

The Noosaville Express

Man, this is so big you can shoot hoops in the cockpit, and walk around the sides in a waist high 'trench' . . . it's the latest NoosaCat 4400 Walkabout Express cruiser with an extended cabin, flybridge and an ability to travel great distances in a single passage. All other considerations and superlatives aside, it is probably the biggest walkaround in the world - and the toughest!

Officially, it is a Noosacat 4400 Deluxe walkaround extended cabin stern drive sports cruiser – a name that is nearly as long as this boat is wide.

This is without doubt one of the most remarkable boats the writer has ever tested, and although we didn't face any howling gales off a mid winter, sunny Noosaville, there was enough happening in the bar to keep this baby honest, believe me.

Actually, if the truth be known you really don't get a chance to properly test boats like this because to do so, you really need to undertake a substantial passage of the kind that involves the complete package of sea conditions.



We keep volunteering for these jobs but mostly by the time boats like this are finished, the owners are all too keen to get them back to their own part of the world so they can start the "getting to know you" process as soon as possible.

Who can blame them? Ownership of a cat like this is usually the result of a lifetime's very hard work, and there is an enormous degree of personal satisfaction to be enjoyed with family and friends not to mention a great deal of potential as far as long range cruising and fishing is concerned.

At the end of the day, that's what boats like this are all about and we're very lucky in Australia to have some of the world's leading exponents in the art of building high performance, long range fishing and working power catamarans.

As far as I'm aware, this is now the biggest production fibreglass cat in Australia and I suspect, by default, in the world.

The dimensions are awesome. Overall it measures 13.06m from

