

BBB Marine Release New 760 H/Top

After a long dry spell, many of the smaller plate aluminium yards around Australia are reporting a definite pick up in the number of sales they're making.

This comes at the end of what has been a very frustrating period for ally boat builders, especially as they often have to wait months, if not years, to convert a quote into a build contract with the client.

Darren Brand from BBB Marine in Mackay FNQ is very typical of the new breed of plate ally builders in Australia who work primarily in their community for week by week work in plate aluminium, doing anything from running repairs for the local tinny fraternity, to



more complex jobs such as building a hardtop for blokes like TBM contributor Neil Dunstan's infamous 6.4m Dehavilland Trojan.

It is high praise indeed that Neil chose Darren for the job ("One of the best tradies I've worked with" - ND) and he's been absolutely delighted with the workmanship and result.

We've also been monitoring the very handsome 760 Hardtop Darren built some time ago in expectation of moving it on reasonably quickly, but as so many boat builders have discovered in the last couple of years, there's not been too much demand for \$100K plate boats – until quite recently.

What's made Darren

Brand a much happier person now is this: *Not only has he sold the first 760 Hardtop (locally, as it happens, with a single 300hp Verado being installed as the power plant) but he's also sold and delivered another 760 Hardtop, shown here, with twin Yamaha 150s.*

In what seems a really complimentary turn of



events, this craft was sold to a boatowner in Western Australia, and has just been delivered right across the country in a transaction that left Darren feeling deservedly proud that he's been able to take on the "best of the West" and secure the contract.

This 7.60m Hardtop is very close to the definitive Australian platey at the moment, and is available in Survey if required. It's also available in a diesel sterndrive configuration, recognising that interest is increasing again in the use of diesel power.

Darren assured TBM



that this boat really likes a bit of weight in it, and the diesel installation would be superb.

For further information please give Darren a ring

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