



Bar Crusher 6.7m HARDTOP

Following the success of its 5.5 and 6.1 m models, Bar Crusher Boats has unveiled a new 6.7 m sport fishing rig. Jeff Webster spent time in the boat recently for this test report.

If you've become accustomed to Australia's rather slab sided plate aluminium craft, the new Bar Crusher 6.7 from New Zealand is going to come across as a breath of fresh air. The styling, interior fit-out, handling and performance of this craft is quite different to traditional Aussie plate boats.

Bar Crusher boats, available in 5.5, 6.1, and now 6.7 m lengths, are designed in New Zealand. The basic hulls for each boat are also constructed in NZ, although the cabin construction, final painting and fit-out for Aussie models is completed in Melbourne.

During the last year or so, quite a lot has been written about Bar Crusher boats. The claims made in the company's advertisements have been quite startling, and have raised the eyebrows of many experienced journalists. However, as we reported

back in F&B issue 63 (after a quick run in the 6.1 m boat) many of these handling, ride and performance claims are justified.

SPECIFICATIONS

Length Overall	6.70 m
Hull Length	6.5 m
Max Beam	2.35 m
Transom Deadrise	20°
O/board transom height	25"
Construction	Alloy
Topsides	4 mm
Bottom	5 mm
Hull Weight	700 kg
HP Range	140-225 hp
Fuel tank	200 L
Water tank	n/a (opt)
Windscreen	Acrylic
Berths	Two
BMT Weight (Hardtop)	1.96 kg
Garage Height (Hardtop)	3.1 m

Having said that, our time in the 6.1 m Bar Crusher was brief, and the sea conditions unusually calm, so it wasn't possible back then to perform a full test. With the new 6.7 m model, however, we were able to run the boat in some choppy weather outside the entrance at the Gold Coast Seaway. The results were very interesting.

Design The Bar Crusher 6.7 is a good looking boat, and the fact that it is quite unlike any of the current crop of Aussie plate boats is, I believe, a benefit. To be successful in any market or any field, distinctive characteristics and unique features are vital ingredients to success. And so it is with the Bar Crusher 6.7.

The hull of the 6.7 m is long, relatively narrow, and remarkably pointed. The stem line has a very shallow angle, while the forefoot or