

# Stacer has a lot on its plate



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One of Australia's oldest and most respected alloy boat marques, Stacer, has released its 2012 range, highlighted by its first venture into plate construction for offshore fishing boats.



In the tradition of many Top End fishing boats, the Stacer 539 Nomad Fisher has the centre console set well aft on a big, self-draining chequerplate deck and a raised forward casting platform.

The 649 Ocean Ranger is designed as a serious offshore platform, complete with 5mm plate bottom and transom, 4mm

sides and welded sub-frame construction.

The rather raked forefoot and 19° transom deadrise are for enhanced rough-water performance while Stacer's EVO Advance hull features wide chines that add stability at rest and ease of planing.

Standard fishing features include berley bucket, cutting board, 65L plumbed live bait tank and

135L cockpit kill tank.

The cleverly folded treadplate floor could be a bit of a breakthrough – it's more like a tray with

scuppers and offers a unique approach to self-draining decks.

The seats have storage boxes and there's more storage below the super-long bunks and in the side pockets.

With a maximum power of 175hp and the ability to fish four offshore in reasonable comfort, this boat will make a lot of friends.

The Stacer 539 Nomad Fisher will also find favour with fishos, especially up north where its well-aft centre console is the go for trolling on those wide rivers and calm bays.

The Nomad Fisher's self-draining treadplate floor is a reflection of its knockabout character while the 4mm bottom plate and 3mm sides form another fine development of Stacer's EVO Advance hull design.

There's a carpeted forward casting platform, 100L plumbed underfloor kill tank, live bait tank and big side pockets and plenty of options available to pimp this one out to the buyer's requirements. Max power is 115hp.

The Nomad Fisher also features Stacer's new transom, which increases internal space by 200mm and hides engine cables inside the transom for an obstruction-free duckboard.

The unpainted 429 Northern Fisher is a blank canvas just waiting to be fleshed out. It has no bench seats, just a huge, open carpeted floor for the minimalist effect or you can choose from a list of options such as casting platforms, consoles, livewells and plenty more.

BayMaster runabouts and Easy Rider bow riders



Left: With its wide, flat carpeted floor, the Stacer 429 Northern Fisher is a blank canvas, ready to be tricked out or set to go just as it is. Right: Stacer's new drive-on Vee Loader trailers are stronger, have 50% less flex and feature flippers and skids.



The 649 Ocean Ranger is Stacer's first foray into offshore plate boats. It offers plenty of space, a deep-vee hull and loads of storage.

now feature a 'low-profile sports deck' – a stylish curved coaming on which the slightly elevated windscreen is mounted.

There's plenty more new in the 2012 Stacer range of more than 70 individual boats across seven model configurations.

