

# Stacer enhances range for 2016 Boat News, Review & Advice



Stacer this week announced a significant upgrade to its range for 2016.

While new models and updates to standard and optional equipment were on the agenda, other favourites were left untouched or only slightly modified as Stacer rolled out its boats in time for the 2016 boat-show season.

Here are some of the key changes and new boats that we were introduced to at the media day on the Gold Coast, hosted by Stacer's National Account Manager Drew Jackson...

## **CROSS FIRES**

A new range of all-purpose crossover boats that have been designed for the boater who uses his boat for "80 per cent fishing and 20 per cent fun," meaning the entire family will be happy out on the water.

The beauty of the Cross Fire is the removable front casting platform so you get the practicality of two boats in one.

A removable infill means the front casting platform can be converted into two 'V berths' which, with cushions, offers plenty of seating or it can be used as a sun lounge.

You can customise the Cross Fire to fit your exact needs; if you're into fishing you can add options such as Mega Chopper Cutting Board and burley bucket.

"If you want a day of fun on the water, you can opt for the ski pole, ski hooks, transom ladder, hydraulic steering and drink holders.

## **SEA RANGERS**

Two new models have now entered the Sea Ranger range. These are the 619 Sea Ranger and the

## 679 Sea Ranger.

The 619 is rated to 200hp and has a standard fuel capacity of 168 litres with an option to upgrade with a secondary tank adding a further 70 litres.

The 679 Sea Ranger is rated to 225hp and offers 215 litres of fuel as standard with an extra 70 litres again an option.

Both boats can be optioned with strike a chair, very sturdy T-top and a 100 litre Esky.

The Sea Ranger is constructed using plate methods with 5mm bottoms and 4mm topsides and are designed to tackle tough offshore conditions.

The fully-sealed checker plate front casting platform contains ample sealed storage for all your fishing gear and provides a large stable fishing platform.

The two-person centre console configuration allows for 360 degree fishing capability with no obstructions around the boat.

There are so many standard features specifically for fishing including the burley bucket, cutting board, kill tank, live-bait tank, and six welded rod holders.

## **OCEAN RANGER**

The Ocean Ranger series (including the Ocean Ranger Hard Tops) have come in for some significant upgrades including an increase in freeboard.

Jackson said the increased freeboard is based on feedback that the Stacer dealers have brought to the manufacturer and gives an extra 130mm to the freeboard which was 600mm and has now been increased to 730mm.

The Ocean Ranger Hard Top range gets two new models – the 589 HT and the 619 HT which are rated to 150hp and 175hp respectively.

The 589 comes standard with 135 litres of fuel capacity upgradeable to 205 litres while the 619 gets standard 168 litres again with a 70 litre secondary tank as an option.

Trim tabs are now standard on all Ocean Ranger Hard Tops and optional on other Ocean Rangers. Sliding windows are now standard on 619, 679 and 739 Hard Tops for increased air flow (fixed windows remain on 589).

Other new standard features on Ocean Rangers include: Side deck water shield, fuel fillers on side deck, a choice of optional seat frames, optional anchor winches on all models, and Ocean Pro seats with arm rests are now standard on all Ocean Rangers.

## **NOMADS**

Two new models were added to the Nomad range of side-console fishing boats – these were the 449 Nomad and the 469 Nomad.

These two complement the current models which are the 489, 509, 539 and 579 Nomads.

Other important upgrades included 4mm bottom sheets and 3mm side sheets as well as new consoles on all models. There are also four seat spigots and Stacer's Shark carpet throughout the range.

## **OTHER MODELS**

There have upgrades across the board including the new Shark carpet on Assault Pros, Nomads, Bay Masters and Easy Riders while fully-welded gunwales are standard on all models with 2.5mm side sheets and up.

Optional Sav and Muir anchor winches are now available on most boat boats across the Stacer ranges and the anchor wells on many boats have been increased accordingly.

Some models, specifically the Baymasters and the Seaways have been left pretty much alone with Mr Jackson saying that both of these models are “killing it.”

Jackson said that the 429 Seaway is now the number-one selling Stacer model in Australia.

We got to spend a fair bit of time in a very pleasant Baymaster runabout which we very much enjoyed and we'll bring you full story on that boat soon.

Meanwhile, for more information on the Stacer range click [here](#).

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