

little slip, digging in nicely, and transitioning well from one direction to another — making it very safe for avoiding obstacles in the water.

Offshore, it carved through the swell and even punched over a few waves comfortably. It tracked well in a following sea and handled admirably given the conditions.

EXTRAS

When thinking about buying a boat, we sometimes forget about extras and get caught up in just the initial cost. Tabs have done an

excellent job by including some cool accessories that make it a great fishing vessel. On the port side is a lockable rod locker, while on the starboard a large shelf. It also has a rear swim platform with a stainless steel boarding ladder, and a walk-through transom for bringing people or those big catches on board. It also comes with an aluminium bait table and three rod holders. This is well positioned, and adjacent to it on the transom is a live bait tank all plumbed up and ready to go.

LAYOUT

When looking at the layout of the Territory Pro, 'functional' sums it up pretty accurately. There's plenty of deck space for 3-4 anglers, and being able to move around the boat from the stern to the bow with little effort is a great bonus when wrestling a big fish. Large gunwales at the right height make for a safe, stable fishing platform, and would come in handy in a rocky sea.

Forward there is a sizeable anchor well that is easy to access, and under-



The Oceanic trailer is a good match and rounds out a great rig.

floor 2 storage compartments — one for incidentals and the other containing a 90L removable icebox to look after your catch. With plenty of open deck space aft of the console, it really is a superb fishing vessel.

CONSOLE

The command centre of any boat is the skipper's seat, and in this case it's a large two-seater box seat

with a flip-flop backrest. The console has a well considered, no fuss layout. There's an EPIRB holder, and a large compartment for personal belongings. Along with the engine controls and instrument gauges, the console is also fitted with a Lowrance Elite 7 Colour GPS sounder, a Lowrance VHF radio, and to give you some extra protection from the sun,

a heavy duty T-top. A large shelf at the bottom is a handy place to store any other gear you might need at the ready.

FISHABILITY AND SUMMING UP

At a glance, the Territory Pro gets you looking, but once tested it gets you wanting. With ample fishing room, great stability and storage space supported by precise handling and plenty of power, this boat has it all for the offshore angler.

With some nice extras thrown in to increase its appeal, this is an awesome package. Sitting on an Oceanic Trailer for reliable towing and easy launching and retrieval, it is a combination well worth considering. At \$49,999, it's a lot of boat for the money.

The test rig was supplied by Hastings Marine at Port Macquarie. If you'd like to check the Tabs 5600 Territory Pro out, give them a call on (02) 6583 5511. To see the full Tabs boat range, visit www.tabsboats.com.au.
 • *Quoted performance figures have been supplied by the writer in good faith. Performance of individual boat/motor/trailer packages may differ due to variations in engine installations, propellers, hull configurations, options, hull loading and trailer specifications.*



The bait table is a great feature, with storage underneath and set at a good height.

Tabs 5600 Territory Pro Centre Console



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