

The YAMAHA F25A 4-Stroke Outboard

It's all too easy to become blasé about these new 4-stroke outboards; we've already become so used to them, we now *expect* them to deliver smooth, quiet, vibration and smoke free performance with fabulous fuel economy - like this superb two cylinder 4-stroke from Yamaha.

Of all the outboards in Australia today, the 25hp class has remained on the best seller lists for a considerable time. Other sizes or classes of engines may come and go, but the ubiquitous 25hp outboard remains one of the work horses of the industry, and one of the most popular outboard sizes in Australia.

Twenty five horsepower outboards power many different types of craft, with tinnies on top of the heap, followed closely behind in the re-power market with a whole host of small, old style fibreglass runabouts, and the wide range of RIB (rigid inflatables) and not a small number of 'soft' inflatables, too.

But it's as a tiller steered unit with the tinny brigade that the 25hp class reigns supreme. Twenty five's are ideal for tinnies around 4.0-4.6m, can turn a 3.75 heavyweight tinny into a veritable rocket, and if push does come to shove, can power up to 4.75 open tinnies quite well.

The big debate in this class is the perennial issue concerning 2-stroke versus 4-stroke, and we intend to examine both sides of this debate very closely in the coming months. The program, based on F&B's resident Stacer 429 Nomad TS, will see us clamp on the same boat, umpteen different engines from the different

Right, Top & Bottom: Scheduled maintenance on the Yamaha F25A is fairly straight forward - especially as it *isn't* fuel injected, and it looks as simple as it really is. Filters are easily accessed, and the cute little dipstick painted yellow to assist finding it!

