

# Noosacat 2700 HT

Story, Pics & Much Excitement by Darren Shiel

Back in 1972, when Newcastle prawn fisherman Bruce Harris won the shark meshing contract to protect the Gold Coast surfing beaches, he had no idea that one day his trawler would break down, and he would build a simple plywood power catamaran to patrol the shark mesh whilst the trawler was repowered. The 16' cat, christened "tippiwilly" by his kids, was the forerunner of an entirely new genre of cats, unique in the world, and the start of a multi-million dollar

boating business. Today, the business Harris founded in 1973, and sold in the early 1980's, is hugely successful in the safe hands of Wayne and Debbie Hennig. To get an update on the venerable Sharkcat 23, we sent that other well known sharkophile, Darren Shiel, up to the Sunshine Coast for this special, if totally biased, completely one-eyed report on what is STILL one of the all time classic Aussie powerboats. Believe it !

## Specifications – Boat

Noosa Cat 2700HT Sportsman  
Length ..... 7.80m  
Length on Trailer ..... 9.7m  
Beam ..... 2.55m  
Deadrise ..... N/A  
Weight (BMT) ..... 3.5 T  
Fuel Capacity ..... 2 x 280 L  
Engine Rating . 2 x 115-225hp

## Specifications – Engines

Test Boat . . . 2 Yamaha 150hp  
Type . . . . 4-Stroke, 4 Cylinder  
Weight ..... 220 kg  
Shaft Length ..... 25"  
Propeller . . . . 2 x C.R. 17" ss  
Warranty ..... 2 Years  
Price From \$101,344 with Twin  
Mercury 115hp Two Stroke  
Or \$125,000 as tested.  
**Available From Noosa Cat  
Australia – (07) 5449 8888**

## Performance Figures

Revs	Speed (knots)
1000	4.6
1500	6.3
2000	8.0
2500	12.8
3000	18.0
3500	23.2
4000	26.9
4500	31.4
5000	34.4
5500	37.9
6000	42.9

