



Yellowfin revamps plate boat line-up

The revamped Yellowfin boat range delivers a tough Aussie-built offshore plate boat as part of the Quintrex brand.

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ABOVE: Perfect conditions for testing the new series of boats from Yellowfin.

RIGHT: Evinrude's G2 range of outboards are a good match for the boats and have plenty of power!



YELLOWFIN re-launched its range of offshore plate boats at a recent Queensland media event.

The Yellowfin name dates back to the late 1980s and early '90s before the boats made a comeback with a re-release in 2009. Moving forward to 2016 and the brand now comes under the Quintrex name and will be sold throughout its nationwide network of dealers.

The line-up comes in four sizes - 5800, 6200, 6700 and 7400 - in both hard top and soft top configurations, making it eight models in total.

Yellowfin is hoping to capitalise on its strong Aussie-built reputation and will complement the Quintrex brand with this range of serious offshore boats.

The hulls were noticeably quiet through the chop and despite the nasty conditions, we set a reasonable pace in comfort."

The models feature 6mm plate bottomsides, 5mm transom and 4mm sides, except for the 5800 with 5mm plate bottoms. A 19 degree variable deadrise ensures a soft landing and stability at rest.

A new hull design sees Yellowfin modify its transom and extend the waterline length. This, according to Yellowfin, gives it more lift and allows for larger and heavier outboards. Most of the test boats available were fitted with Evinrude's G2 E-TEC which sit further back on the transom to free up space on the duckboard.

The solid construction process features a sub frame rib structure. This "milk crate" structure is made up of longitudinal and latitudinal ribs of 6mm vertical stringers and 5mm horizontal ribs. The floor is a fully welded checker plate floor and its self draining with a no-return scupper system. The range features basic floatation.

Other new features include water deflectors on the side deck, a concealed control box at the helm and a fully-welded alloy anchor well. The hard top windscreen comes with hardened glass and the helm sits low, which caters for shorter users and overall better vision at sea.

Under the cabin, the extra long bunks means this is more than just simple storage space. The 5800 features a 1.8 metre bunk, while all the other models stretch out to 2 metres, meaning there's enough space for sleeping.

New options include a drum winch, LED lighting, seat boxes, and cabin bunk infill, plus all the usual electronics options. On that note, the test

Fishing features

Optional ice boxes under the helm and passenger seats are a good use of space and double as seating for additional passengers.



LEFT: The latest Yellowfin release features four models all suitable for serious offshore work.

On the water

With a starting price of \$57,636 fitted with a 115hp E-TEC, it's well worth a look if you're in the market for a plate boat of this size.

Check them out at www.quintrex.com.au and visit www.fishingworld.com.au for a video showing the boats in action off Mooloolaba.



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