



Front casting platform with two storage compartments plus an anchor well.



The rear bench seat provides ample storage.



Top little BMT package.



This boat features the Pro-X hull.



The 30hp Yamaha is a good match to the Aluvan Warrior 4.1.

## Wicked Aluvan Warrior 4.1

**O**NE brand of boat I'm sure you have seen in the pages of BNB Fishing lately is Aluvan.

I have previously mentioned its history and the hull designs and concepts of these boats in articles so I won't go into too much detail for this review.

In fact it will be more of an overview of the Aluvan 4.1m Warrior.

As you may have figured out this is also the prize boat for one lucky person who subscribes to BNB by August 31, 2011.

However we did take it for a quick water test after fitting the Yamaha 30hp engine to ensure it was set up correctly.

Although rated to 40hp, the current setup is more than adequate and the Warrior will easily jump onto the plane with a few people on board.

The Warrior 4.1 utilises the Pro-X style hull, giving it good lift out of the hole and economical cruising.

This boat has been tricked up a bit with plenty of extras added.

It is also possible to get this model without all the extra add ons, but since it was a prize boat that was going to be on display, Aluvan wanted to show off a few of the intricate and clever options it has available.

One feature I like is the padded stern bench seat which has a drink holders built into it.

The seat is also hinged so you have a massive amount of storage underneath within easy reach.

You can never have too much storage in a small boat.



Boat Review

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In fact the more items you can pack away the bigger the boat feels and the more room you have for fishing.

Additional storage in the Warrior 4.1 is located under the good size casting platform at the front.

It comprises two separate compartments that could be turned into a live-well or keeper tank, depending on your needs.

An independent anchor well is located at the bow, while at the stern there is plenty of room to store your fuel tank and either an Eskey or tackle boxes.

As you look a little closer at the boat you notice the detail and finish.

You can see that there are heaps of ribs running right up to the gunwale, giving the boat integral strength.

The floor has also been very securely fitted, with plates on the ribs built in

to hold it in place.

Behind the stern bench seat where the fuel tank is stowed is a full floor as well.

All these little details go into making the Warrior 4.1 a very well finished vessel that will be right at home in estuaries, creeks and even more open waters.

One other striking feature, which has absolutely zero influence on how the boat handles but can often make or break the final package, is the paint job done by Top Gun Panel and Paint.

The blue colour looks magical in the sunlight and the addition of blue stripes and the white interior tie in with the blue and grey of the engine, giving a very neat and well-finished boat.

As mentioned previously, the boat is matched with a 30hp Yamaha engine.

It is a pull start model, but if properly primed kicks over first pull.

This model is a two-stroke but has excellent economy and your standard fuel tank will give you hours and hours of running time.

The engine has also been bolted to the hull as these units have quite a lot of torque.

There is a manual adjustment lever for trim and once you get the right setting it hardly ever has to be changed.

If you do need to, a spring-operated pin is easily moved to a higher or lower hole, depending on how you want the boat to travel.

Rounding out the package is a solid Oceanic trailer that finishes off the package nicely.

If you want to check out the boat, you can see it on the BNB stand at the Brisbane Boat Show.

For more information on the range of Aluvan boats check out [www.aluvan.com.au](http://www.aluvan.com.au) ↴



The rear step is an added feature.