



No hassles doesn't mean "no frills" when it comes to the RipTide XR457, this boat packs a lot of amenities for fishing, cruising and watersports enthusiasts and is a small boat designed on big ideas.

Designed to be a functionable boat for its class, the RipTide XR457, with space for 5 and a ton of storage for rods, eskies, fuel tanks, lines, ropes, anchors, life jackets and everything else you need for the day, the RipTide XR-457 offers the features and functionality typically only found in much larger boats.

Also, due to the RipTide XR457's spacious, yet compact size, this means she can be easily trailered with a small car to where the action is, without needing to reach deep into your pockets to buy a 4x4

**BMD:
The RipTide
XR- 457**

Another great new model from Mr Enthusiasm himself, nav-arch Mark Bowdidge, who explains how this ripper composite fishin' boat came about.



to tow it.

With the RipTide XR-457, we started with a fresh piece of paper and listened to what our clients wanted.

One of the most common comments we hear is, "we're looking for a boat that can provide a smooth and comfortable ride, without ripping my spine out through the roof of my mouth. . ."

Make no mistake, the RipTide XR457 is a purpose-designed vessel. With her generous flare, 15 degree deadrise at the transom, chine flats for stability and a 60 degree bow "Penetrating hull form", designed to slice through the waves, the RipTide XR-457 delivers top-end speeds, great handling through a variety of conditions and a ride unlike any other in this class of 2013. So whether you're out boating in a blue

sky day or punching through the grey horizons, the RipTide XR-457 is designed for those into serious small boating or offshore fishing.

Overall hull length: 15 ft (4.57m)
 Beam: 7ft-6in (2.3m)
 Hull draft: 6" (164mm)
 Rec horsepower: 60-75 hp
 Deadrise at transom: 15 degrees
 Engine shaft length: L/S (20")
 Fuel Capacity: Builders choice
 Approx Hull weight: (pending builder) 507lbs (230 kg)
 Max persons: 5
 Max load capacity: 2,239 lbs (1016 kg)

Performance

Freed of the constraints of an assembly line, BMD designs lightweight, rigorously-engineered boats that deliver speeds in the 30+ knot range, with emphasis on safety, comfort and ride.

With her 60 degree bow angle, the RipTide XR-457 doesn't "plow" thru the waves, she slices. Check the pic on Page 47!

This means for a given horsepower, the RipTide XR-457 "penetrating hull form" just keeps slicing forward, instead of bucking for the sky, crushing your spine in the process. Another feature of our designs is their outstanding range.

With their low weight to power ratio, this means you can cruise further and faster with better fuel economy, providing more options and flexibility to do more boating, more fishing and have more time out for any given trip.

What's more important - it's more money in *your* pocket, not somebody



Behind every good nav-arch is a feet-on-crate partner, and Debbie Bowdidge, seen here wetting out their latest XR-457 is no exception - nice job, Deb!

else's!

Construction Method

When it comes to boating, you've got two choices.

Bite the bullet, mortgage the house, buy a boat and get slammed every month with repayments (only to

realize after the fact, that it doesn't really suit at all (*sound familiar?*) or BUILD YOUR OWN for a fraction of the cost, OWN IT from the beginning, and best of all, if you want to change or add features to suit what YOU want in a boat, go for it. It's that easy! Not

to mention the pride that comes from when you build and then launch your own boat and whilst its floating in the water for the first time, you can say with pride that you built it with your very own hands.

The Riptide XR-457 is a composite strip plank