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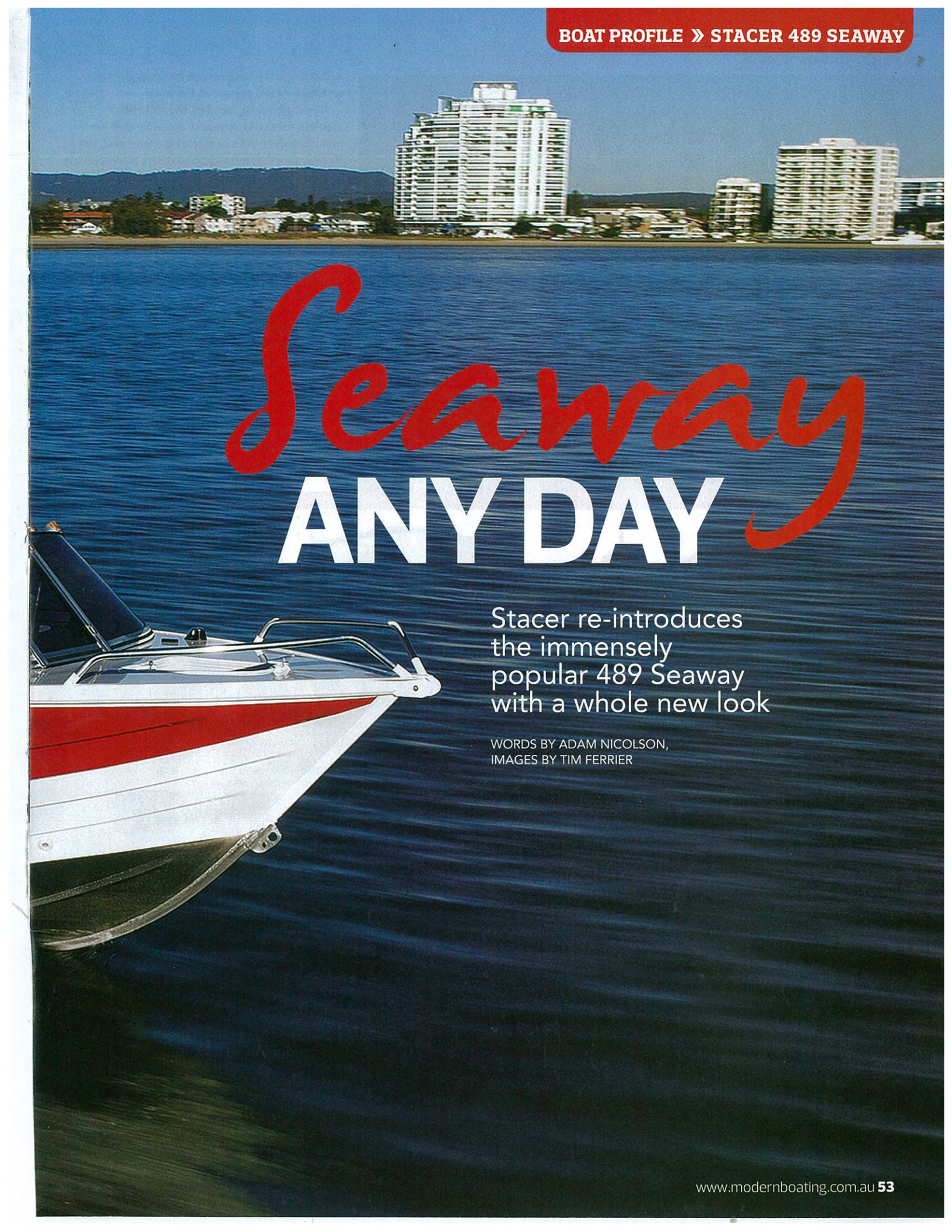
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ANY DAY

Stacer re-introduces
the immensely
popular 489 Seaway
with a whole new look

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The Seaway 489 is a true family boat

of holding all life jackets with extra space for gear needed for a full day out on the water.

Moving towards the stern, the hull features transom handrails for ease of access for skiers or wake boarders. With an extended engine pod, the Seaway provides extra surface contact, again proving to enhance the stability of the hull. A transom pole mount insert comes standard behind the rear lounge. Duel (port and starboard) transducer brackets allow for all the avid fishos electronic needs.

Under the floor, a non-return mechanical 77 litre fuel tank will provide plenty of range for a day or two plugging around in the bay. Filling is through a starboard gunnel filler cap.

STEPPING INSIDE

Inside the hull, the most noticeable addition is the new dash which has been plastic moulded for an overall sleek and polished look. Containing a lockable glove box and recessed storage on the passenger side, while the helm houses multiple gauges, more recessed storage, switches as well as ample room for a bracket mounted depth sounder/GPS or both.



A functional helm with plenty of room to customize



The new rear folding lounge provides plenty of comfort for all on board

The Seaway has cemented itself as one of the most popular family runabouts on the Australian market and now Stacer have re-vamped it with a fresh new look for 2014.

It's easy to see why runabouts such as the Seaway are so popular for recreational boaters and fishers alike. We are a pretty relaxed mob here and it's pretty hard to beat a good runabout for sheer comfort. Sure, there are other boats that might make a better fishing platform as well as others that will be more ideal for the wake boarding and skiing fraternity but can they do it all? No, but the Seaway can, and it'll do it all with ease while keeping you and your crew comfortable and safe.

Sitting right up there on the list of Australia's most popular runabouts, the Seaway didn't require too many improvements yet Stacer have gone the extra mile and produce a gem, with sleek lines, a sporty feel and with loads of space.

THE HULL

The hull has had a face lift and now features 3mm aluminium bottom sides, 1.6mm aluminium topsides and the new EVO advanced hull, giving the Seaway a sharper entry point, enabling it to cut through the chop well. The Seaway is perfectly suited to bays, estuaries and lakes but will perform well off shore in reasonably calm conditions.

The Seaway's overall length comes to 4.87 metres. A beam of 2.22 metres gives the Seaway quite a presence on the water and provides much appreciated stability.

At a weight of 390kgs, the Seaway is quite a light hull and with the maximum horse power rating of a 75 thrown on the back, this boat will punch out of the hole with no worries at all. The minimum rating of 50hp will no doubt leave it wanting more.

At the bow, you'll find low bow rails and a new and generous roto moulded anchor well which will be more than sufficient to house duel anchors and plenty of rope. Access is through the hinged centre door within the three piece curved windscreen. The under bow storage is capable

With the maximum hp rating, this is the view most other boats will have

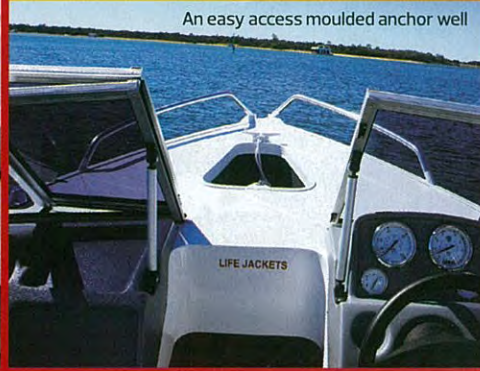


When it comes to space and comfort, the Seaway has it in spades. For the boats size, the carpeted deck space conveys a much larger feel. Comfortable pedestal seating for both the captain and the forward passenger is positioned well. The new addition of a folding, dual position rear lounge is a welcome edition and can be easily removed if it is not required. A comfortable padded back rest also comes standard. Behind the lounge, a single battery with isolator switch is housed and access is quite easy.

Two large, extra-wide side pockets below the gunnels are capable of storing paddles and other safety gear with ease as well as leaving plenty of room for other daily items such as fishing tackle. Above the side pockets, the gunnels come standard with two rod holders which is ample for this style of boat however more are available as an optional extra or, the low side rails would also hold an after-market clamp style holder well.



Stacer offer the Seaway 489 in a Ready 2 Go package including boat, motor, trailer and warranty



An easy access moulded anchor well



WORTHY ADDITIONS

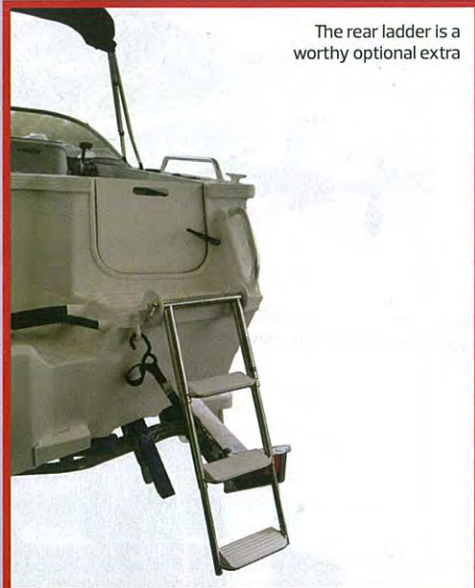
While the Seaway comes well equipped, a few optional extras will see this boat morph into a far more user friendly vessel. Firstly, the addition of a bimini will provide everyone with that extra protection from the elements (after all, it is a family boat).

If towing a skier or wake boarder is a likely occurrence then installing the transom door as well as a rear ladder will make access far easier. Also for towing, the additional transom pole will be a must.

If fishing is your thing then a couple of extra rod holders wouldn't go astray and the live well and bait board will add that extra fishability to the boat.

WRAP UP

All in all, Stacer have again shown us why they are a leader in the Australian boating industry and have proved the Seaway 489 as more than a worthy addition to their range, providing a near perfect for the family boaters and anglers alike. Stacer also supply a Ready 2 Go package including boat, motor and trailer all with a three year warranty. ⚓



The rear ladder is a worthy optional extra

SPECS	
Length overall:	4.87m
Length bow – Transom:	4.81m
Beam:	2.22m
Depth:	1.11m
Length on trailer:	6.60m
Height on trailer:	1.95m
Bottomsides:	3.00mm
Topsides:	1.60mm
Transom material:	3.00mm
Transom shaft length:	L/S
Weight (boat only):	390.00kg
Rec. H.P.:	50HP – 37KW
Max H.P.:	75HP – 56KW
Max main motor weight:	184.00kg
Number of people (basic):	5
Max load (basic):	634.00kg
Number of people (level):	N/A
Max load (level):	-N/A



The optional rear door will be welcomed by water sport enthusiasts



The helm is functional and spacious



With its sleek lines, the Seaway will no doubt turn a few heads