

F&B's Small Craft Section



Polycraft's 300 'Tuff Tender'

Introducing one of the most unusual boats we've tested for some time – the extraordinary 3.0m Polycraft Tuff Tender. This has to be the basis of all future hireboats . . .

There's no gainsaying it, I think this is going to do for boating what the brick outhouse did for loos in the bush – this is not your normal tender, tender – this is one tough little mother that is not only built like a brick outhouse, it goes like one, too. Subtle it ain't, stable it sure is.

It is really one of the oddest boats we've ever used.

Taking it at face value, it is 3.0m long, with a beam of 1.30 and a hull depth of 0.54. It is made of (wait for it!) Hexene linear low-density polyethylene. This particular brew of "Rotothene" rotational moulding compound is highly UV resistant and designed for harsh climates such as

those found in Australia.

Produced in Bundaberg Qld, this boat is moulded with 10mm thick inner and outer skins, wherein the outer skin is deliberately designed to flex, absorbing some of the wave impact normally felt on a hull of this type.

In short, what we have here is one tough little mother f . . . r made out of the same sort of stuff that you use to make buckets (and the like) with two 10mm thick skins that make this boat as close to unbreakable as it is possible to be.

It's also one of the safest small boats on the market, as it can't really sink unless the hulls are punctured in some way . . . but as you can't do