

Voyager 625 Hardtop - Now Built By Signature



In one of the most interesting developments in the latter part of 2013, Voyager founder and managing director Derek Appleton made the decision to contract the construction of this 6.5m cat over to The Haines Group, builders of Signature, Seafarer and Tournament trailerboats at their huge facility in Wacol, west Brisbane.

The move comes as a result of Derek's frustration in dealing with smaller yards and boatsheds. Specifically, it followed after he'd contracted the Tournament team to build the Voyager 625, when Tournament boats were themselves taken over by The Haines Group.

One thing led to another, and with commonsense

prevailing, The Haines Group happily agreed to add the Voyager 625 to their growing arsenal of top-flight boat models.

Make no mistake either, the Voyager 625, now in its hardtop configuration, is one of the best craft of its kind in the world.

By having it built now in one of the best fibreglass shops in Australia, Derek has every reason to be excited about 2014 with the first of the new boats coming down the line at Wacol later this month or the first week or so of January.

After that, the boat stays in production so that Derek will be able to offer almost immediate delivery for the lucky fishos lined up to finally get a reliable supply of these excellent cats.

What many readers haven't really appreciated is that Derek is one of the most experienced cat manufacturers Australia has ever had – with a huge range of much larger cats in the 9.3m-15m zone, most of which have been mothballed for the time being, due to Australia's economic woes and the lack of international demand for such beautiful craft.

This is how Derek seemed to just spring onto the market with an extremely competent, totally state of the art power cat almost out of the ether – when in fact he has been building cats for a decade or more for customers all over the world.

The 625 is now available with the fully enclosed helm and the toughened glass

windscreen completely sealed off against the GRP double lined hardtop, making this not only a very handsome cat but a very practical one, too.

At this stage, there are three versions of the 625 available, including the "runabout" screen model (see photo on right) the hardtop on stainless steel legs, and this new fully enclosed hardtop version.

Most commonly powered by 90-115hp outboards, this is a stunning package easily trailered by today's raft of 3 tonne capacity 4WDs, let alone the bigger, heavier models.

If you'd like to know more about the new production and boat availability, give Derek a call on (07) 3821 6860 or info@voyagercats.com.au www.voyagercats.com.au

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