



The instrument panel has space for a flush mount sounder/gps combo unit and a set of gauges for a single engine. Squeezing in another full size tacho and trim gauge for a second engine may be a challenge.

THG's Seafarer VAGABOND

A stalwart of the Seafarer range for many years, the 6.2 m Seafarer Vagabond continues to be a favourite with offshore fishermen. The dry, stable, and great handling hull, combined with the enormous rear cockpit, are key features of this big sports fisher, writes Jeff Webster.

Pics by Peter & Jeff Webster.

Introduced in the mid 1990s, the Vagabond 6.2 m (as opposed to the older Vagabond 6.3 m) was Seafarer's flagship model for several years. The Vagabond was released for anglers who wanted the features and equipment of the award winning Victory 5.9 m model, but in a larger, more seaworthy package that was capable of fishing further afield. Fitted with twin outboard engines, this craft certainly has the reliability and the capacity to fish wide offshore for just about any sportfish species.

Since its introduction the Vagabond

has received several revisions in line with the rest of the Seafarer range. The current model has a larger, more rounded cabin, expanded dash area (to accept flush fitted electronics and other improvements to keep apace with contemporary craft.

But what hasn't changed is the Vagabond's superb 21 degree deep vee hull. Why change a good thing? The Vagabond has one of the best hulls in the business. You'd have to be a bit of goose to play around with a hull that is as good, or better than anything else on the market.

Design

It has been some years since I have been in a Seafarer Vagabond so when the Editor (PW) called to offer me the job of testing this classic craft, I was happy to accept.

The Vagabond, like many of the cabin models in the Seafarer range, has a rounded, yet low profile cabin shape. The design is now something of a signature shape for the brand. At a glance it is difficult to pick the Vagabond from the smaller Seafarer fishing models – including the Victory