

Stacer 549 Wave Runner



The mission statement declared we had to test the new 549 Stacer Wave Runner, and unusually, the weather seemed to be on our side, and as we headed for the Gold Coast City Marina, the initial signs were all good.

In fact, it was an absolutely glorious day, and we had a boat that was set up beautifully, accompanied by three of the Stacer team and all day at our disposal. There are times when this is a tough job, and this was one of them.

As we pulled away from the Coomera Marina, with Jackie, Jennifer and regular Telwater boat chief Cliff Arntree with us, we knew it was going to be a tough call – but let's face it, somebody's got to do it, right?

Yep, seriously, some of these days are just magic and this was one of them.

I think we could have tested a porcelain bathtub with an outboard on the back and it would have come up trumps. It was just so nice to be on the water, and the fact that we were with good company in a beaut boat with time on our hands (for once) - as well as the smaller 459 Stacer Nomad to keep us in check and busy throughout the day.

Styling

As you can see in the pictures, the 549 Wave Runner is a chunky little boat. We couldn't call it 'stylish' although it's certainly not unattractive. Stacer have created a very clever colour scheme for many of their models and this was no exception – its trim navy blue topsides offset the white

One of the neatest packages in the Stacer family, the 549 is the smallest of their genuine cuddies, and in many ways, the best of the lot. Recently, the F&B team were given the opportunity of putting one through its paces whilst we trialled its smaller cousin, the 459 Nomad (tested in F&B 150). As Peter Webster reconfirmed, some of these mid range family boats represent exceptional value. . .

deck and transom and the whole thing looked a picture. Even sitting at the wharf in the marina, it looked inviting and ready to go. And so it proved.

We seem to be giving a lot of accolades to the Telwater people in the last few issues and I'm sure that out of the 170 models of Quintri and Stacer, (and now Savage, remember) there are models that are simply not as good as others. However, we've been "cherry picking" the models very carefully, and once again, we lucked into one of the

best.

I reckon this 549 is one of the better products in the entire Group's range.

I know we've said that before, but this has many features that extend its appeal beyond the obvious.

However - down to business! The basic specs are as follows:

- It's rated to a maximum of **125hp**
- Maximum transom weight of **242kg**
- Maximum number of people (Level) **6**
- Maximum length of **5.63m**
- Length of hull, **5.71m**
- Maximum beam of **2.33**.
- Hull depth **1.30m**
- Length on trailer, **6.40m**
- Height on trailer, **2.51m**
- Material bottom **4.00mm**
- Material topsides **2.50mm**
- Transom shaft length, **longshaft**
- Boat weight (boat only) **649kg**

Family Rig

First up, it's a terrific family rig – safe, very comfortable, fun to be in and a craft that engages all of its occupants very well.

The mod pod transom is a bit hopeless for dedicated fishos, but the kids will love it. So will mum – the ladder on the swimming board makes it a cinch to climb back onboard, and for once, the ladder goes down the critical extra step to enable even biggish people to get up onto the boat from the water very easily.

So tick the box for family friendly.

Fishermen will not be too unhappy either, despite the length of the mod pod transom extension. The reason for that is pretty simple – although the pundits always give manufacturers a