



Haines Signature 600RF

Able To Leap Tall Buildings ..

As the biggest fibreglass trailerboat builder in Australia, any new boat released by Signature is greeted with considerable interest by the boating consumer. In this case, the Haines family is touching upon hallowed ground, as they set out to replace the venerable old V19R that has continued over the years as one of the most popular sportfishing craft ever made in Australia. Now, nearly 30 years later, the same designer, John Haines, is looking to relegate his 'classic' V19R into the history books, once and for all.

Even mentioning the V19R in the Year 2002 is an extraordinary tribute to the longevity and integrity of this wonderful old boat's design and build qualities.

Hundreds of V19R's have been used by countless sportfishing families around Australia over the best part of three decades. The sustaining popularity of this fine hull is real testimony to its fundamental seaworthiness and seakindliness.

One of the essential geniuses of the V19R has been the BMT package size. It is not too big to trailer on the long haul from Melbourne to Bermagui every other weekend in season, behind any of the popular 4WD's, and it's

big enough to safely tackle the wildest seas sportfishermen will find off the southeast coast of Australia. Or in our northern waters, where the monotonous 4'-6' sou-easterly Trade seas will shake the fillings out of your teeth and bring lessor craft completely unglued.

So these are big shoes Hainsey's been trying to fill for quite some time.

He's come up with a couple of pearlors too, in recent years. Boats like the 540-542 series have been the most popular fishing boats in their class for several years, and the enduring Haines Signature 493, is easily one of the most popular 16 footers in both Australia and NZ.



But despite building these and other fine craft (including the Signature 610, the 650, and the 702 series), nothing has dislodged the V19R's mantle as "the best" or "the classic" trailerable sportfishing boat in Australia.

Recently, pushed by his Victorian dealers JV Marine, Hainsey turned his attention again to this vitally important sportfishing market.

This time however, he decided to pretty much start from scratch, and although the 600RF has been borrowed from several other models in terms of its hull generation, it is, nonetheless, a completely new craft with a totally new type of construction.

This is one of the first

production GRP craft in Australia to feature the new "glued" and foam filled, "Nexus™" boat building construction technique that is destined to become a standard feature of all Haines Signature craft over the next 4 or 5 years.

It's a fascinating boat building procedure. It involves the use of very complicated fibreglass liners that are bonded to each other, whilst separated and strengthened to an enormous extent by special urethane foam injected under pressure, into every nook and cranny between the moulds, with a very high pressure foam "gun".

What you have here, and what we're going to see more of in the

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