

F&B's First Four-Writer Test Report

What Is It That Makes The 475 Trailcraft Profish So Special?



Introducing one of the most searching and perhaps unusual boat test programs we've ever published. It involves no less than 6 separate members of the F&B team taking away the Trailcraft for their own personal use for periods of up to 2 weeks with the only condition being that they had to produce a definitive, mini boat test when they returned. What you are reading on the following pages is the unedited, unabridged reactions of half a dozen blokes working with what has proven to be a very special boat. Read and enjoy . . .

PW – The Background

Choosing the Trailcraft 475 Profish as a very hard working member of the F&B project boat program was one of the most difficult decisions we've ever made. We were particularly keen to either purchase or if necessary, build, a fishing boat in the 4.5-4.75m (15'-16') range, primarily because this is an area of interest for the great majority of our readers, and one of the most active areas within the boating industry. Just about every pressed boat manufacturer has one of these so called "top-ender" or side console fishing boats in his range, and not surprisingly, literally thousands of them are being sold throughout Australia each year by more than 750 boat dealers.

It's unusual too because in no other category of boating will you find such a dominant single brand outboard motor. This class of boat belongs to the Yamaha 60 4-stroke outboard - originally as a carburetor model, but now as the exceptionally popular 4-stroke EFI version. That's the