



Shown here and below: Tricked up as a full competition fishing machine, the new 5.0m tiller steer can be set-up to suit individual preferences i.e side or centre console.

## Plate Alloy Australia's Latest Kit

**R**e-introducing the latest plate alloy kit from the Plate Alloy Oz team in Melbourne, where these guys are having heaps of fun with their week-long, ally boat building courses.

People are travelling to Melbourne from all over Australia, from all walks of life - with a common goal: they want to learn how to build their own plate alloy boat at home. Sensibly, safely, soundly, and yes, to professional standards.

Although the Plate Alloy team supply professional yards and amateurs across Australia, the word has spread that for people who just don't have quite enough confidence to take on the project by themselves, the PAA Boat Building Courses have been a god-send.

During the week's course, the small classes - usually eight people - are taught everything they need to know about setting up a kit, stitching it first, the welding out, finishing. By week's end, with everybody staying in the same motel usually, firm friendships are made, laughs are shared and the week ends up with a boat launching and a BBQ. We'll let chief organiser John Pontifex explain the next course:



**“We have a new vessel to build in the Plate Alloy Welding and Boatbuilding Course, being a 5.0m Tiller Steer Sports Fisher, built at our dedicated facility in Melbourne.**

In this article we will outline the specifications for this vessel, and next month (April issue) preview Build Course pictures showing this boat going together, then the following edition of *The Boat Mag* will show on-water pictures, performance data and build costs.

We have been running Aluminium Welding and Boatbuilding courses in Melbourne for 6+ years now, and I

### Course Documentation:

**Right:** The build course attendees get a full vessel build manual with details about welding aluminium, setting up welding machines, and the drawings and construction details for the boat we will be building at the course. The eight drawings (right) are shown here as a brief overview of sequence of events in the build process. This is just a small fraction of the step by step, 30 page manual. with this kit.

must say that we enjoy sharing our skills in welding and boatbuilding. The week is a lot of fun, a bit of fishing talk, trading stories with like minded people, who like fishing for