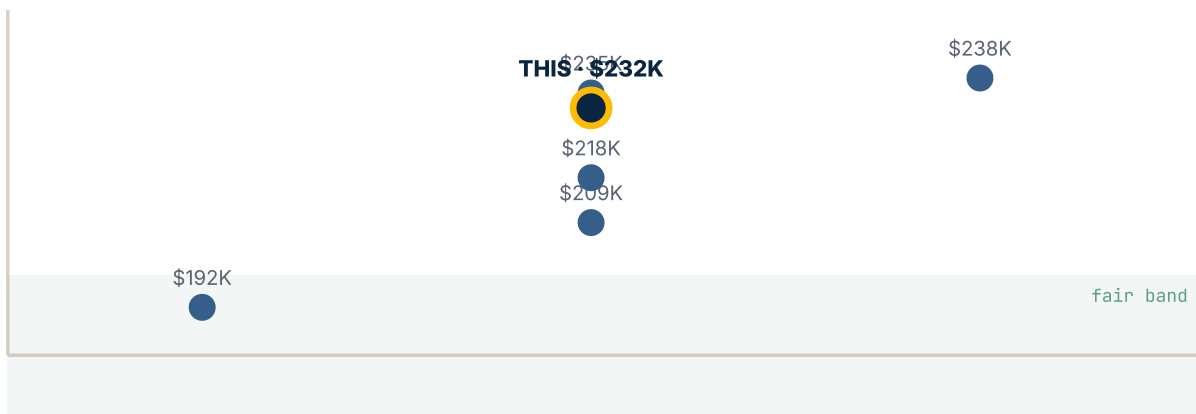
Priced 28% over the midpoint.

2021 Boston Whaler 270 Dauntless: corpus band \$163,000, \$198,500
(adjusted for 520 hrs vs. ~300 expected for a 5 yr old boat → -9%;
saltwater service (FL), 5 yrs old → -3%).

— FAIR VALUE BAND VS ASKING · CONFIDENCE HIGH



— COMPARABLE BOATS · PRICE VS MODEL YEAR



Same year 270 Dauntless hulls trade \$192K, \$209K with fewer hours than this boat. The standout: a 2022 with 180 hours lists at \$238K, only \$6K more than this 2021 with 520 hours, which exposes how aggressively this one is priced. Cross shop Grady Canyon 271 and Pursuit S 268 at \$218K, \$235K offer comparable boats with lighter use and (on the Grady/Pursuit) the Yamaha resale edge. Nothing here justifies \$232K.

HOW THE VERDICT IS BUILT

Eight factors, one Buy Score.

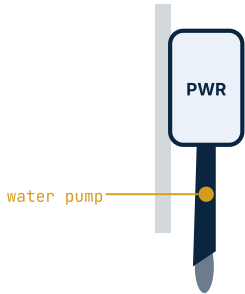
— SCORE BREAKDOWN

Risk scores read inverted: for hidden cost, survey urgency and ownership cost, a higher number means **more** risk. The Buy Score weights price (~40%), engine and maintenance (~25%), model issues (~15%), region (~10%) and transparency (~10%).

WHAT TO BUDGET AND VERIFY

The engine is the story.

Modern Mercury V8/V10 FourStroke and supercharged Verado are strong, smooth, and well supported, a clear step up from the OptiMax era. Slightly behind Yamaha on resale trust but closing fast, and often better integrated (joystick, digital throttle). At 104 hrs/yr this is normal recreational use for the age. 100 hour service; supercharged Verado adds the supercharger oil interval. Check for corroded battery cables and the SmartCraft harness on saltwater boats.



Outboard — self-contained, easiest to service or repower.

— RISK FLAGS

- MEDIUM**

Saltwater service region

Listed in FL, a saltwater state. On a 5 year old hull, expect corrosion in trim tabs, transom hardware, and electrical bus bars. Inspect aluminum components and the bilge.
- MEDIUM**

Recent hurricane impact zone

FL was within the 2024, 2025 Atlantic / Gulf hurricane track. Verify the listing history did not include flood damage, dock submersion, or insurance write off.
- HIGH**

Listed ~28% above comparable hulls

Corpus midpoint and same year comps put this boat in the \$190K, \$209K range given its 520 hours; the \$232,000 ask is roughly 28% above the comp midpoint and within \$6K of a 2022 with one third the hours.
- LOW**

Dealer boilerplate in description

The description carries an unfilled 'Stock #, ' placeholder. Minor, but on a \$232K listing it signals a dealer who hasn't tailored the listing, and often hasn't pulled the real service history either.

— RECALLS & SAFETY CAMPAIGNS · 13 ON BOSTON WHALER

971507S	SAFE LOAD: PERS WT; SAFE LOAD: MAX WT	7/31/1997
150013T	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	7/29/2015
010090S	OVERCURRENT PROTECTION; ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	5/21/2001
980053T	FUEL TANK · matches model/year	4/9/1998
810035T	AIRPAX T 11 INSTALLED · matches model/year	4/9/1981

THE STICKER IS THE CHEAPEST PART

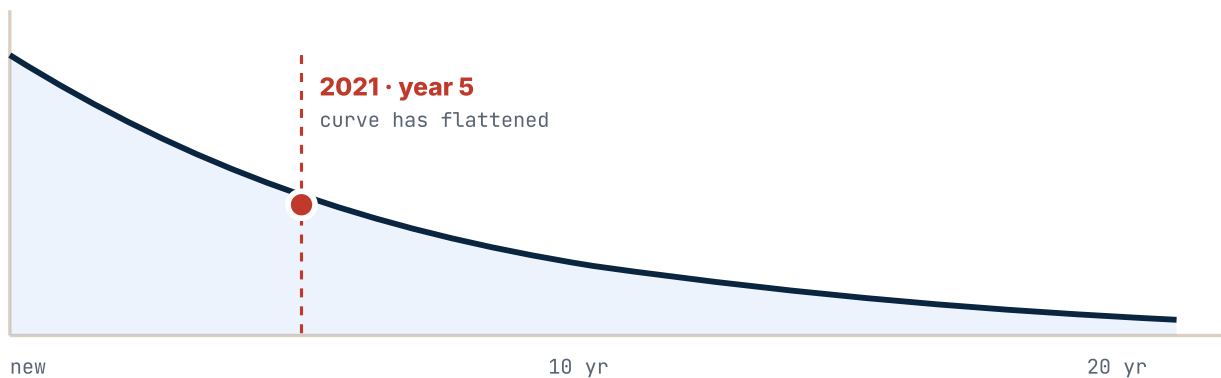
\$14,000 to \$26,000 a year to keep.

— WHERE THE MONEY GOES



- Engine / drive service: \$2,000, \$3,500 (twin Verado annual service; supercharger oil interval)
- Slip + winterize: \$6,000, \$14,000 (Miami wet slip or dry stack for a 27 footer)
- Insurance: \$3,500, \$5,200 ($\approx 1.5, 2.2\%$ of hull value, twin outboard, South FL saltwater)
- Fuel: \$3,000, \$5,500 (~ 100 hrs/yr $\times$ twin V300 ~ 30 gph $\times$ $\sim \$4.50$ /gal premium)
- Haul-out + misc: \$0 (South FL)

— DEPRECIATION · WHERE A 2021 SITS ON THE CURVE



Strong family fishing crossover; holds value but the buyer pool thins above \$200K. Liquidity is a genuine strength here, buy it right and it re sells easily. The risk is buying it wrong: pay \$232K and you've pre spent your resale cushion.

BEFORE YOU WIRE A DOLLAR

Inspection & negotiation.

— SURVEY CHECKLIST · PRINT AND BRING IT

- ☐ Inspect the bow rope locker drain and surrounding gelcoat for cracks.
- ☐ Pull both Verado cowlings; photograph the SmartCraft harness and battery cables for saltwater corrosion at 520 hours.
- ☐ Confirm the joystick docking calibrates cleanly on the sea trial, repairs are dealer only and costly.
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— NEGOTIATION SCRIPT · USE VERBATIM

“Open at \$198,000, contingent on a clean survey and a full Mercury service history pull on both engines.”

Why: Same year comps sit \$192K, \$209K with fewer hours. \$198K puts you mid comp while accounting for the 520 hours, which are heavier than every comp in the set.

“If they hold above \$215K, walk to the 2022 with 180 hours at \$238K or the Grady Canyon 271 at \$235K.”

Why: \$6K more buys a newer boat with one third the hours, or a Yamaha powered Grady with better resale. The alternatives are real and on the market now.

“Require documented dates of the last 100 hour service on each Verado before any deposit.”

Why: At 130 hrs/yr the supercharger oil and service intervals matter; undocumented service is a \$1.5, 3K risk you price into the offer.

METHODOLOGY & SOURCES

Where every number comes from.

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— DATA SOURCES CROSS-REFERENCED

USCG vessel registrations	875,076	Builder codes (MIC)	16,188
USCG / CPSC recalls	1,807	Recalls matched · Boston Whaler	13
Live market comps	5 matched	Registered hulls · this builder	10,758

— HOW THE BUY SCORE IS WEIGHTED

Price 40%	Engine 25%	Model 15%	Region 10%	Transp. 10%
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