

Stabi-Craft Marine Limited

Adventure with Confidence

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Stabi-Craft 529 bigger and better

Stabi-Craft Marine has taken its most popular entry level boats and made them even better.

Managing director Paul Adams said the 509W range introduced two years ago had become their most popular model both in New Zealand and Australia – the only criticism was it wasn't quite big enough.

At 5.5 metres in length the new 529 WFR and WXR models are 300mm longer than the old 509W, remaining suburban garage friendly while increasing the cockpit space.

Like their predecessors, the 529s are rated for six adults but have a greater capacity to power up, recommended maximum rising from 100HP to 115HP for the new models.

"We felt we needed a model that would fit in the middle of the market. It was driven by the customer who wanted a bigger boat with a walk-thru windscreen and additional seating on the transom," Mr Adams said.

"We took our most popular model and, hopefully the market will agree, made it even better."

Designer Brian Corbin said looks were also factored into the equation.

"The boat's more stylely – it's got a nicer look to it," he said.

"While we've enhanced the look we've also made it simpler to operate – there's more room so it's easier to rig and there's more features."

While the 529s retain the walkthru windscreen that made the 509W so popular, a fibreglass frame on the centre screen has replaced the metal framing which caused problems in the earlier model when it failed to flex with the bonnet.

Now standard, the walkthru windscreen gives easy access to the bow so dropping anchor is a breeze and beach landings a cinch, even for an inexperienced crew.

The moulded fibreglass bonnet comes in a choice of matt colours and graphics with the option of upgrading to Stabi-Craft's metallic palette.

The extra cabin space means there's room under the floor to make fuel tanks standard in both models, with a reserve buoyancy of 1515 litres.

CPC rated, both models continue to exceed Australian Builders Plate standards.

Stabi-Craft Marine pioneered positive buoyancy boats, turning out the first rigid hulled aluminium pontoon

boat from a back street workshop in 1987. Today, they're New Zealand's largest boat manufacturer.

Initially designed for open seas, Stabi-Craft are made for ease of handling in heavy water.

Even when swamped they float, level and upright to meet the top flotation standard of the Australian Builders Plate which, in addition to stating the maximum number of people, the maximum loading weight, the maximum outboard size, has a buoyancy flotation rating describing how the boat behaves if it's swamped.

Stabi-Craft's standard range comes in Super Cab, Sport, Fish'r and Frontier styles that measure from 3.8m to 8.5m in length.

The 529 WXR and WFR will be on display at Boat Shows this season, catch them there or contact your local dealer for more information about this or any other Stabi-Craft product.

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