



This is a boat that really needs no introduction to bluewater trailerboat fishermen. Created by the late Col Allison as the Allison 244, more than 70 of these superb deep sea craft were built before Allison Fibreglass Boats closed down.

Col Allison came out of a trucking background where his Allison Trailers were synonymous with heavy duty road haulage. Col learned in the tough trucking world, that if you're going to build something that is going to last, it's a whole lot smarter to get it right in the first place. When he went into boat building, he went in with his trucking background and a belief that bulletproof engineering held the key to financial success and freedom from warranty claims. He was right, too, and Allison fibreglass boats did very well for many years before the GFC.

The big Angler 244, surely one of the best looking

walkarounds anywhere in the world, is already in operation all over Australia. This long, lean 7.4m x 2.5m, 22 degree deep vee enjoys an enviable reputation for rugged engineering, and a ride, performance and sea-kindliness that embarrasses most platies. It has been powered by a variety of power systems, most often single 225-250hp outboards, although many owners like twin outboards, too.

When the business shut down, Bruce Allison (Col's son) and his sister Sue sold the moulds and the intellectual property for this craft to Greg Franks, a boating and fishing tragic from Bundaberg in Queensland. They could not have found a better person to take over where Col and his team had left off.

What you're looking at here is Boat #1 ex-Bundaberg, and as you can see, it is one of the horniest, best lookin' rigs built in Australia today. Greg Franks'

SPECIFICATIONS

Centre line length7.40 metres (24' 4")
Overall length8.18 metres (27' 8")
Max beam2.50 metres (8' 2 1/2")
Transom 25" or 30"
Dry weight hull only1500kg (approx)
Fuel capacity350 litres (approx)
Motor350 hp
Stern drive capacity 270 hp
Cockpit area4.4 sq.m.
Deadrise22 degrees.



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team in Bundaberg should be very proud of their workmanship in picking up the moulds where the original Allison team left off, transporting them to Bundaberg, polishing them back up to 100% perfection, and then laying up or laminating the parts that bring this awesome craft together.

This month, TBM is primarily re-introducing the Angler 244 (as it is now known, a product of Angler Boats Qld) to let serious fishos everywhere know that it's back – and better than ever.

Greg Franks has the capacity and the team to build outboard or sterndrive versions, and offers what is virtually a custom building service. His team is small enough to make every project a personal responsibility, so that really special craft can be built in the most caring circumstances. All the guys involved are fishing nuts, the key GRP blokes have years of fibreglass training and it is all directed by a bloke with a commitment to quality and performance that would have made Col Allison very happy.

We'll be following through with a more detailed and formal test of the craft in the near future - probably about July issue - but as you can see this is a very welcome, and extremely competitive



addition to the ranks of Australian GRP production sportfishing craft.

For further information, pricing information, details of engine options (unlimited, really), delivery times, etc, email, or give Greg a call,

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ANGLER 244 Standard features:

- 5 year structural hull warranty.
- Maximum legally towable beam.
- Stainless steel , hinged bow roller.
- Huge self draining anchor locker.
- Toughened safety glass screen.
- Stainless steel windscreen grab rail.
- 2 x 2000 GPH bilge pumps .
- Full fibreglass stringer system.
- Fully molded non-skid fibreglass floor.
- Fibreglass seat boxes.
- Sports steering wheel.
- Hydraulic steering.
- Navigation lights.
- Twin live bait tanks approx 60 litre a side, with cutting board lids.
- Sink with cutting board lid.
- Single pod application for 25" or 30" outboard shaft.
- 350 litre fuel tank with sender.
- 4 x stainless steel rod holders with plugs.
- 4 x stainless steel 8" cleats all bolted through (2 recessed at rear)
- 2 x helmsman seats with fore-aft slide.
- Side pockets & full with rear shelf all at toe hold height.
- 7'4 bunks with in fill stainless steel anchor cleat.
- Main kill tank approx. 400 litre plus 2 x side kill tanks approx. 120 litre each.

- 6 x under bunk storage compartments plus foot huge foot well.
- Lockable offshore cabin hatch.
- Companion way sliding door – with keyed lock.
- Duel marlin boards with boarding ladder.
- Courtesy deck lights 2x LED.
- Porta potti.

OPTIONAL Extras

- Removable padded coamings-cockpit.
- Folding rear lounge.
- Cabin windows.
- Stainless steel rocket launcher.
- Stainless steel rocket launcher with bimini frame made to custom order.
- Duel motor pod suits 25" or 30 " shafts.
- Cockpit carpet.
- Stainless steel removable bait and tackle table built to custom order.
- 180 litre fuel tank , gravity fed into lower fuel tank to achieve total fuel capacity of 530 litres.
- Electric anchor winch.
- Deck wash hose and nozzle.
- Live bait tank plumbing one or two tanks.
- Fridge freezer custom built in under passenger seat.
- PS: And anything else you can dream up - we can probably fit it in!*

Finish on the new rig is excellent. Builder Greg Franks is still scratching his head about the helmsman/passenger seating arrangement, as there are several different ways this can be done. Here, he's gone with sliding seats, but they can swivel, or be removed altogether, or just have the lockers - this is the sort of buyer optioning that makes this boat so special.

