

Haines Hunter 680 Patriot Testimonial



Our new fishing vessel “BobJaye” is totally awesome!

Having been involved with boating for many years, when it came to upgrading to a new boat we wanted the ultimate fishing boat...a boat which would suffice here at home on Port Phillip Bay or Westernport and be an off-shore game boat as well. It had to be towable, be a walkaround, have a hard top, sleeping berths plus an electric toilet, (not a porta potti), a fridge/freezer and an electric anchor winch.

It also had to have a fresh water shower as well as a salt water one, a sizable live bait tank and large kill tanks. A big must was an auto pilot thus being able to cut down on one additional person on board. There was a big NO to a galley as the boat was to be used purely for fishing, not for entertaining!!

Two years of extensive research on the Internet and many various magazines later: we decided that the Haines Hunter 680 Patriot would suit our basic requirements as this boat has the reputation of being a safe blue water performer.

At the Boat Show in 2006, we were armed with our extensive list of researched optional extras; it was just handed it to The New World Honda Team. No, they didn't have to attempt to 'sell us a boat' it was the boat which we had already decided on and was best suited for our needs.

Included in the extras was an additional house battery, solar panel, battery charger, game poles, snapper racks, down riggers, a forward remote spotlight, twin spotlights mounted on the overhead rod rack and cockpit rod racks.

We opted to upgrade from the standard Navman electronics and put in a very user friendly Raymarine C120 unit complete with Chart Plotter GPS, Radar, Auto Pilot and HD Digital depth sounder shooting a 1Kw transducer through the hull in a wet box.

Powering this boat is a 225 Honda VTEC outboard mounted on a dual transom with trim tabs giving the boat plenty of power and making it extremely manoeuvrable, a dream to steer.

The team at New World Honda bent over backwards to satisfy our needs in setting up our boat and having her ready for her first fishing competition two days after her sea trials. We would like to thank Angelo San Giorgio of Marine Sales and Cameron and his enthusiastic team in the workshop for all their effort and advice required in setting up our boat – "BobJaye" was born!.

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