

PRECISION 45

There is no doubt about the West Australians. Whether they do things better will always be hotly contested by eastern states' boatbuilders, but there's one thing you cannot take away from the 'sandgroppers' — they certainly do it differently.

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Here's a nice touch — check the wrap-around!



Saloon is well appointed; observe centred helm.



The case in point, the new Precision 45 Sportfisherman designed by naval architect Len Randell, for the Precision Marine yard in north Fremantle, Western Australia, is an outstanding example.

The Precision 45 is, to put it in the simplest possible terms, the best game fishing boat we have tested. We are not alluding here to catching bream in the Hawkesbury River on a Sunday afternoon. We are referring to a fully fledged, ocean going gamefishing platform that has been designed with just one purpose in mind — to lock horns with the biggest sporting fish the world has to offer, be it a world record black marlin out of Cairns, a flighty sailfish from Cape Moreton, or the rumoured leviathens that abound in the turquoise water off the legendary Ningaloo Shelf, west of the western-most point of this great Australian continent.

The Precision 45 was created to take the big game fisherman, his crew and his lady on fishing excursions that most can only dream about. It has the range, the seakeeping ability and the gracious comfort to keep a party of four or five fortunate souls at sea for several weeks. That's important too, for a craft born and bred in Western Australia, the state with the longest coastal waters, some of the wildest country, and certainly the state with the greatest distances between each port.

More than that, its breeding in Western Australia is reflected in every nuance of the design. There is probably no boatbuilder in Australia more experienced or better able to come up with a soft riding, sure-tracking fisherman than Precision Marine; for years now, Precision has been building work boats and fishing boats for the multi-million dollar W.A. rock lobster fishing industry. And there is no tougher, harder to please bunch of fishermen in Australia than the well heeled lobster fishermen of W.A. They know what they want, and they can afford to pay for it — and they'll brook no compromise.

Not surprisingly, Precision Marine is their favourite GRP boatbuilder. Their craft are renowned for their tracking ability, their speed, and their seakindliness. And when you go to sea in your boat every day for 260 days of the year, then you sure as hell get to know exactly what it is you want in a boat to bring home the goods, safely and efficiently.

Not surprisingly, the demands of the W.A. lobster fishermen have exerted

Left: Wrap-around close-up — truly panoramic effect.