



Premium performance from this well matched rig.

Perfect match - Sea Jay and new Yamaha 70hp



Storage under front casting platform.



Side pocket and removeable seat.



Side console.

TO get the best out of your boat and motor it is critical that they be well matched.

I am a firm believe that your boat needs to be able to perform at it optimum capability.

And to get this ultimate performance you need a hull that is well designed for the style of boat and more importantly an engine to suit.

It is essential to get that match between outboard and boat right so you aren't disappointed with your boating package.

And this doesn't mean something is wrong with the engine or the boat, as they are probably both great in their own right, but as a pair they need to complement each other.

This is something of which Yamaha is fully aware and with the introduction of its new F70, the benchmark has really been set high.

Specifically designed for boats in the 4.8-5.5m range with hull weights around 650kg or less, the Yamaha F70 goes a long way to making that perfect match for your boat.

I recently put the new Yammie through its paces on two completely different styles of boats, a Sea Jay 485 Haven Sports and the new Cruise Craft 485



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But for this report I will be focusing on the alloy model, the Sea Jay.

The Haven Sports range from Sea Jay varies in size from 4.55m to 5.4m, but with a maximum horsepower rating of 80hp, the 4.85 model is the right match.

With a hull weight of around 500kg, the Sea Jay was always going to perform well with the new Yammie and I was itching for a run.

Actually I have taken it for a couple of runs, one in the Brisbane River during the media day and also for a test day in Moreton Bay.

This boat was a pleasure to drive, with an awesome holeshot that can be attributed to the excellent power to weight ratio of the Yamaha 70F, which outputs 70hp per litre.

Weighing in at only 120kg, the Yamaha F70 is the lightest in its class.

Just to give you a comparison, the Suzuki DF70 weighs 155kg and has a 47hp per litre rating.

The Yamaha F70 is a stand alone engine in that it is totally new, not

a detuned 80hp or a 60hp with a few things added to it.

Instead, it fills the gap in the Yamaha range between these two models.

With its lightweight, excellent power and fuel economy I'm sure it will quickly become very popular with fishos and boaties alike.

In fact I believe this engine is going to be so popular it will probably take sales away from the already very successful Yamaha 60hp.

Jumping onto the plane is effortless, as the 70F smoothly accelerates through the rev range, I found myself backing off the throttle to find a good cruising speed.

The data shows that the most economical rev range for fuel efficiency was around 3500rpm, where you averaged 3.64km/l.

Coupled with 60 litres of fuel in the underfloor tank, this package has an estimated range of over 200km.

At these revs you are also doing around 29km/h.

As I accelerated slightly, I found the boat and motor had settled even

further, especially when it hit around 4500rpm.

Although fuel economy will be down a touch, you will be going about 30 percent faster and the hull of the Sea Jay will perform even better.

And when I say a touch, I really mean it, as at this speed and revs you can still range around 185km.

The technology that has gone into the new Yamaha F70 of reducing its weight and increasing power really shine through with these figures.

Other technologies incorporated into this model include ECM micro-computer engine management and multipoint fuel injection.

A variable RPM adjustment is also a feature, which makes varying your trolling speed a breeze.

And as the Sea Jay Haven Sports is a dedicated fishing boat, this is just another reason why it is a great match.

This open style sports fishing boats have grown in popularity and it is easy to see why.

There is easy access all around and a pod on the rear.

Internally there is heaps of room.

The side console opens up the boat, giving maximum useable deck space,

which equates to fishing space.

Although not excessive in size, the console provides ample room for gauges and electronics, and a shelf means you can keep various items within easy reach yet out of the way.

A slightly raised casting platform at the bow of the boat has a large hatch where you can store ample fishing gear or safety equipment, ensuring you keep fishing room clutter free.

Storage pockets also run along each side of the Sea Jay.

The battery is located at the stern and there is also additional storage on the opposite side.

Relocatable seats allow you to alter how you use the boat whether for fishing, flicking lure or when under way.

For a boat less than 5m in length, you certainly get a lot packed in and the new Yamaha 70hp really adds the finishing touches.

For more information on the exciting new Yamaha, check out www.yamaha-motor.com.au and for the Sea Jay check out www.seajayboats.com.au

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The new 70hp Yamaha punching the Sea Jay across the Bay.