Origin's Impressive Evolution 7500

When boats get up to 7.5m LOA, lots of very good things start to happen. This beautifully built plate aluminium rig from Origin Boats from Brisbane is a fine example, with a standard of ride, handling and seakindliness that very few other craft of this size manufactured in Australia (or anywhere else for that matter) can surpass. Last month, PW went for an all too short run across the briny with the team from Origin for this report on a private owner's superbly set-up rig.

You can feel the difference straight away. At 7.5m in length, powerfully built in eutectic welded aluminium plate, this is a big, soft riding 7.5m boat by any standard.

It's also a very modern craft, epitomising the development of plate boats of this genre that are unique to Australia, and from that perspective, it's therefore not unreasonable to describe this as one of the best of its kind in the world, given that Australia leads the world in this increasingly popular type of boat building.

Its popularity stems from a number of factors, not least of which is the marriage of a quite sophisticated CAD CAM design process that allows a plate ally boat builder to semi-automate the production process – especially of the hull and the superstructure.

As Origin's Col Svensson explained to the writer, this process allows him to achieve some real production efficiencies on the factory floor (necessary in today's tight economic market) but at the same time, allow each individual purchaser the opportunity of developing the layout of the boat within that CAD CAM framework, to suit the most fastidious requirements.

It is this flexibility; this ability to give the new boatowner exactly what he wants in the layout that has made plate boat building so successful in Australia.

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Left: Attention to detail is outstanding - note handrails, hatches, seating, side step-up to gunnels, and a very clever under-coaming anchor locker for the side-launched float ball anchor system.