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*The Range Of OC's Continues To Grow*

# Ocean Cylinder Release 5.2 m Centre Console & Cuddy



trouble themselves.  
In a not dissimilar vein, for Australia's growing fleet of small charter boats and professional guides working out of ports and inlets around Australia, a boat like this is a breath of fresh air.

Running with economical 4-stroke outboard engines, this craft will pass any survey requirement in Australia. It features such terrific inherent stability that it really is the sort of boat that you can put "Aunty Thel" in to, and take her out bream fishing on the Broadwater on a Saturday morning charter. Not very glamorous perhaps, but it's the bread and butter runs like this that turn a profit for the charter fleets. Needless to say, it is vitally important for that charter industry that their passengers feel safe and comfortable on board.

As shown here, the OC 5200 complete with a live bait tank, basic electrics (not electronics) and painted properly with 2-pack urethane, works out at around \$16,500-\$17,000 including GST. Being so light, it only needs a single axle trailer. Depending on the type of engine selected, the whole rig could be put together on the water for well under \$30 K, even in survey.

If you'd like to know more about this interesting craft, give Wel Gamble or his wife Susan Gamble a call.

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Specifications	5200
LOA .....	5.20 m
Beam .....	2.26 m
Internal Beam .....	1.94 m
Draft .....	0.3 m
Deadrise .....	20°
Int. gunwale height .....	0.510 m
Weight – dry (hull only) .	450 kg
Approx road weight ....	1.0-1.2 t
Fuel capacity .....	(Opt)
Horsepower .....	1 x 120 hp

to this boat when the chips are down. With 13 watertight compartments between the cylinders and the fully sealed under deck area, this boat is literally unsinkable. Even if it was driven up on the rocks, it would still need a chain saw to cut it into pieces before you'd even start to think about sinking the bits!

It's one of the very rare boats in production that has the capability of taking a wave right over the top - and apart from scaring the stuffing out of the crew, if the engine could keep going, the boat would simply shrug off the water and keep on keeping on.

Obviously, nobody willingly gets into these situations, but for the men and women throughout Australia in our various Coast Guards, Sea Rescue Services, State Emergency Response teams, let alone the Water Police and Harbours & Marine officials, that's not always a matter of choice.

Having SAR boats with the reserves of safety and performance under extreme conditions, could well make the difference between them saving someone's life and keeping out of

knots with a strange prop and the load shown here with an 85hp Yamaha 2-stroke, so it's hard to see why you'd need much more than 100hp in the production model.

As shown here, the prototype was quite nicely built, although it had quite a few rough edges as you'd expect from a prototype.

Nevertheless, OC's are all about handling the roughest, wildest conditions in the safest possible way – and in that context, there's little else built in Australia that can hold a candle

final production. Also of interest it's worth noting that this is a wholly Australian designed craft, from a different designer. Brisbane firm of naval architects Stephens & Gravlev, have taken over the design of all of the smaller Ocean Cylinders whilst the larger models remain with their original Kiwi architect.

This new boat is another fascinating example of how a small plate aluminium boat can be given an extremely deep vee – in this case 20

degrees – whilst retaining terrific stability, safety and an amazingly soft ride in what is a relatively, small, light craft.

Statistically, the OC 5200 measures 5.2 m LOA with the maximum beam of 2.260 m. The internal beam is 1.94m, and has a designed draft of 0.3m.

It has a dry weight of a solid 450 kg and a power rating of 120 hp, although we suspect 100 hp would be more than enough unless you are planning to carry a pretty big load.

The boat was turning an easy 30

**H**ere's another fascinating craft from the Qld Ships' Ocean Cylinder team working away in the well-known Brisbane River boating enclave at Hemmant.

Pictured is the first of Ocean Cylinder's new 5.2 m model, a craft that was already sold to a customer of OC's Brisbane dealer, Northside Marine. This particular customer had some pretty definite ideas about the console, so what is shown here in these photographs reflects his requirements as distinct from what might end up in