

Streaker 585 Tournament (Series 4)

F&B's Darren Shiel goes for a run in the impressive new Series 4 Streaker - but the day definitely wasn't as nice as shown here in our opening spread - not that it mattered. As Darren discovered, the Streaker 585 cut its teeth on Port Phillip Bay, so a rain squall and a dirty southerly wasn't going to ruffle its feathers . .



Leon and Paul Savage have been building Streaker Boats from their hometown in Melbourne for over 25 years. They concentrate on the trailerboat market, and being keen fishermen themselves, with families to boot, they have a thorough understanding of their boats and fishing.

The 585 was first released way back in 1991, and at that time, it took out the overall Boat of the Year award. The boat is consistently updated, with both minor and major refinements being made to both hull and deck structure, in line with customer feedback and Paul and Leon's

input and experience. However, as Paul Savage put it, "if you are onto a good thing, why change it?" So here we are with Series 4 of the 585, in Tournament guise.

Design

Wanting to develop a boat capable of comfortably fishing offshore for either deep-sea bottom fish, or tournament gamefish such as marlin, Leon and Paul set about building the 585.

The boat had to fit into the guidelines of being big enough to head offshore in moderate conditions, yet small enough to be towed by the average family car.

The boat had to be capable of performing well with moderate power and with a cockpit big enough to comfortably work three blokes fishing.

The hull is a standard 20-degree deep vee, with three planing strakes added for lift. It has a plank like step in the hull topsides, and a lot of flare in the bow. The company set out to make the boat available in only two guises, namely the more basic Longreach, or the fully tricked Tournament.

The Longreach is set up for bay/coastal fishing, whereas the Tournament is set up for long haul ocean fishing for pelagics on light

Specifications & Costings

Length 5.85 Metres
Length Overall 7.20m incl. motor and trailer
Beam 2.49 Metres
Average Height 2.30 Metres on trailer to windscreen
Deadrise 20 Degrees
Weight (BMT) 1800 Kgs
Fuel Capacity 175 Litres (Sub Floor)
Engine Rating 115 – 200hp Ultra Long
Price – Tournament \$55,350 Turn Key as tested
- Longreach from \$43,900 with 150hp 2 Stroke
Available From Streaker Boats – (03) 9729 8288