



Perfect for offshore fishing or a family day out.



The sports cab offers good protection.



Solid bow spit for anchoring.



The Generation III hull pushing the spray downward and away.

Stabicraft 2250 SC

ALREADY very popular in New Zealand, the presence of Stabicraft in Australia continues to grow, and it is easy to see why.

Originally designed for waters off NZ, current model Stabicrafts are also very adept at handling Australian conditions.

With the new Generation III hull on the 2250, you have a boat that is as much at home in short bay chop as it is punching through white water on broken swells offshore.

This hull has been designed to push the wave and the spray down away from the boat, giving you a soft and dry ride.

Added buoyancy in Stabicrafts also enables this boat to run true and to lean less when weight can not be distributed evenly.

The added safety feature of the slim profile positive buoyancy tubes that surround the boat, making it virtually unsinkable, is another good reason to consider this popular offshore rig.

Having an overall length of around 6.85m, the 2250 SC (Sports Cab as the name suggests) is a good all-round boat very suited to fishing four to six people offshore in comfort.

This model has the added advantage of the Sports Cab, which is a hard top design cab that provides you with protection from the elements.

Obviously in NZ this is the bitterly cold weather, but here in Australia it protects you from the ocean spray and is also a place to shelter from the hot sun.

Sliding windows on the side actually allow a good amount of air through, making the cab a comfortable place to sit even at rest.

With a maximum horsepower rating of 230hp, the Stabicraft 2250 was well matched to a Honda 225hp 4-stroke.

This powerful yet economical engine provided plenty of punch when pulling up onto the plane and had a good top end speed.

Coupled with 300 litres of fuel, which is standard, you have a boat that can



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get you to those outer reefs safely and in comfort.

It would also be ideal for doing overnight trips or even extended adventures to places like Lady Musgrave.

The 2250 has a good size bunk area and the test boat was fitted with a toilet, which increases the comfort factor for some.

There was also a holding tank fitted, ensuring you can dispose of the waste where appropriate.

Long bunks in the cabin provided a place to have a lie down or kip.

The cabin area was easily accessible with a large opening, and grab rails make it easy to enter.

This would come in handy if you are in a big swell and wanted to curl up somewhere while on the anchor to ride it out.

It also makes it easier to duck into the cabin to grab various items.

Storage areas are located underneath the V-berths, and under the floor of the cab is more storage.

The cab area is fully carpeted adding to the top quality finish and also giving the boat a more homely feel.

Several pockets are strategically placed in the cab, and as all boaties know, you can never have too many places for storage on a boat.

As for seating, the passenger's seat is positioned on a storage box and an additional passenger seat faces the rear.

The driver's seat is well positioned, giving you good vision while seated.

You can also adjust the helm seat to a type of bum rest when you are standing, which is a great idea.

This gives you even better vision and would be great to use when crossing bars or driving the boat back on your trailer.

By adjusting the seat you get a little more helm room and a solid resting or bracing point.

Now down to the serious stuff – fishing room.

I mentioned previously you could easily fish four

duckboard to make access very easy.

A removable slide panel makes it even easier getting from the duckboard to inside the Stabicraft.

On boats this big, I think access is very important.

Jumping up and over the bow rail or slipping over the sides may be an option on some boats, but on larger vessels you need a good area like a large duckboard for boarding.

Overall the quality of the finish, excellent handling, and added safety features of the 2250 SC make it worth a serious look when you are after a serious offshore boat that will handle the conditions thrown at you.

As tested, you are looking around the \$123,000 mark which includes the Honda 225hp 4-stroke and Dunbier trailer.

For more information on this model or any Stabicraft boat, give the guys at Leisure Marine a call on 07 3245 5111 or drop in and see them at the Tinnie and Tackle Show, March 19-21. ⚓

to six people, and the reason for this is that you have over 4m2 of deck space.

Although you could carry eight people, four to six would be ideal and a good way to make it a cheap trip offshore.

This model was fitted with a massive live bait tank station, perfect when chasing summer pelagic or for floating a live bait down over a reef.

It is an optional extra and it comes down to how each person intends to fish.

A large kill tank as standard provides an easy place to stow your catch.

The batteries have also been raised off the floor and are easily reached through an access hatch.

Large side pockets are located along each side of the cockpit area.

Access to the boat is via a very solid boarding ladder that swings down on a hinge.

There is also a substantial amount of room on the



Cabin area with pockets.



The large live bait station.