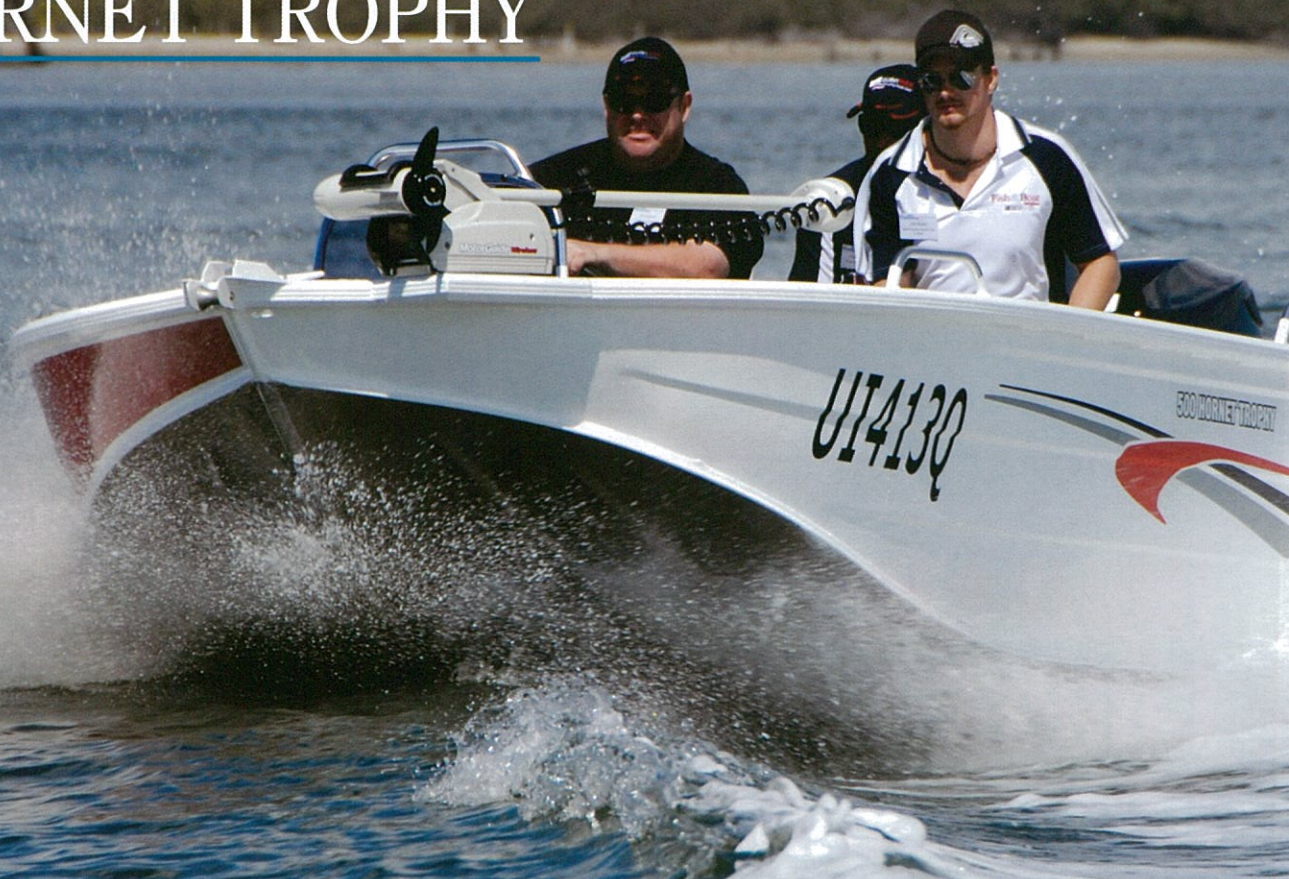


BOAT PROFILE

NIGEL WEBSTER

QUINTREX 500 HORNET TROPHY

The Eclipse V-Flared Hull provides an enjoyable and dry ride when under way.



I began fishing bream tournaments 8 years ago, and in those early days of tournaments, the boating scene was quite different. A particular boat took the tournament circuit by storm. This boat was the Quintrex Hornet Trophy, and many of us perceived them to be the best tournament boat available for several years. Times changed, the tournament scene evolved and a variety of overseas glass boats made their way into the circuit. These boats were built for speed and carried every conceivable "mod con" for the tournament angler. The Quintrex Hornet fell to the tournament wayside and somewhat stayed there - until now. Quintrex recently introduced a range of new boats and in amongst this good looking family are two new look Hornets in the way of the 450 and 500 models. The 5 metre hull is the biggest of the Hornet range and caught my eye as a boat that could readily compete with the wave of tournament style boats that are being used on the professional and recreational scene today.

Hull and Handling

One of the biggest advancements in the new look Hornets has to be the Eclipse V-Flared Hull. The new hull design from Quintrex adds another dimension to boats such as the Hornet. Essentially this design allows the boats to be powered up whilst still maintaining a good ride with an enjoyable dry quality. The 500 hull is rated to 115H.P and with a 95 litre tank it has power and range to boot. The boat was tested on a relatively calm day, so we had to go looking for chop and rough water to properly put the hull

through its paces. The Hornet was always good at getting out of the hole, but the new look hull and power options make it a lot better. The boat jumped to the plane and stayed there with the throttle pulled back significantly. Efforts to push the hull across and along chop couldn't get the hull to dig in, bash the crew or get us wet. The pod on the back ensures that water stays where it should when the boat was dropped off the plane to a standstill. The geometry and orientation of the hull and chines enabled the boat to corner well at speed with no

noticeable grabbing or slide. I didn't get to test the boat in a good following chop, but reputation of the new hull design suggests that performance in this area is very good. The most impressive part of the ride in my opinion was the smooth quality of the new hull. I did find the older Hornet to be a bit "slappy" in some situations, but this is not an issue with the new design.

Deck Layout, Fishability and Comfort

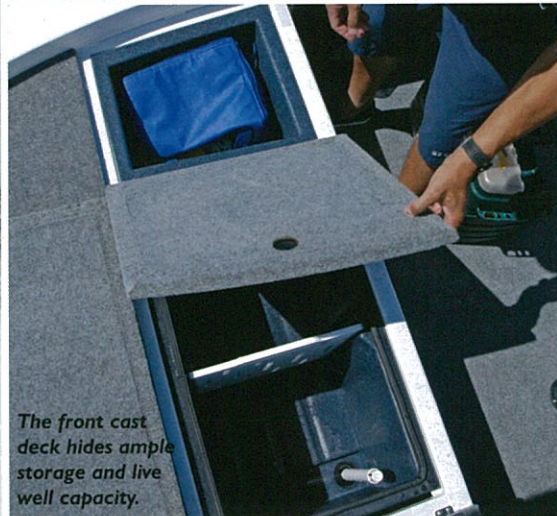
The Hornet was always a broad boat and the new 500 hull feels expansive. You have a ton of room when operating and fishing out of this hull. The console is spacious enough for small and large anglers alike, and does not interfere with dedicated fishing space. Operating the vessel was easy with the positioning and design of the console. The seating arrangements are comfortable, well positioned and can be moved to provide more room if required. The gunnels hold well, are nicely positioned and non-restrictive

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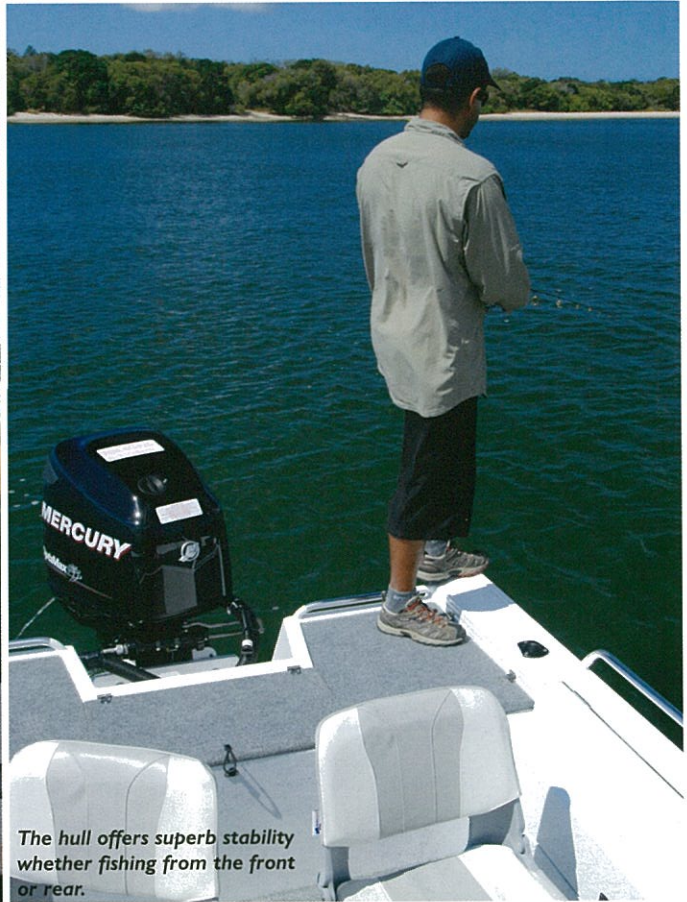
Length Overall	5.21M	Transom Material	4.00MM
Length Bow to Transom	5.12M	Transom Shaft length	L/S
Beam	2.10M	Weight (boat only)	460Kg
Depth	0.93M	Max H.P	115H.P 86Kw
Length on Trailer	6.32M	Max Main Motor weight	225Kg
Height on Trailer	1.80M	Number of People	4
Bottomsides	4.00MM	Max Load (basic)	585.00Kg
Topside	2.00MM		



The deck offers plenty of fishing room and the option of a handy rod locker.



The front cast deck hides ample storage and live well capacity.



The hull offers superb stability whether fishing from the front or rear.



The boat sports an efficient side console.

railing as well as rod holders mean fishability is at a premium.

The Hornets developed a reputation for providing anglers with a 'tinny' that facilitated efficient sport fishing endeavours. The 500 Hornet definitely makes for a great lure fishing tool. The hull holds a massive front cast deck and sizeable rear deck. The decks are deep and provide for heaps of under-floor storage which includes rear and optional front 60L livewells. Livewells double up as eskies if additional cool space is required. The boat sports the option for a significantly sized rod locker which keeps gear out of the way when fishing. The rear deck contains deeply recessed storage wells which are also used to hold pumps and the house battery. The general layout

of the boat is uncluttered, fully carpeted and makes for a very efficient and comfortable fishing layout. The new look hull boasts stability and certainly delivers on this front. At rest and when fishing from the boat, anglers are able to walk all over her without losing any stability.

The 500 Hornet is set up to fish just about anywhere. She makes for a great estuary, river, impoundment and bay boat and will satisfy any type of fishing you want to pursue.

Options

There are plenty of options available to make the 500 Hornet suit your specific requirements. Some of the key options available include hydraulic steering, a bimini and envelope, cockpit lights, bow mount thruster plate, berley bucket, lean seat, rear ladder and radio. There are several other additional options and you can peruse these at your local Quintrex dealer.

Summary

Observing the new range of Quintrex hulls suggests they are certainly living up to reputation. The new look Hornets offer the same high quality as the original line of boats. However, they have certainly lifted the bar with regards to on water performance and offering greater fishing efficiency.



SF STANDARD FEATURES

- Console**
Sports Console (Alloy)
- Warranty**
3 Year Warranty
- Fittings**
Accessory Kit Large
Drink Holder – Fold Down (2)
Anchorwell (Roto)
Rod Holders (2) Quintrex
Battery Tray in Casting Platform
Livewell (plumbed)
Rear Casting Platform
Split A/Well in Bow and Covers
Transducer Brackets
- Fuel Tanks**
Fuel Tank (95L) – Beneath Floor
- Hull**
Eclipse V-Flared Bow
Casting Platforms (Front and Rear)
Cleat on Front Deck
Bow Roller and Yaw Locking Plate
M4 Transom
- Paint**
Painted with stripes
- Rails**
Rail Hand Side
- Seats**
Seat Positions (4)
Skipper Fold-down Seats (2)
- Sounder**
Mark-5X Fishfinder
- Steering**
Steering Mechanical Non Return
4:1 Ratio

SF OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- Bimini and Envelope
 - Radio GX600 VHF AE50 Fitted
 - Motor Fit Optimax and Smart Craft
 - Paint 469 – 529 Hull Two Tone
 - Twin Batt Box & Switch Hornet
 - Seat Upgrade 2 Skip – 2 Premiers QTX
 - Shrinkwrapping
 - Upgrade Hyd Steer
 - Quintrex Demo Decal Combined
 - Radio GX300 27MHz AE66 Fitted
 - Prop Upgrade
 - High Split Bowrail
 - Seat Upgrade
 - Maxi Bracket
 - Berley Bucket
 - Casting Platform Storage Bin Port
 - Lean Seat
 - Seat Pedestal Skipper
 - Rear Ladder
 - Seat Quinnie skipper
 - Side Pocket
 - Cockpit Lights
 - Casting Platform Storage Bin Starboard
 - Bow Mount Thruster Plate
 - Live Well in Front Casting Platform
 - Rod Storage Deluxe Pocket Hornet 500
 - Casting Platform Centre Storage
- Packages**
For information on current options, head to the Quintrex website at www.quintrex.com.au