



The Voyager was designed from the ground up by naval architect Paul Stanyon, and built at Steiglitz the old fishing village just south of Brisbane. Key design features include the near plumb stems and the superb, high tunnel. Of interest, it's another of the 'new breed' GRP boats where the critical bits are shaped in foam on a five axis trimmer (see three bow section pieces) and then married up to the more traditionally hand crafted plug.



Fisherman & Boatowner **FIELD TEST**

Voyager 930

It's sleek, incredibly fast, soft riding and stable. This is definitely a boat on a mission.

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Introducing a brand new, from the ground up, powered catamaran design by architect Paul Stanyon for boat builder Derek Appleton. Together, they have put together one of the most striking new fibreglass cruisers in Australia. Last month, we joined the Voyager team for a first run in boat #1 to see if it was up to the standards of the existing players in this vital corner of the boat-building world.

The Voyager 930 is unusual in some ways and conventional in others. As a result, it's hard to find the right pigeonhole for it.

Architect Paul Stanyon has a growing reputation as one of the best power catamaran designers in the business, so Appleton was putting the odds on his side just by choosing Stanyon to design the new boat.

Apart from getting all the

"numbers" right, this gives Appleton the opportunity to make the boat available in full survey for the various authorities who love this sort of boat, and he was smart enough to realise that at least 50% of the cat market in the 9.0m-12.0m range is sold to Government departments or instrumentalities.

But that means the boats must be built in full Survey, and thus have a complete set of lines, offsets, stability calculations (etc), that can only happen if the boat comes from a professional naval architect.

But having Stanyon was smart in other ways too, because it meant that from day one, with boat #1, the combination was going to stand a much better chance of working perfectly from the minute it was launched. This sure beats the traditional way,