

# Haines Signature 600F

If you sat down with a clean sheet of paper and drew up a list of all the features that you'd want in a 5.95 m fibreglass fishing boat, you'd end up with a Signature 600F. This is one of the most complete and comprehensive packages available today.

The new 600F, currently doing the rounds of the National Boat Show Circuit is destined to be a jewel in the Signature crown.

That's pretty hard to do, given the enormous range of boats now manufactured by this Wacol based Queensland boat builder. The 600F however has a family tree that includes several other models that are in the "best of" category, not least of which has been the long running Signature 575F. That boat has been in production now for the best part of 10 years, with hundreds of them working around Australia in different ports and fishing grounds. This boat, the new 600F is a direct descendant of the 575 and thus brings forward most of the best attributes of that 575 Series, as well as launching a number of other features in its own right.

The 600F is marginally bigger all round with a deeper cockpit, taller

windscreen to floor height, a fully developed bow sprit (note it's built into both the hull and deck mould) and a number of variations to the hull and planing strakes which designer John Haines is being somewhat coy about revealing. "I can't tell you everything that we've done," he grumbled to the writer, "I'd rather have our competition go figure it out for themselves – without being able to read all about it in F&B!"

That's fair enough too, given the cut-throat competition between the fibreglass manufacturers at this end of the market, where \$65,000 boat package buyers are not exactly thick on the ground.

**Design** The moulded length of the 600F is 6.25 m with a hull length of 5.95 m. The beam is a healthy 2.43 m, and deadrise is the classic 21-33 degrees used by Signature in their variable deadrise hulls.

