

BOATREVIEW

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STACER PROLINE ANGLER

Striker Series

A NEW GROUP OF FISHING 'TINNIES' HAVE HIT THE MARKET AND THEY OFFER MUCH FOR THE INSHORE FISHER. NIGE WEBSTER TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STACER PROLINE ANGLER STRIKER BOATS.



SF PROLINE ANGLER STRIKER

The Proline Angler Striker family of boats come in three handy sizes that will suit much of your estuary, river, bay and lake fishing. Within the range you will find 409, 429 and 449 sized hulls. The 409 Proline Angler replaces the existing 399 Proline Angler.

STACER PROLINE BOATS

Stacer has recently updated its popular Proline range with a new look "Proline Stacer Striker" series of boats: the range includes a 399 and 429 sized hull. These hulls are perfect as entry level hulls into the boating market. In addition to this, the company has also introduced a range of hulls better suited to the more serious angler but also with the great features and ride expected from a Proline hull: this family of boats is called the Proline Angler Striker series and includes a 409, 429 and 449 sized hulls. Let's take a closer look at the Proline Angler.

REASONS FOR CHANGE

The Proline boats have historically been very popular amongst Aussie anglers. To align

▼ *You will love the deck space and storage built into the hull.*





SF STANDARD FEATURES

- Ext Side Decks, Bow & Side Rails, Transducer Bracket
- Painted with Stripes
- Roto Anchor Well
- Rod Holders x 2
- Front & Rear Casting Platforms
- 2 x Stacer Sea Pro Seats with 6 Seat Positions
- Transom Handles
- 3 Year Warranty

▲ The Proline Angler is a great hull for bay, river, estuary and impoundment work.

with changing times and requirements of the angler, Stacer have opted to adapt the overall makeup of these boats so that they better suit the needs of local fishers and boaters. Ultimately what you will find is a boat that is designed to ride more smoothly and offer a dryer ride. In addition to improved riding capabilities, the hull layout has been re-designed to provide greater space and function for the angler.

HULL PERFORMANCE

I was quickly impressed punching a relatively small tinny across the wave activity of the Gold Coast's Broadwater. Awaiting a good amount of slapping and spray, I was honestly taken by surprise by how easily the hull entered chop. Yes I did get the odd bit of spray but nothing like I was expecting in a cross breeze and easily up there with the driest rides I've had in an aluminium boat of similar dimensions.

The ride has a lot to do with the design improvements: the keel has been relaxed by 7%, the hull now features wider chines that make the hull a lot more stable at rest, a deeper entry point has obviously softened the ride and improved spray deflection now throws water further from the boat when on the plane.

FISHABILITY

The most immediate noticeable difference in the new Proline Angler hulls is the added room around the cast deck. The square face of the gunnel leading around the bow has increased the space of the cast deck by over 10%. The hull now offers increased storage capacity: a system bolstered by the provision of a roto-anchorwell. A single lift-up door provides easy access to an original rod locker design. The simple layout of the hull with carpeted cast deck makes the process of fishing comfortable, uncluttered and easy.


The hull is fitted with a rear seat but other than that there is little that can get in the way of serious fishing and weekend water fun. The standard features fitted into these boats are well considered: rear and front cast platforms, seats and rod holders make life easier without having to add to the purchased hull. There are also plenty of options for fitting the hull to be a mobile fishing dream: some of these include a live bait tank and underfloor tanks to provide greater range.

SUMMARY:

The Proline Angler Striker hulls are a great option for anglers wishing to take advantage of the varied waterways around this large country. A Proline hull includes a sturdy, efficiently designed boat at an affordable price.

SF POPULAR OPTIONS

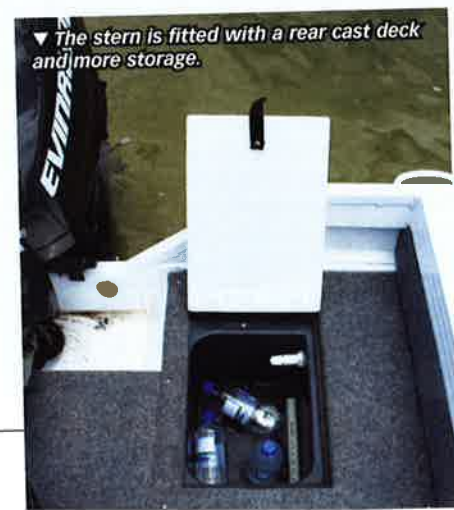
- Side Console, Bow Mount Plate & Bimini
- Accessory Kit
- LBT in Rear Casting Platform
- Live Well in Front Casting Platform
- Transom Step & Rail
- Rod Storage Pocket
- 409/429 Proline Angler's = 40ltr Underfloor Fuel Tank
- 449 Proline Angler = 70ltr Underfloor Fuel Tank

A 3 year warranty means you can purchase a boat with added peace-of-mind. Standard design features have carefully considered the angler; a raft of great options means you can also adapt a hull to specifically suit your needs. All Proline Angler Striker boats are available as a package, complete with boat, motor and trailer. For more information on the Proline Anglers or the entire Striker Series range visit www.stacer.com.au 

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▲ Simple design means uncluttered fishing space.



▼ The stern is fitted with a rear cast deck and more storage.