



Fisherman & Boatowner FIELD TEST



For bluewater sportsfishermen, this is clearly a boat to die for ! For sheer practicality in the fishing department, it is just about impossible to beat this set-up - whether your passion is bottom or surface fishing, or both.

AMM 6.4

WalkAround

Australian Master Marine's Barton Thomas has added a great new model to his range of plate alloy trailerboats. Barton's latest rig is a 6.4 m Centre Cuddy designed for offshore sport fishing.

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It has been some time since I have tested a big plate alloy trailerboat, so it was a real treat to be given the job of testing Australian Master Marine's latest creation, the 6.4 m Master's Series Centre Cuddy.

Big walkaround rigs like this new AMM 6.4 are ideal for a range of fishing activities, but they are primarily built for offshore sport fishing. AMM's new 6.4 m has the level of fishing fit-out, seaworthiness and safety you need to fish wide offshore - whether for yellowfin tuna off Bermagui, or sailfish

and marlin out of Cape Moreton, Queensland or Broome in WA.

Walkaround vs Centre Cabin: Walkarounds and centre cabins are very popular at the moment, and every plate alloy boat builder has at least one model in its fishing boat line-up. And for good reason too. While walkarounds may lack some cabin accommodation - as compared to a cuddy or half cabin - they give the angler the ability to fish 360 degrees around the boat. In terms of

"fishability" the walkaround or centre cabin is similar to the centre console, yet it has a cabin structure to provide far more protection from the weather.

Having noted the above, walkarounds/centre cabins are not all created equal. They can differ quite markedly.

For example, some of the larger fibreglass models on the market (such as Cruise Craft's Outsider series) are classed as centre cabins rather than walkarounds. This is because the trench or walkway around the cabin

