

In the lexicon of the Australian boating world, the name Seafarer stands proudly alongside some of the iconic brand names. For more than 4 decades, Seafarer Fibreglass Boats have achieved near legendary status with boatowners of every persuasion. Now, in a remarkably audacious move, the Haines family in Brisbane, has purchased the brand and further, embraced its well known proprietor, Lindsay Fry, into the Wacol fold. Editor Peter Webster examines this exciting new development.

# SEAFARER

## Comes Back On-Line

**A**s noted, Seafarer enjoys a near legendary status in Australia, with fishos from one end of the country to the other using and enjoying Seafarers safely and happily for decades.

At a time when good Australian

fibreglass boats are becoming something of a rarity, it was exciting to learn that the Haines family in Brisbane had purchased this popular brand, and better still, managed to do so in such a way that Seafarer proprietor Lindsay Fry, has stayed with the package.

Lindsay Fry is one of a handful

of manufacturers in Australia who deserves the sobriquet of "doyen" of the fibreglass trailerboat building community. Respected in and around the Industry, Fry has himself considerable knowledge to bring to the Haines table, not least of which is that he has an intimate knowledge of every

mould; every 'part' involved in the 16 boat range.

Further, he's not just coming up with his expertise in terms of what has gone before as to how the boats were assembled, Fry has been given a free hand to concentrate his energy and experience in the development of

*The Seafarer 6.0m x 2.40m, 21° deep vee Victory is as close as you'll find to a genuine 'classic' still firmly in production. One of the biggest selling boats of all time in this class (Seafarer makes a habit of doing that!) the Victory is considered by many experts to be the 'definitive' all-round Aussie GRP trailerboat fisherman - and few would disagree.*



*Wow - have a look at this - and admire the awesome mouldings and design characteristics of this very special Walkaround. One of the latest Seafarers to be developed, the Voyager 6.85 is a big, heavily built ocean-going canyon fishing boat, purpose-built for big water, big fish, big budgets and BIG excitement. We'll be testing this rig VERY soon!*

