



New Power



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Revamped Yellowfins

Quintrex recently unveiled a revised range of its plate aluminium Yellowfin boats at an event on the Sunshine Coast. Available either in hardtop or cabin models, the new range comprises the 5800, 6200, 6700 and flagship 7400.

The Yellowfins are intended as hardcore fishing platforms and, as such, come with all the features anglers expect, including 16 rodholders, a 110lt kill tank (which can be converted into an extra 65lt fuel tank), a livebait tank with viewing window and a burley bucket.

Built tough with sturdy 6mm aluminium plate hulls (5mm on the 5800), the new hull design features a 19-degree variable deadrise for good stability at rest, a deep-vee at the front and 1.2m freeboard to handle rough seas.

A fully welded checkerplate, self-draining floor and box-section underfloor construction incorporating 6mm vertical stringers and 5mm horizontal ribs make a sturdy hull. Any water finding its way into the cockpit exits via a sump and no-return scuppers at the rear, so there is no need to rely on a bilge pump.

Quintrex says its new full transom extends the waterline length to give more lift and impressive stability and buoyancy, while also accommodating more powerful and larger outboards. And the



engine sits further back, too, giving more room to move about on the duckboard.

A new cabin layout features large bunks ranging from 1.7 to 2m, with roto-moulded storage bins underneath.

Water deflectors have been incorporated into the side decks and all craft boast fully welded anchorwells.

The hardtop models feature 6mm toughened glass windscreens and sliding side windows. Hydraulic steering, Simrad electronics and Volvo Penta trim tabs are standard fitment.

The weather on the day of the launch proved challenging, with 3 to 4m ocean swells, which gave us an opportunity to test the boats in conditions they were designed to handle.

With all craft powered by Evinrude engines (Quintrex is now the Australasian importer for the fuel-efficient two-strokes), power was certainly not a problem on any of the craft I rode in. Ride and handling across the big swells was excellent, with the beamy cockpits providing plenty of space for when the fishing gets frantic.


Quintrex National Account Manager Cameron Wood said he is expecting exceptional sales for the new Yellowfins.

"The new look and features make Yellowfin top of its class amongst competitor brands and I am confident sales will skyrocket after the release of the new models," he said.



Yellowfins are supplied on Quintrex trailers, which feature the company's own catch-and-release system.

Pricing ranges from \$57,636 for a 5800 in standard form with a 115hp E-TEC, up to \$71,628 for the 7400 with a 130hp E-TEC.

For more information, check out your nearest Quintrex dealer, or go to: quintrex.com.au. 



Opposite top: Evinrude engines power the new Yellowfins, including the 6200 Hardtop.

Clockwise from top: The flagship 7400 has plenty of fishing space. Back in black ... the 5800. The cockpits and helms are all business.

Opposite bottom: The cabin version of the 6700.