

The Cruise Craft 625 Outsider is one of the finest six metre sportsfishing craft produced - in fibreglass or anything else - in Australia. Immensely popular with experienced fishos, it enjoys a wonderful blue water reputation, and exceptionally high resale.



Powerful stuff - the Quintrex 620 Offshore is one of the most popular boats in the 6.0-6.5m class in Australia, and is distinguished by their famous "Millenium" hull shape, very high freeboard (sides) and their 'unsinkable' rating.



# Scintillating Sixes!

With a truly unbelievable line-up of craft available, Australian fishermen have never had it so good – there is now an amazingly diverse and interesting array of craft to consider in the vital 6.0m-6.4m class. In preparing this special report, editor Peter Webster takes would-be consumers through a check list of features to consider before making that final decision . . .

**B**uying a new boat in the 6.0m-6.4m category is an exciting, challenging task, because this class of boat moves the consumer into another sphere. Firstly, there is a genuinely wide range of models to choose from built in both aluminium and fibreglass, so from the very outset there is the very fundamental decision to make – which is the best boat building material for you? Then, having decided on the best boat building material, a truly phenomenal list of boats emerges to consider on both sides of the fence. And we're talking heavyweights here, too – witness the choice includes many terrific boats from Haines Signature, Cruise Craft, Savage (fibreglass) Caribbean, Freedom, Streaker, Haines Hunter . . . to name just a few of the household names that are looking for your business – and they're just the big names in the fibreglass world!

Moving on to aluminium, once again, we find all the household names lined up with boats in this category, with brands including Quintrex, Stacer,

Trailcraft, Savage (aluminium), Sea Jay, Bar Crusher . . . hey, this is going to be fun, isn't it? Because there are so many plate aluminium boat builders in this field, we're going to take the provocative step of leaving them all out (for the moment at least) because if we included all the plate boats from the likes of Joshua Boats, Riptide, Fisher, AMM, Yamba Engineering, Noble Craft, Cairns Custom Craft (etc) we'd need to publish a 150 page magazine!

Instead, what we're going to do is make an executive decision and concentrate (in this report) on the true production craft, on the proviso that they're available in at least 3 or 4 states of Australia.

Further down the track, we'll obviously look at the plate boat world too, but most of those manufacturers are well served by our sister publication "Plate Alloy Boats Of Australia – Book 3" which has recently gone on sale again throughout Australia for the summer months. There's been hardly any change in the marketplace not covered by that book, so people for a penchant for a platey,

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