



New Power

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Time stands still for no boat builder ...  
the latest offerings from Quintrex are  
packed with updates to catch your eye.

There's a decided air of confidence at the Quintrex factory on the Gold Coast. Since July last year orders have exceeded production and – according to Quintrex Director of Sales and Marketing, Damien Duncan – in some months production has been up by as much as 38 per cent. To cope with the increased workload the factory has employed an additional 73 tradesmen.

By Kevan Wolfe

Of course it didn't just happen; it's the result of dealer and customer feedback and some two years of innovative design work. But the end result are superior tinnies that will really put some pressure on the competition.

The upshot of all this is the release of a range of five new boats – all new designs that include a Blade hull across the range, smooth sides, a sleeker look, and a new dash, transom, and rear lounge.

They also have new names – or not so new if you've been around for a while. Quintrex has gone back to some of the original names that have stood the product in good stead over the years. The Escape reverts to the Fishabout, the Coast



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fishfinders and plotters and the rear lounge folds back against the transom to form a combing cushion when not needed (or it can be removed entirely).

The new transom and the resized engine well increase the interior space and a new top deck gives the models a sleeker, sportier look that is accentuated by a low-profile windscreen across the range. There is more rake on the Cruiseabout windscreen compared with its predecessor, the Freedom Sport.

All the models come on new trailers that are designed for easy launching and retrieval at the boat ramp without having to submerge the wheels fully, as before. This was demonstrated by a new boat driver, who had no trouble in positioning the boat in the centre of the trailer on his first attempt.

Okay, that's enough of the preamble – let's take a look at Quintrex's latest arrivals ...

### 420 HORNET TROPHY

This is the first time a 420 has been offered in the Hornet range and it fills the gap between the 400 and 440 models. It has a 3mm bottom and the new smooth-look side sheets. It features rod holders, an anchor well, a casting platform and a rear livebait tank complete with tackle storage and a fishfinder. The boat can be optioned up with a bimini and envelope, bow-mount thruster

Runner is now the Lazeabout, the Freedom Sport becomes the Cruiseabout and the Spirit is now the Ocean Spirit. Both the Hornet and TopEnder names remain unchanged (despite both boasting a new design) and there is a new cabin model called the SeaSpirit.

The biggest challenge was to retain the flared bow; this meant increasing the stem line of the Blade bow to meet the smooth sides of the hull. It was achieved by using new stretch-form technology and Quintrex says it represents the biggest advance in its production since the Millennium hull was introduced in 2000.

The dashes have been designed to accommodate the latest generation of larger



plate, stereo, and a rod storage pocket, and it's rated to a maximum of a 50hp outboard.

Standard price: \$17,600 including registration and on-water costs.



### 430 FISHABOUT

The new Fishabout series features the modern smooth-plate sides and is available in 430, 450, 481, 510 and 530 models.

With room for five adults, the 430 Fishabout is a versatile boat with a two-position rear lounge. It's rated to a 40hp outboard and can be towed behind the family car.

The 430 Fishabout is an entry-level fishing boat with all the essentials and room for personalisation.



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Standard price: \$19,990 including registration and on-water costs.

### 510 LAZEABOUT

The 510 Lazeabout is a good all-rounder for a family looking to enjoy a mixture of fishing, water sports and cruising.

Its features include underfloor storage, rod holders, a radio and sounder and a walkthrough dash for access to the anchor well.

It comes with a 100hp outboard and can be optioned up to include a bimini and envelope, livebait tank, berley bucket, transom door and front and side clears.

Standard price: \$38,880 including registration and on-water costs.

### 510 TOP ENDER

This popular boat, which enjoys a reputation in northern Australia as a serious fishing machine, has undergone a complete makeover and now boasts a new transom that increases interior space by 180mm. It also has a faster self-draining system and improved cable guides that do away with any trip points.

Fitted out as a serious fishing boat, it includes underfloor storage, a livebait tank in the back deck, a 95lt fuel tank, a fishfinder and a non-return scupper drain system. A side console is optional.

Rated to 100hp, there's power aplenty even when the boat is loaded with five fishing mates.

Standard price: \$38,900 including registration and on-water costs.



## 530 CRUISEABOUT

This family bowrider comes in 490, 510, 530 and 570 models. It has the fresh and modern smooth-plate look with 4mm bottom sheets and plenty of room thanks to a front lounge and rear folding lounge.

The top deck has been raised and features a low-profile windscreen to give the boat a sportier look. The moulded top deck has been created from a composite material used in the automotive industry and modified for marine use. The new transom design increases the interior space by 180mm, allowing plenty of room for up to seven adults.

The 530 Cruiseabout is rated for a 115hp outboard.


Standard price: \$43,500 including registration and on-water costs.

## 530 SEA SPIRIT

This is Quintrex's latest offering in the cabin market and it's designed for young families wanting to get into boating. The Sea Spirit is a practical boat that can carry up to seven people. It comes with the Blade hull, 4mm bottom sheets, the folding lounge and a 95lt fuel tank, and it's rated to carry a 130hp outboard.

Standard price: \$41,650 including registration and on-water costs.



All the boats were supplied by Brisbane's Springwood Marine and are available as a Quintrex Instant Boating Package including boat, Evinrude outboard and Quintrex trailer, covered by a three-year limited warranty. For more information go to: [quintrex.com.au](http://quintrex.com.au). 



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Top and centre: Quality and clever features abound in the 510 Top Ender.

Left: Cabin-boat buyers will be well served by the new 530 Sea Spirit.