

BOAT PROFILE

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Quintrex Trident 610

This summer we are witnessing a range of new offshore boats arriving on the market. Among the new brigade is the Quintrex Trident 610.

Nigel Webster puts this good looking offshore boat through its paces.

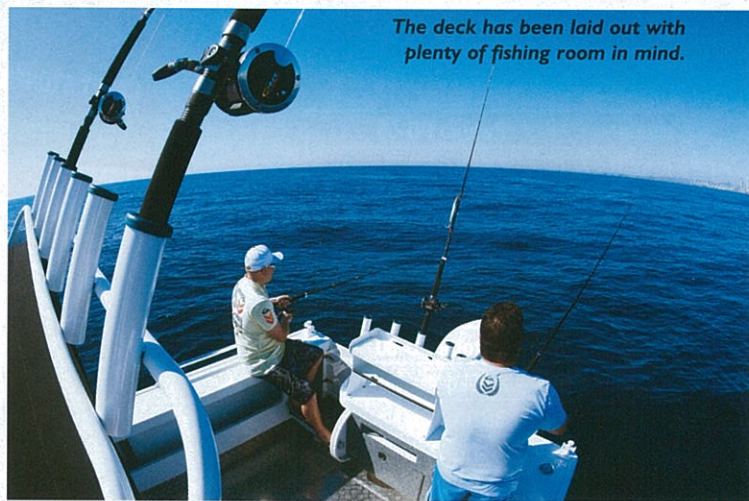
I recently attended a Quintrex Media Day that was being used to introduce new boats to their already huge range of products. Having spent a great deal of my fishing time offshore, I was eager to check out the range of Trident boats. On display were the 610, 650 and king of the group, the 690 model: all are solid looking cabin models. Being that I fish in open waters a lot but do not have excessive room for boat storage and also have a young family, I decided that I would test the Trident 610 as it would be the boat to most suit my current situation. I was fortunate to be able to test the hull on a glorious Gold Coast day; the weather was not ideal for testing boat handling in the extreme stuff, but allowed me to check out all the other great features this boat has to offer. If looks are anything to go by, these boats will be a winner; even the whales dropped by for a closer look at this new-look hull!

Market Concept

The Trident series of boats have been developed with the angler in mind. The boat features the Millennium Blade Hull and tough construction, but it is in viewing the layout that fishos will see a product made just for them. Design intent was 'fishing focussed' and the Quintrex team are happy that they have provided consumers with a product that will let them fish with ease and comfort when out in the open sea.

Hull and Handling

Quintrex have set out to complete a 'tough' boat when designing and building the Trident series. All models are equipped with stretch formed aluminium widths of 3 mm topside and 4 mm bottomside. The 'pressed' aluminium is documented as increasing strength by up to 25 per cent. In line with bolstering core hull strength, the Trident boats are



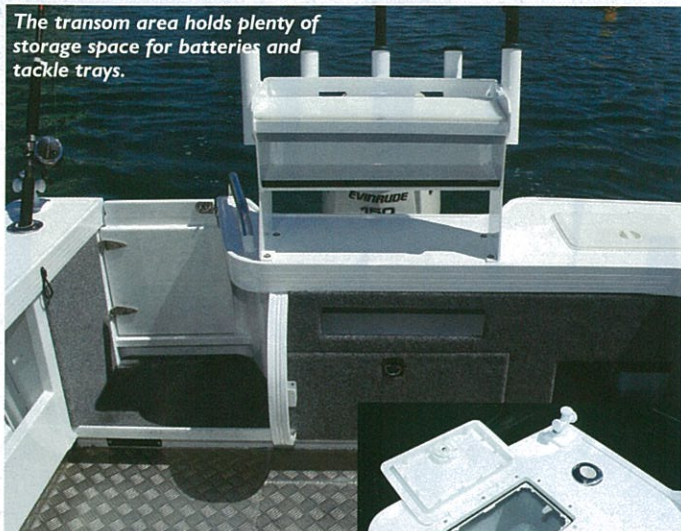
The deck has been laid out with plenty of fishing room in mind.

also built with an egg crate rib beneath the floor structure: this improves longitudinal and latitudinal strength. It's reassuring to know that with added focus on improving hull integrity, the 610 Trident hull still only weighs in at 860 kilograms.

The Quintrex Millennium Blade Hull and flared bow designs have won lots of support since conception. The Trident 610 is equipped with the benefits of this hull design: sharp keel line and wide flares mean this hull cuts through water, throws spray away from the boat and increases stability at rest.

The 610 hull is power-rated between 115 to 175 HP and the boat I tested was fitted with a 150 HP outboard. The 150 made the boat feel 'light' to drive. She got up out of the hole and underway with relative ease. It was easy to drop power without the boat becoming sluggish or getting stern-heavy. An underfloor 160 l fuel tank ensures you have plenty of range to hit those distant locations. Steering the boat was easy with hydraulic capability and tight turns were performed in a light swell and the hull held its line rigidly. Although I couldn't punch the hull through big swell,

The transom area holds plenty of storage space for batteries and tackle trays.



the bow didn't appear to slap the surface at any stage we bought it down after being airborne. With little swell to work with, the boat didn't give the impression that she was 'grabby' into, or with following sea. An added benefit when purchasing the Trident 610 is that she comes with trim tabs which provide plenty in the way of controlling the position of the boat in variable seas. I would love to test the boat more thoroughly in some rough stuff, but if you're looking for offshore options, this hull is definitely worth taking for a test drive.

Deck Layout, Fishability and Comfort

The Trident 610 makes for a great fishing platform. The best way to describe the layout of the boat is simple and well considered. The gunnels are chunky and fitted with heaps of side storage space. The rear deck is very spacious as there is nothing to get in the way! A non-slip deck consists of self-draining tread plate floor; this combines with automated, non-return scupper draining to ensure a bit of water in the back won't be a problem! The deck sits above a 135 ltr plumbed kill tank which reduces the need to carry an esky at all times. Regardless of whether you want to troll for pelagics, bait fish or jig plastics and hardbody lures, the rear of the 610 will make it a pleasure. The boat is superbly stable at rest and everything you might need can be placed at arms length from the bait board. In the event that the boat is being knocked around by sea, high sides and rear grab rails make balance whilst fishing easy. The boat comes standard with an alloy cutting board, four stainless steel rod holders, rear live bait tank, berley bucket, sizeable rear step and transom ladder and door,

The livewell is at home within the chunky gunnels of the Trident.

outrigger mounting plates, and rocket launcher above the cabin for stowing rods.

The windscreen protected helm and cabin provide plenty of storage space and room to



The cockpit is well laid out – not to mention the comfy seats.

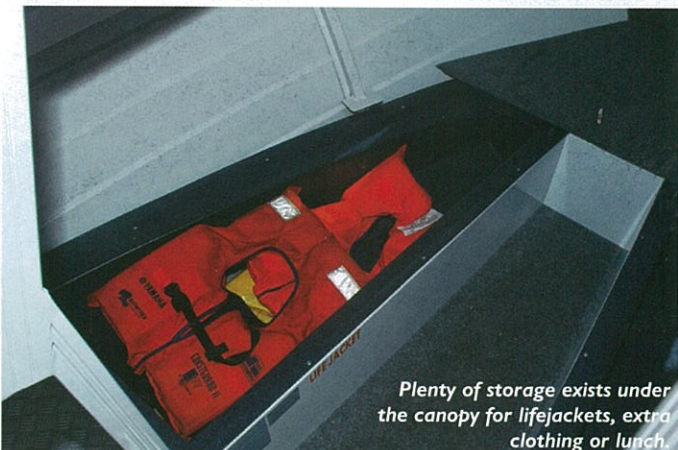
comfortably operate the vessel. A walk-through cabin provides access to the anchorwell and plenty of storage beneath seats that offer a comfortable place to rest during those all-night sessions or when the weather pushes activities indoors! Bow railing enables safe access around the front of the cabin, should you need to access this area of the hull. The helm of the boat is simple but contains those critical additions such as 12 volt power outlet, side storage and drink holders. The configuration of the area makes it easy to sit or stand and operate the vessel without clutter obstructing vision or mobility. Two seats provide comfort while driving and further storage at the base of seating.

Quintrex have obviously worked hard to develop the Trident series with the fisho in mind. I found general operation of the vessel to be similar to that I had experienced with other large boats in the Quintrex stable. There was plenty to like about the Trident from a fishing perspective. I had a good chance to fish from

SF SPECIFICATIONS

Length Maximum: 6.16 m
Length of Hull: 6.08 m
Beam: 2.40 m
Depth: 1.40 m
Length on Trailer: 7.18 m
Height on Trailer: 2.60 m
Bottomsides: 4.00 mm
Topsides: 3.00 mm
Transom Material: 4.00 mm
Transom Shaft Length: EXLS
Weight (boat only): 860 kg
Min. HP: 115 hp
Max. HP: 175 hp
Main Motor Weight: 256 kg
Number of People (Basic): 8
Number of People (Level): N/A

the 610 and afterwards sat back and considered that there was little more an angler might wish for that doesn't come standard with this one! If you're after a handy-size offshore boat that comes ready to let you put it in the water and start fishing, then it's definitely worth checking out the Trident 610. **SF**



Plenty of storage exists under the canopy for lifejackets, extra clothing or lunch.

SF STANDARD FEATURES

Twin Battery Box and Switch
 Cutting Board (Alloy)
 Fire Extinguisher Bin
 EPIRB Bin
 Non-Return Scupper Drainage System
 Fold Down Drink Holder
 Bowroller
 Cabin Footrest
 Cross Bollard
 Burley Bucket
 Anchorwell
 Accessory Kit
 4 x Stainless Steel Rod Holders
 12 Volt Power Outlet
 Outrigger Mounting Plates
 Live Bait Tank in Back Deck
 Floor: Self Draining Treadplate
 Underfloor Fuel Tank 160 Litres
 Cabin Bunk Storage
 Non-Return Scupper Drainage System
 Rear Ladder
 Rocket Launcher
 Trim Tabs
 135 ltr Plumbed Kill Tank
 Large Aluminium Side Pockets
 Painted with Stripes
 Rails: Cabin Grabrail
 Rails: Long Side Rails
 Rail: Transom Grabrail
 Rails: Low Bowrails
 Wall Through Cabin Hatch
 Seat: Box Storage
 Steering: Hydraulic
 Transom Door
 3 Year Warranty

SF OPTIONS

Covers: Side Clears
 Bimini & Envelope
 Bimini & Envelope NQ
 Bimini Extension Large
 Bimini Extension Small
 Front Clears
 Storm Cover
 Travel Cover
 CD Stereo with 110W Speakers
 Deck Wash
 Anchor Winch Plate on Bow
 Fusion MSRA200 Stereo & 200W Speakers
 Radio GX600 VHF AE50
 CD Stereo with 140W Speakers
 Paint: Two Tone
 Seat: Bunk Infill Cushion
 Cabin Backrest
 Cabin Cushions
 Sounder: Mark 5X Fishfinder
 Vinyl Wrap