



When is a fishing boat a bowrider or when does a bowrider become a fishing boat? For the ever growing range of Haines Signature boats, defining the difference between a bowrider and a fishing boat has become a bit blurry following the release of the exciting new

Haines Signature 530 Bow Rider

They're a clever lot the Haines family. The reason they've stayed No 1 for the best part of 30 years is very evident when you look at the line-up of models they present in their 2001 range.

From 4.6 m overall to 7.2 m, Haines Signature have targeted just about every pocket and nuance of recreational boating with a model that is cleverly designed to fit the equation perfectly.

This new boat is an excellent example.

For several years now, the Haines Signature 520 Bowrider has been their biggest selling model and although there are several other

models pushing their way to the top, the 520 Bowrider has long been a fantastically popular model with customers right around Australia.

It's not too hard to figure out why, either. The 520 models all fit nicely on a good quality single axle trailer from the likes of Ian Mackay, and they work superbly with engines in that critical 90-100 hp range. As well, for the high performance rev heads amongst us all, it takes up to 130 hp with ease – and boy, doesn't that set the adrenalin pumping!

But more than anything else, the 520 Bowrider remains an unusually versatile and flexible boat.

It's terrific at social water-skiing,

wake boarding etc. It's ideal for a fang around the harbour on a Sunday afternoon, a terrific boat to take away on the family holidays fishing, skiing and exploring – and it does all of these things very well. About the only real complaint anybody ever had was that it lacked some fishing application, although most families are quick to point out that the bowrider section is the best fishing spot in the boat.

Nevertheless, the fishing image of the Bowrider range of Signatures has always left something to be desired, and the Haines family was determined to do something about it.

The answer as you can see in these

