



## Introducing A Superb New DIY Opportunity **The Sea Strike Challenge**

It's common knowledge Editor Peter Webster is a wooden boat *aficionado*, and further, that he's been exploring the development of various plywood projects for some time - but always ending up in a very dry gulch. Until now. Last month, PW met a kindred soul, and what will surely be to the (gasp! horror!) of many production plate and GRP boat builders, the kindred soul just happens to be a very, very skilful naval architect who also loves DIY composite boat design and building. His name is Mark Bowdidge, and if PW has anything to do with it, we're going to hear a helluva lot more from this bloke about his excellent range of modern, 2012 boats people can actually afford . . . . Mark himself starts off this month with the rationale and background to one of his most popular designs . . . take it away, Mark!

**W**hatever you have in mind for the weekend, whether it be fishing outside the heads chasing kingies, or fishing the reef for snapper, the Sea Strike 16 can handle it.

With her aggressive lines that tout an elevated level of confidence, if fishing is a passion you live for, then the Sea Strike 16 comes with more

standard equipment and unique, pro-level fishing features than any boat in its class. And it all comes down to your imagination!!

While there are many other outfits that will build you a boat, most of these simply construct the same design over and over, but with different "lids". Production builders obviously build the same

boat repeatedly, but even when a new model is introduced, it often runs on the same bottom their owners were running on 20 years ago. Not so with the Sea Strike 16. We start with a fresh piece of paper and listen to what our clients want. Whether it be amateur or professional,

what they want in a design, we design specifically for that

purpose.

The most common comment we hear is, "We're looking for a deep "Vee" hull that can provide a smooth ride and comfort, without ripping my spine out through the roof of my mouth like my tinnie does!"

Well, with our tournament-proven 21 degree deep "Vee" deadrise hull design, the



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The Sea Strike 16 is an outstanding Aussie design for a multi-purpose fishing boat (love the flat coamings!) and offers a really good chance for people to either step up to an affordable bigger boat, or down-size to one that's more easily managed single-handed - in a size that can be used inshore and offshore, plus dams, creeks and rivers. Plans cost \$281 (incl p&p) and hull materials cost in the order of \$2,800-\$3,500 - and that's it. The rest is all your labour, the garage and ordinary tools (jig saw and angle grinder) you most likely already own.

