

Stacer Launches 2016 Models - BoatAdvice



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Stacer yesterday revealed an all-new model range, the CrossFire, designed to suit the needs of people looking for a boat they can take fishing and use for watersports. It will be available in four models, the 489, 509, 539 and 579, and was described by Stacer as the perfect crossover boat. The aluminium boat-builder also released details about several new models as well as a swathe of changes to existing models at a special launch event at its Gold Coast headquarters.

The new CrossFire range will be built on the proven Nomad hull. BoatAdvice was given the opportunity to jump aboard the 509 for a closer look.

The 509 CrossFire is a classic side console design with loads of room internally. Powered by an Evinrude 115 it had impressive performance even when loaded with five people. But it was the internal design that caught my eye. The front third of the boat features a v-shaped seating arrangement that comes standard with carpet covered marine timber topsides. You can add some comfort with optional cushions. Either way it offers a comfortable space to laze about and also comes

with the option of an infill that turns the area into a large casting deck. BoatADvice was also told that in the not too distant future the centre module will include a plumbed live bait tank. For those with a penchant for water sports there is an optional ski pole will allow you to tow inflatables and wake boarders with ease.

We will bring you a full review of this boat very soon.

Another impressive performer was the all-new Sea Ranger 679 centre console. It was powered by a [G2 225hp Evinrude](#), which seemed the perfect match for this large centre console. The boat also is available with an optional esky slide that is built into the front of the console. While that sacrifices storage space a little, there's more than enough compartments built into this boat to make up for it. The ride was excellent with the hull managing to keep spray deflected down and away from the boat while the hydraulic power steering, which is standard on the G2 Evinrude, delivered simple and precise handling.

We will also bring you a full test of this model in the next few weeks.

Other changes revealed by [Stacer](#) included new consoles in the [Assault Pro](#) range, a new carpet designed to reduce the chance of hooks getting stuck in it and the introduction of pop-up cleats. Storage bins for the front console are now available as an option. The new console design will enable a 9-inch sounder/chart unit to fitted alongside the engine gauges. You could fit a 12-inch multi-function display if you ran the engine gauges through the unit. The same console will also be used on the Nomad range that has two new models, the 449 and 469. The Nomad range will also be more rigid and hardy with a move to 4mm bottom and 3mm sides. They will also come with four seat placement options.

In the bigger plate boats, [Stacer](#) has added 130mm of freeboard to the Ocean Ranger 589 lifting it to 730mm, which will keep any offshore fisherman happy and safe. They can also be fitted with seat frames under the driver and passenger seats so eskies and bags can be stored under them. The [Hard Top](#) (HT) versions now also come standard with trim tabs while the 619, 679 and 739 models have been fitted with new sliding windows. Two new models, the 589 and 619, have been added to the range.

All in all it's a fairly comprehensive update to the range for 2016 with many of the changes increasing usability. The new length models in the centre console should gain some traction while the CrossFire will also deliver the Stacer name to a wider audience.