



Telwater Release 3 Completely New Yellowfins

Three sizes x 2 types (Cuddy and Centre Console) - they want to take the market by storm!

In one of the most audacious moves we've seen in the industry in several years, the Yellowfin plate boat range of high end fishing craft has been released in what must be described as either a visionary or confidence-building manoeuvre by Australia's biggest boat manufacturer, the Telwater group.

Re-releasing the Yellowfin range has taken most of the industry by surprise, because for months now, the industry has been reeling under the onslaught of the GFC



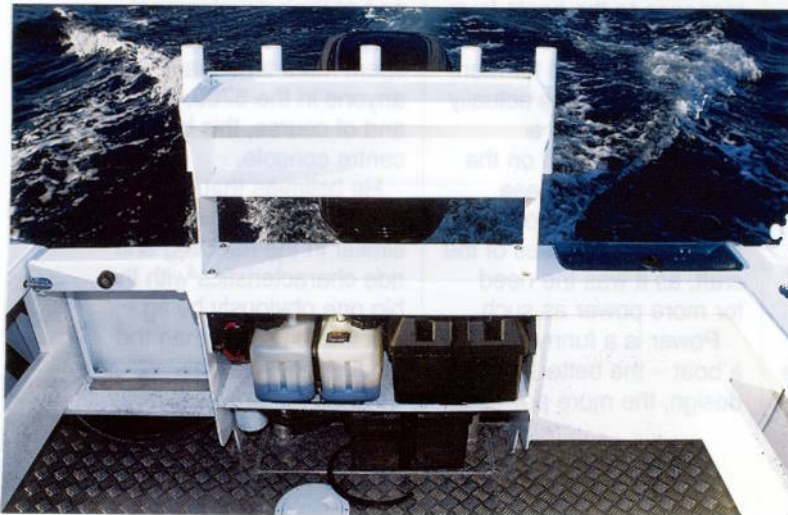
induced recession, and the sales of expensive or high end trailer craft have been curtailed – and that's besides the impact still being made by the importation of classy American GRP fishing boats.

But Telwater MD Paul Phelan has never backed away from a challenge and indeed, in this breathtaking manoeuvre, he's thrown down the gauntlet by making what he does best: Some of the world's best aluminium boats.

Recently, the marine media was assembled in southern Qld at the Coomera factory for an



Telwater is not mucking about here . . . With 5mm bottoms and 4mm topsides, fully welded-in checker plate floors, distinctive, formed flared bow sections (check the shoulder flare in the shot of the 6200 CC here on the left) PLUS just about all the toys any serious bluewater fisho's little heart could desire as standard equipment, they are determined to grab a big share of the lucrative plate boat market. Throw in excellent ally trailers and an amazing price structure, they're bound to succeed.





extensive day of testing and trials. Most left amazed at the sophistication and quality of the craft. F&B stood back a little to let the interstate guys have their day at sea, knowing that it was preferable for us to revisit the Yellowfin range with more time to consider the ramifications and detail of the three models released.

Subsequently, we examined the craft very carefully at the factory before making arrangements to run the 6700 Centre Console offshore on a day that turned out to be like glass outside, but with the tide running out, and the swell coming in over the sandbar in the Seaway entrance, we were able to get a good "feel" of the big orange beast.

These boats are very, very interesting. There are 3 basic models in the range, 5700, 6200 and 6700, and each is available as a cuddy or as a centre console, and importantly, each is

available with a very impressive, *bolted* ally trailer.

Further down the track inevitably we're going to see tee-tops become available, plus hardtops for the cuddies and so on, but to get things rolling, we had 3 boats of the 3 configurations so they could be tested ASAP.

We chose the 6700 as the model we most wanted to trial, as this is an awesome piece of kit. Long, mean, skinny, wolf-like – regardless of the adjective applied, it looks fast just standing on the tarmac in an industrial area.

You've got to love long, lean and mean deep vee boats. Before you put them in the water, you know they're going to be soft riding, go like a bat out of hell with moderate horsepower and are usually more economical to drive as well.

So it proved here – the orange beast we took offshore, went like a scalded cat, has one of the softest rides the writer has

experienced in plateys of this size, and was returning close to 43.9 knots with an Optimax 200 singing at 5,700 r/pm. On earlier trials, the rig was logging 32.12 kn @ 4,000 rpm, for a fuel burn of 32.8 l/ph.

Sure, the rig was not really set up in offshore fishing livery, but frankly, with 3 of us onboard running the preliminary trials, I'm pretty certain that a bait tank with livies, a couple of big mackerel in the kill tank under the floor, and a Tee-top wouldn't make all that much difference to the overall performance.

Some of the initial response to the boats from media and dealers was to highlight the need for more power – but that is actually unnecessary, and a reflection as much on the ease with which these boats handle the power, and the ride qualities of the craft, as it was the need for more power as such.

Power is a funny thing in a boat – the better the hull design, the more power it

seems to want or need – when in truth, a really good hull design makes full use of moderate power and will achieve more with less, if the hull is that good.

We haven't tested the 6200 yet or the 5700, but judging by the design principles of the 6700 applied to the other two family members, we have no reason to doubt Telwater's Cliff Arntree's high expectations and support for these craft.

Cliff is genuinely excited about the Yellowfins; he and his son have been going fishing personally in the 6700 (*Sigh! It's a tough life being the development guru at Telwater!*) and as part of their development program he's obviously spent more time than anyone in the 5700, 6200 and of course, this big centre console.

He believes that (pro rata) they are all very similar in the handling and ride characteristics with the big one obviously being just that bit softer than the smaller ones, but all having very similar stability



levels, dryness levels and handling characteristics.

Future Release

Over the next couple of months, we're going to snafu at least one of the new models, preferably one of the cuddies with a hardtop (because we think that will be popular with our southern and northern readers) and probably this big 6700 again, but with the Tee-top and a few more toys in the fishing department.

As they stand, they are very impressive and it doesn't take much imagination to see a twin engine version of them coming out fairly soon, along with hardtops, the Tee-tops for the centre console. . . , no risk, we'll be following them very closely.

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5700 Centre Console

Specifications

Beam	2.40m
Depth	1.20m
Bottomsides	5.00mm
Topsides	4.00mm
Maximum hp	150hp
Length Overall	6.44m
Length Bow-Transom	5.80m
Deadrise at Transom	20°
Length on Trailer	6.8m
Height on Trailer	2.9m
Number of people	7

Standard Features

Medium Burley Bucket Kit
Alloy Cutting Board with Rod Holders
Outrigger Mounting Plates on Side Decks
Rod Holders x 4
Twin Battery Box & switch
Self Draining Treadplate Floor
160lt Fuel Tank
Centre Console
135lt Plumbed Kill Tank
65lt Plumbed Live Bait Tank
Rear Ladder
Side Pockets
12 VT power outlet in dash
Hydraulic Steering
Transom Door
3 Year Warranty



6200 Centre Console

Specifications

Beam	2.40m
Depth	1.20m
Bottomsides	5.00mm
Topsides	4.00mm
Maximum hp	200hp
Length Overall	6.94m
Length Bow-Transom	6.30m
Deadrise at Transom	20°
Length on Trailer	7.3m
Height on Trailer	2.9m
Number of people	7

Standard Features

Medium Burley Bucket Kit
Alloy Cutting Board with Rod Holders
Outrigger Mounting Plates on Side Decks
Rod Holders x 4
Twin Battery Box & switch
Self Draining Treadplate Floor
200lt Fuel Tank
Centre Console
135lt Plumbed Kill Tank
65lt Plumbed Live Bait Tank
Rear Ladder
Side Pockets
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6700 Centre Console

Specifications

Beam	2.40m
Depth	1.20m
Bottomsides	5.00mm
Topsides	4.00mm
Maximum hp	250hp
Length Overall	7.44m
Length Bow-Transom	6.80m
Deadrise at Transom	20°
Length on Trailer	7.8m
Height on Trailer	2.9m
Number of people	7

Standard Features

Medium Burley Bucket Kit
Alloy Cutting Board with Rod Holders
Outrigger Mounting Plates on Side Decks
Rod Holders x 4
Twin Battery Box & switch
Self Draining Treadplate Floor
250lt Fuel Tank
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