

# Rough Water Handling In A Plate Alloy Trailerboat



The booming plate alloy sector is turning out a growing list of superb naval architect designed platies, but handling these typically big, high wooded and comparatively light craft, calls for skills and experience many owners haven't had time to acquire. In this special F&B report, Editor Peter Webster, one of the pioneers of the plate alloy movement, explains the basic Rules of Engagement plate boat skippers need to know, when the bottom falls out of the barometer, and you're a long way from home.

Importantly, the techniques and strategies, the SEAMANSHIP required in platies in the rough, is virtually identical in fibreglass rigs. However, there are some distinctions that need to be drawn between many popular top brand fibreglass imports and locally built 'glass boats - especially as our waters and fishing conditions tend to be much tougher - and rougher - than those commonly fished overseas . . . .