

Current Projects



Name 'Dusty Rover'
Boat 8.0 m Cairns Custom Craft
Motor(s) 1 x 300 hp Yanmar diesel s/drive
Trailer Tri-axle AL-KO alloy trailer by CCC
Electronics Simrad GPS, Sounder + Furuno gear
Skipper Peter Webster, Ruth Cunningham
Based Gold Coast, QLD
Operating Throughout northern Australia
Main Task Refine 'Mothership' concept



Boat Ally Craft 4.3 Kakadu Karrier
Motor(s) 40 hp tiller steer Yamaha 40 hp 4-stroke
Trailer Oceanic Trailer
Electronics GME 160 Sounder, GME 27MHz radio
Skipper David/Tracey Major
Based Runaway Bay, Gold Coast
Operating GoldCoast region
Main Task Examine start-up boating



Name "Reddyselgo"
Boat Horizon 3.6m Dory
Motor(s) 1 x 20 hp Honda 4-stroke
Trailer Roof-topper / Gold Coast Trailers
Electronics GME 160 depth sounder / Garmin GPS 12
Skipper Ruth Cunningham
Based Gold Coast, QLD
Operating All over. Back-up for "Southern Rover"
Mission Still & Video photography



Name "Southern Rover"
Boat Haines Signature 630 F
Motor Honda 225 V-6 4-stroke (25")
Trailer Mackay 2001 Tandem/AL-KO Power Brakes
Electronics Furuno Plotter/Sounder, GME radios, EPIRB
Skipper Ruth/Peter
Based Gold Coast
Operating Victoria, NSW & SE Queensland
Main Task Re-Investigate top southern fishing grounds

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Yamaha's Superb 40hp 4-Stroke Perfect On Kakadu Karrier

Having chosen the Ally Craft 4.35m Kakadu Karrier as part of our project to re-visit some of the most popular sizes of boats available in Australia, we then had to choose the most suitable outboard. For a long time now, we've wanted to explore the world of tiller steering again, and when the opportunity arose to package this excellent rig with the Yamaha 40hp 4-stroke tiller steer, we grabbed the opportunity (and the tiller!) with both hands

The Kakadu Karrier is a terrific size for fishing families, and the raised casting platform, combined with open layout (and our special dodger), was ideal for the 'all-round' family fishing role we had in mind. We were also keen to try tiller steering once more –



it's been many years since we had a substantial boat with a fairly big outboard, tiller steered.

Why the interest in tiller steering? Well, Yamaha had released a 2003 version of the tiller steered 40 hp 4-stroke (F40BWHTL) that included a full trim and tilt mechanism built into the long tiller handle together with the gearshift and kill switch.

The trim and tilt mechanism is the same sort of thing normally fitted to much bigger outboards with remote steering and separate controls. Here, the F40BWHTL has a switch on the tiller handle which activates an electric hydraulic pump to operate a single

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It allows us to form *our own* conclusions, develop factual reference information for readers, and most importantly, get a "feel" for the product - something you cannot do from a press release, brochure or a 30 minute zoom 'around the bay' in perfect weather. Most boats are kept for about 6-9 months, depending on their complexity, effectiveness, usage, cost, and how much interesting editorial we can develop for F&B readers from the project. When we're finished, project boats are (then) usually sold to F&B readers.