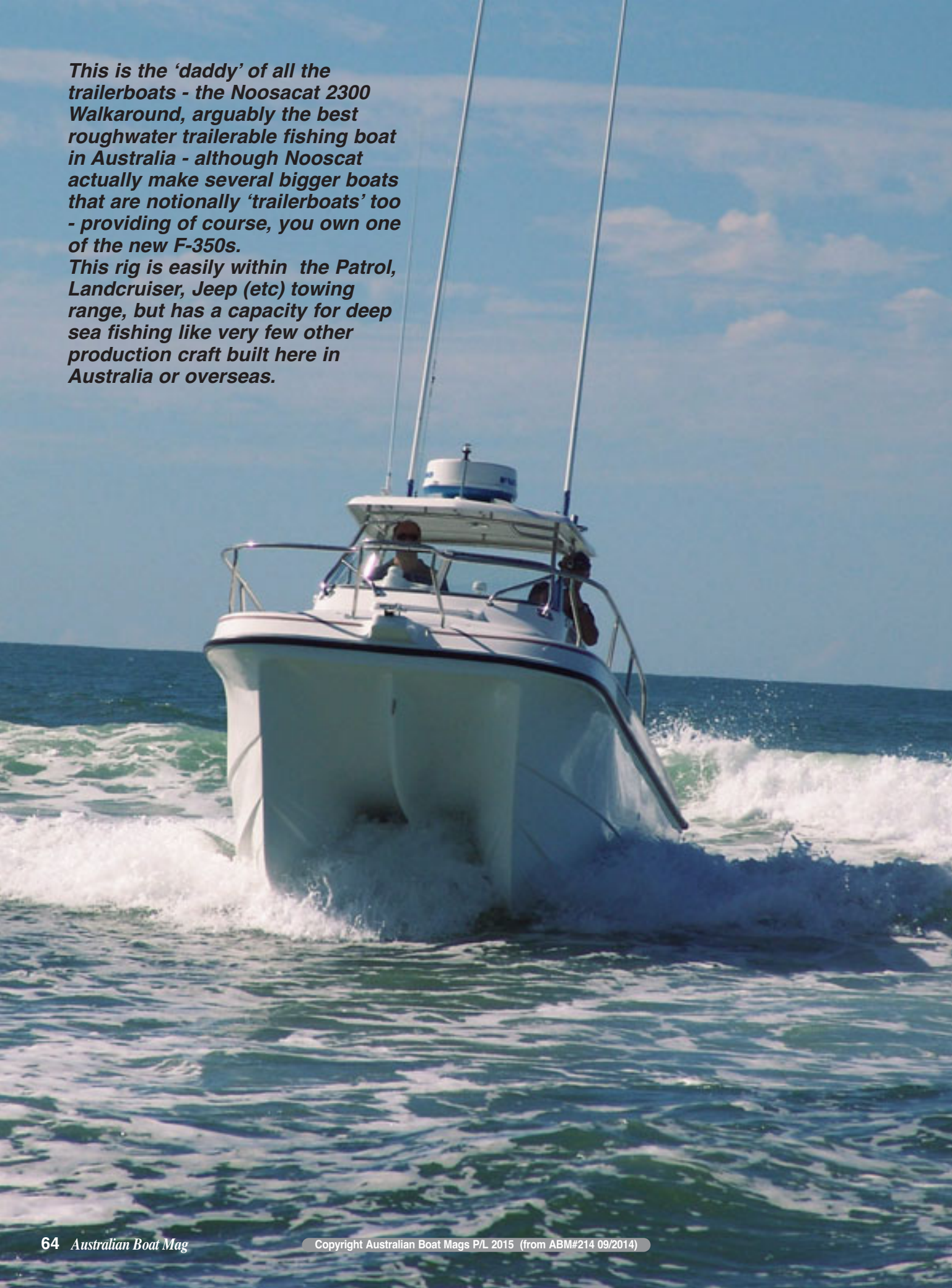


This is the 'daddy' of all the trailerboats - the Noosacat 2300 Walkaround, arguably the best roughwater trailerable fishing boat in Australia - although Nooscat actually make several bigger boats that are notionally 'trailerboats' too - providing of course, you own one of the new F-350s.

This rig is easily within the Patrol, Landcruiser, Jeep (etc) towing range, but has a capacity for deep sea fishing like very few other production craft built here in Australia or overseas.



Handling Rough Offshore Conditions - In A Trailerboat

This special report and pics by PW covers many of the the basics. Much of it is obvious to readers who have been boating offshore for years, but there are many people now going boating offshore for the first time, as they can reach bluewater capability with the much cheaper secondhand boats on the market.

As they are discovering, it's another world out there

In recent months we've had a surprising number of enquiries about handling trailerboats in rough conditions - and whilst we're not entirely sure why this is so, the fact remains that quite a lot of readers have called to chat with the editor about the subject.

After several more calls this past week, we decided it was time to revisit the subject with the questions raised recently, being used as a guide to the information people wanted to know.

From The Outset . .

Well designed and equipped trailerboats can handle almost anything offshore, including full gale conditions.

Now, in writing that, a number of presumptions are made and they include that the boat has been properly prepared for such a dire eventuality, and is capable and seaworthy in extreme conditions. Importantly too, it goes without saying that the skipper of said craft will have the experience and the



Modern trailer boats (like this Sea Legend SL22) can easily handle surprisingly tough - and rough - conditions that will leave the crew very keen to go home - but the boat will remain largely unaffected.

ABM's Seamanship & Boat Handling



This is a new, regular section of interest to all boatowners, no matter where they fish, or the size and type of boat they use. In the coming months, we'll be tackling some of the unmentionables; the really scary stuff and issues that have even driven people away from boating. The object is to develop a healthy respect for the sea, and a much better understanding of how to use your boat more safely, for more fun and long term satisfaction.