

Whittley's Sea Legend

7.3 m Hard Top Fisherman

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The Whittley 7.3 Sea Legend model was responsible for propelling the Whittley marque into the sportfishing market. Buoyed by the ready acceptance of the Sea Legend series throughout Australia, the big 7.3 model has been further refined.

In addition to the standard MerCruiser powered sterndrive model, customers can now also order the 7.3 Sea Legend with outboards, and for those who want the benefits of a fibreglass hardtop, this feature is now available too.

With the arrival of 4-stroke outboards and the high-tech models with their various forms of low emission 2-stroke models, outboard engines on bigger boats are coming back into their own league. The 7.3 Sea Legend is no exception, as Whittley now offer this rig with a MerCruiser sterndrive, single outboard or dual installation outboard configurations.

The outboard scenario begins at the bottom end of the power range with a pair of dual 90 hp 4-stroke models or single 175 hp 2-

stroke as minimum power. At the top end, customers can opt for dual 150 hp engines or a single 225 hp outboard.

Whatever the customer's ultimate selection, the big 7.3 Sea Legend is a formidable package which has the power and capability to head far offshore to the distant grounds that attract serious anglers.

Supporting the move to outboard power is the fact that fuel consumption with the latest outboards has plummeted. The standard 230L fuel tank is more than adequate for most applications, however larger tanks can be fitted for those who need the additional range.

This highly refined sportfishing machine from Whittley is one of the smartest boats afloat. The availability of the hardtop moulding provides a solid and secure "roof" over the helm and much of the cockpit for added security and protection.

Instead of contending with a canopy, the Sea Legend hardtop adds a new dimension in comfort and convenience. The hardtop

provides a solid overhead handhold, it delivers a superior level of dryness while the clean lines make it easy to maintain after a day on the water.

One of the major benefits of a hard top is that it provides an excellent place to fit radios, sounders and other electronic equipment away from the dash and placed overhead.

Whittley have also made provision for rods to be suspended in purpose built rod racks, while aerials for radios and GPS gear can be mounted on top of the hard top.

Irrespective of the engine configuration, the essential difference between the Whittley 7.3 Sea Legend and other rigs, is that the Whittley offers a boat load of comfortable appointments not normally found on a boat of this size. Under the low profile deck line is a fully featured cabin which includes a sink, stove, fridge, shower and marine toilet. Plus there is also a big double berth fitted into the apex of the bow.

The shower and marine toilet are fitted into a separate compartment in the

cabin area so there are no problems with lack of privacy while onboard. Now that's a rarity on a game fishing boat.

Inside the cockpit, the outboard layout frees the cockpit of the sterndrive engine box, to provide a huge fishing platform. The clean lines of the cockpit allow the entire area to be hosed down after a day's fishing. And under the cockpit floor, there is a heap of storage where space can be allocated to additional fuel capacity, a kill tank or simply more storage.

The Whittley 7.3 Sea Legend has already been acknowledged as a great boat. Now with the choice of hardtop and outboard engines, this boat has just become even more appealing.

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