



Report & Pics by Peter Webster

*"Hooray and up she rises, early in the morning!"*

I'm sure most readers will remember the rather mindless childhood ditty that we used to sing, and watching the Tidemaster Air Docking system effortlessly lift a one tonne Haines Signature up out of the water in one minute and twenty seconds, resulted in that inane ditty running through my mind.

I was attending a demonstration of the Tidemaster Air Docking system recently installed in a waterfront Gold Coast home.

The home's owner, a very

experienced boating man, had purchased one of the Tidemaster Docking systems for his new Haines Signature 542F that he was keeping 'at the bottom of his garden'.

Now contrary to what a lot of people think about boatowners who have the wherewithal to keep their boat at home on the waterfront, this does not in any way minimise the amount of maintenance and care the boat requires.

Indeed, almost the opposite is true. Keeping up the maintenance regime on the boat, especially

when it is moored permanently in the water, can be quite difficult.

Nor does it follow that there are adequate slipping and repair facilities adjacent to these waterfront canals blossoming in popularity all around Australia. Today, you'll find residential waterfrontages anywhere from Darwin NT, to Mandurah WA or across to Patterson Lakes in Melbourne - and dozens of other places in between.

And despite the availability of good quality, "non-toxic" anti-foulings, most boatowners (especially the older ones) all

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