



Above: Very nice, isn't it? Mouldings are beautifully finished, and the basic layout is excellent. Observe seat corner squabs just lift out. The ladder (std) is a nice touch, and will be appreciated by family members in the summer months. Below: Maintenance on a rig like this is pretty much confined to a regular fresh water wash-down.

Haines Traveler 200 TC

Since they were introduced late last year, over 150 Haines Travelers have already been sold. Now, thanks to an amazingly competitive price structure, much interest has been generated by this new Traveler TC 200. No doubt about it - this is a **BIG** boat for your bucks.

The TC 200 looked a treat as it lay against the wharf in the morning sun, as we walked down the ramp to join Greg Haines for the TC 200 test.

This Traveler TC 200 was powered by the silky 130 hp 4-stroke Honda, and proved to be an ideal set up.

Mind you, we 'boating noters' all believe Greg Haines could set up a bathtub with a 225 hp 2-stroke outboard to trim nicely up and down Runaway Bay in a force 8 gale, and convince the media it would 'slice through the rough water like a knife through hot butter' with the economy of a 5 hp 4-stroke!

Greg's taken the very complex business

of getting boats to perform to their maximum potential to the limit, and works overtime to make sure the boat tester wants for nothing for his or her test program.

As a result, the Haines Signatures and Haines Travelers that we test, are invariably very sweet boats indeed, with this most professional young Director of Haines Marine Industries making damn sure nothing has been left to chance, or fails to pass muster because of inadequate pre-test preparation.

This was a typical situation. Greg Haines had prepared the new TC 200 Traveler right down to the crushed ice and soft drinks in the self-draining bait well or ice

chest, complete with the bimini, electronics to go, cockpit carpet on the floor - and a fit-out that was a joy to behold.

"Gimme the keys - let's go boating!"

Design As noted, it's a big boat. Weighing 1.80 tonnes on the Dunbier tandem axle trailer in the pics, the TC200 Traveler measures 7.0 m from stem to transom, with a centreline length excluding the bowsprit, of 6.15m - that's just a little over 20' in the old measure.

It has a beam of 2.5m and a deadrise of 20 degrees.

The transom is rated to carry outboards up to 210kg or 175hp - a figure that

