



Lauren with her first bream.



Chris Britton and the author's QuickStrike at the Queensland Open.



The old Sea Jay still going strong 10 years on.



John's turn for a drive.



Fishing the Bream Grand Final at Mallacoota.

# Over two and a half years on and still going strong

**I**T'S hard to believe I've owned my Sea Jay QuickStrike for over two and half years now.

Time flies when you are having fun, and what fun I've had in this boat.

I've also created some great memories with my family and friends that I will remember for years to come.

But this was not the first Sea Jay I have owned.

I've already had a 4.8m open aluminum boat, which I could not break after 10 years of trying.

It was put through the worst too, with social and club fishing in all types of conditions.

Then when I moved onto lure fishing, the boat got wet in many different waterways down the eastern coastline.

I know my old Sea Jay is still making great memories for another generation of little anglers.

It was in January 2009 when I first took ownership of the QuickStrike which was built in Bundaberg at the Sea Jay factory.

There are two things



## Boat Review

by ANTHONY WISHEY

I like out of Bundaberg – rum and Sea Jays.

Both are uncompromising, tough and reliable.

Well I haven't had an off bottle of Bundy yet, and my Sea Jays have got me home in one piece every time.

From the first time I had my QuickStrike on the water I knew this boat was the goods.

Travelling at high speeds was a learning-curve and testing what the boat could do in different conditions on the water was an eye-opener.

While taking the boat through its paces, I found that with oncoming wash from other boats, I could run it over these waves side on, and at speed.

I could not believe that this hull could do that without tipping over.

You still have to use some common sense when doing this, but I haven't looked like coming a gutsa yet.

After all my time on the water, this was something that took me awhile to get used to.

The QuickStrike's stability has a lot to do with the Sure Trac hull for which Sea Jay is famous.

The Intra Pod at the back end of the boat has also come into its own.

Once I dived out of the boat while fishing to retrieve a rod and reel that had gone over the side in about 3m off water.

I handed the rod back to my companion and then was a bit stuck on how to get back in.

So I swam to the back of the boat, put my foot on the cavitation plate of the outboard and quick as a flash I was standing on the pod like a drowned rat,

but I was aboard without a struggle to get in.

When buying the QuickStrike, I put the maximum horsepower on the back which was an 115hp Yamaha 4-stroke.

I have owned Yamahas all my life, from 2-strokes to 4-strokes and these motors are a great match for the Sea Jay hulls.

When I bought the motor I also paid up front for three years worth of services.

This was a package deal at the time of buying, but I knew how much I would save when it came service time every year.

And you just drop the boat off and pick it up at the end of the day.

At the time, James Cullen from Stones Corner Marine said I was mad if I didn't do it, and I took his advice.

I have now done 120 hours (yes I know it's not a lot, but I do have to work) without any hint of trouble.

It's good to know when you turn the key it's going to start every time at a tournament, and then all you have to worry about is catching fish.

The only worry I did have with the motor was when a Toyota Hilux run up the back of my boat and bent the prop shaft and prop.

Yep that's right Ben, it took a Toyota to break a Yamaha!

When I first got the boat, Glen Gibson from Yamaha took it out for a performance test.

The boat had an average top speed of 72km/h and used an average of 40l/h at 6000rpm.

After those first few test runs and getting used to the boat, I have played around with a few different props until I found one that suited.

The motor came with a Black "K" SS 13" x 19" prop, but I ended up getting a polished stainless steel 13 1/4 x 19 prop which made quite a difference.

The Yammy now runs at 5800 per minute, reaches a top end speed of 78km/h and uses 37.7L/h at full noise.

It really was surprised by the difference in the motor's performance by changing the prop.

I have had some great times out with the family in this boat.

We have travelled from the mouth of the Brisbane River right up past the City Centre and spent days cruising Gold Coast waterways and island hopping in Moreton Bay.

This boat has been the all-round package for me and my family and I am starting to wish I'd put some ski hooks on it.

On the fishing side, it's been down as far as Malacoota in Victoria and survived, and I have taken countless people out for a fish.

I am looking forward in the next few years to taking more people out and creating some new memories.

If you are thinking about getting into boating or fishing, you can see the range of Sea Jay boats and Yamaha outboards at Stones Corner Marine.

The crew at Stones is fantastic to deal with and always more than helpful.

Get in there! ⚓



Ready for action at the Queensland Open 2010.