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Quintrex's 460 Renegade smooths out a rough ride.

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PUTTING Quintrex's new 460 Renegade through a solid workout confirmed why it has received national accolades as a premium bay, inshore and semi-enclosed waters fishing outfit.

The boat is totally different from, and beamier than the superseded model. It gets the company's celebrated millennium design - albeit with a more

raking, sharper bow entry and less flare but with full-length spray deflecting chine extrusions to compensate.

Pushing the boat to the max, it was very safe, stable, handled well and rode softly over harsh corrugated chop. It is not the quickest alloy hull in its class but if the weather turns foul, the superior rough riding attributes would be patently obvious. By any measure, that is a compelling selling feature.

Top speed with a 60 horsepower EFI Mercury four-stroke, big foot outboard was 45km/h and the standard 70-litre underfloor fuel tank provides loads of running time. The boat comes in uncomplicated side and centre console variants that will win over anglers.

It has a full height transom and a conventional outboard well with walkup corners either side to brace against.

A carpeted flat floor and elevated

forward platform with under storage are standard. Front coaming height, a foredeck well, split bow rails, a cleat and a sprit with an integrated roller combine for hassle-free anchoring.

Handy side pockets, an exterior transom boarding step with grab rail and multi-position, folding backrest pedestal seats top off a practical outfit.

Packages with a trailer and Yamaha 40hp two-stroke start at \$22,900.