

Small Stabicraft with big style

Stabicraft Marine has applied its design skills to a new entry-level model – the 409 Fish'r – which was unveiled at the New Zealand Boat Show in Auckland in May.

The 409 Fish'r features the stability that has earned Stabicraft loyal fans around the globe. "People were looking for something small and more versatile but that should never mean compromising on safety," managing director Paul Adams said. "Development doesn't always have to be at the elite end of the range.

The 4.3m length had always been popular in entry-level boating and, until now, Stabicraft offered it as a functional alloy boat – a dinghy, the 389 Fish'r with alloy bonnet, the Frontier and last year introduced the highly spec'd Matt Watson.

The 409 joins those models in Stabicraft's extensive small boat range, meeting the needs of a different market. "The 409 Fish'r is a deceptively simple vessel that's been designed as an entry-level family boat," Mr Adams said.

While the boat was the brainchild of the Stabicraft design team, they enlisted Christchurch design consultancy Formworks for advice on the visual aspect of the 409's innovative bonnet, which features a revolutionary reverse windshield in place of a traditional windscreen.

The 409 comes standard with many inbuilt extra features including handy dashboard cup holders and storage access, a huge anchor bin with lid and provision for a small stress-free winch.

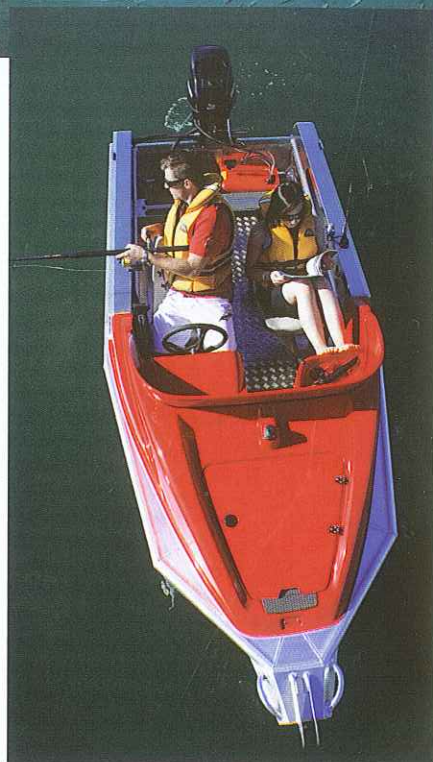
"People's needs are so diverse and we not only recognise that, we welcome it – it's great being able to help someone effectively design the features of their own boat and allow our customers to adapt each boat to meet their on-water needs," Mr Adams said.

Keep an eye out for the boat test on the 409 in a 2009 issue of Propeller Magazine.

409 Fish'r at a glance

Length:	4.3m / 14' 1"
Tow weight:	460kg
Max Adults:	4
Recommended HP:	30HP
Max HP:	50HP
Reserve buoyancy:	687 litres / 181 gal

For more information, check out the show's website at www.thefishingshow.co.nz



D-Red Back 153 Baitcaster

The new D-Red Back baitcaster features many of Daiwa's latest innovations including Magforce Z anti-backlash control and free floating spool, making effortless casts with light lures without the fear of the dreaded backlash. The super smooth performance is attributed to six of Daiwa's high performance ball bearings, which also include four CRBB bearings for added saltwater protection. For great fish control it also features soft touch handles and seven disc wet drag system to help stop just about any fish you will encounter.

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26 September	Manukau	- Weymouth Cossie Club Kahawai King	WCC	09 267 0461	

Stabicraft secures Australian customs contract

Stabicraft Marine boats will be tasked with halting drug traffickers on Australian shores after the New Zealand company secured a significant federal government contract across the Tasman.

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service's Director of Infringement Operations Greg Corrigan, of Brisbane, said Stabicraft's innovative design and build quality were key factors in awarding the contract.

"This is certainly good evidence that a New Zealand company is out there competing at an international level," he said.

"They build excellent boats - what we're after is a boat that will do the job but it has to be extremely safe and dependable and those are great features of the Stabicraft product.

"The boats will be able to stand up to the hard work and regular use that the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service subject them to."

Stabicraft managing director Paul Adams said while the contract was a coup, the company was simply doing what it did best - building quality boats.

"We're just doing what we do every day and living up to the high standards we set ourselves - and once again that's been recognised on a global scale," he said.

"This will provide a great platform for Stabicraft to further build its international business."

Each of the nine 659 Super Cab boats in the first Customs order had to meet stringent Australian survey requirements with inspectors travelling to New Zealand during various stages of construction.

"We've passed with flying colours," Mr Adams said.

Stabicraft's Australian sales manager Leon Johnston said: "It's great for a New Zealand company to secure a contract to build Australian federal boats and this has definitely been a real team effort on both sides of the Tasman."

Mr Corrigan said the boats would be used in a variety of roles, mainly based around rivers and estuaries with limited offshore work. The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service's fleet included vessels up to 38 metres in



Stabicraft's Leon Johnston at the launch of one of the Australian Customs vessels

length, which could patrol 200 nautical miles offshore.

"The different classes of vessels we operate mean we can stagger their capabilities and ensures we have all the

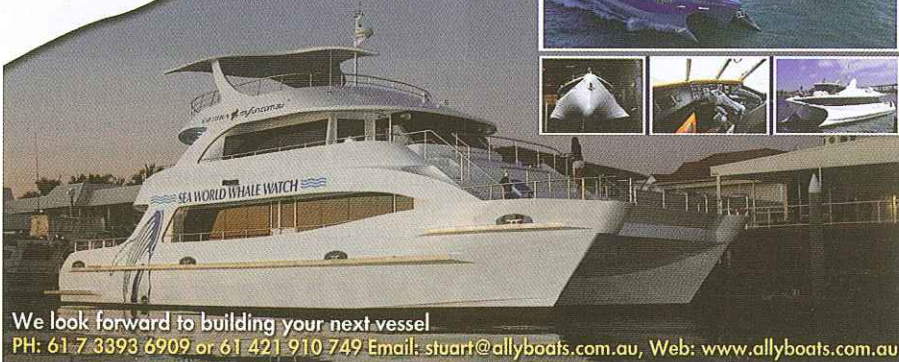
bases covered when it comes to stopping illegal activities and drug importers - the Stabicraft boats are a valuable asset and will provide an important link in our network," he said.



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New Products

Garmin 5000 series points the way

From a pioneering touch-screen display to an intuitive user interface and elegant industrial design, the Garmin 5000 GPSMAP series represents functionality, versatility, and value in marine electronics. The 5000 series has the same networking capabilities as other multifunction displays within the proprietary Garmin Marine Network, a system that combines GPS, radar, sonar and other data. All 5000 series units are NMEA 2000 compliant and feature three built-in network ports, four NMEA 0183 inputs, two NMEA 0183 outputs, one NMEA 2000 port, two video inputs for onboard cameras, and one PC monitor video output.

5000 series GPS - chartplotters feature touch-screen technology, which makes navigating menus a breeze. 'Virtual buttons' change depending on the function, allowing boaters to intuitively see and

select the information they want, while eliminating any clutter they don't. The touch-screen also saves helm space by eliminating the need for 'hard' buttons and the sleek 5000 series can be flush-mounted or bracket-mounted to suit a variety of helm positions. Garmin BlueChart® g2 Vision™ technology - available on a pre-programmed SD card - allows 'go-to' functionality unique to Garmin.

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Stabi-Craft's new Dinghy - with options

The Invercargill boat manufacturer, Stabicraft Marine launched its latest innovation - the 349 Dinghy. It may be one of the smallest vessels to emerge from the factory in over 20 years but, like its Supercab cousins, the 349 Dingy can be customised using Stabicraft's Plug n Play concept - a range of optional extras that can be installed when the boat is bought or added later.

"We haven't produced a product this small since the 310 in the late 1980s," Stabicraft Marine managing director Paul Adams said. "For me, this is way bigger than just a new model - it's a whole new opportunity. "We've listened to the market and there's a real need for safety and value package boats in this category."

"The 349 series is suitable for the duck hunter wanting to venture out in the big pond, or inshore and large river fishing.

People have stepped up from the traditional tinny now and they're looking for more safety in their boat, no matter what size it is," Mr Adams said.

The 349 Dingy has a huge array of options available individually or buyers can choose from three custom packages - the Hunter, Diver and Fisho.



The Hunter comes with camouflaged vinyl graphics wrap, gun holder, flat floor and duck shooter's blind stand. The Diver is specifically geared up with a diver's flag pole and tote tank mounting, while the Fisho also boasts a variety of options. The 349 Dinghy is 3.49m in length and weighs 105kg (dry hull). The recommended hp is 15hp.

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