



Blasting through a wave on the Seaway.

Tournament 1900 Centre Console

THE 1900 Centre Console is one of the latest releases from the stable of Bluewater Tournament Boats.

Distributed by Australian Marine Centre in Brisbane this model has been brought out to meet a void in the marketplace for this style and size of boat.

With fibreglass construction and a length of 19 feet, as the name suggests, or about 5.8m in the new language, the 1900 Centre Console is definitely going to turn heads.

Modelled off the new GEN 2 2000 Bluewater hull the 1900 CC delivers proven performance with its 21 degree dead rise that enables it to tackle the harshest of seas.

Coupled with its large chines, the hull design makes for a smooth dry ride.

The chines have a two-fold effect, deflecting spray and giving the boat stability at rest.

Stability is something you definitely need in a fishing boat and ensures you have an even platform regardless of whether just battling a fish or leaning over the side to gaff or net your catch.

I recently went for a bit of a play as the guys from Australian Marine Centre were shooting footage for their latest DVD.

Fitted with the minimum recommended horsepower of 115hp, the E-TEC made the 1900 CC quite a weapon.

The 1900 CC has a top speed at WOT of around 71km/h at around 5700rpm.

Our playground was the Gold Coast Seaway and out through the bar.

Although there was limited swell on and only a few small waves, which made great ramps for jumping, the newly release centre console still impressed.



Boat Test

by Ben Collins

This boat would be quite at home both in bay and offshore waters and is perfect for fishing out of.

A 160 litre underfloor fuel tank gives you a massive range and opens up a variety of doors on the offshore fishing front.

The layout of this boat is very clean and simple.

A small console is situated about the middle giving you plenty of fishing room all around the boat.

The console is very neat and has enough room for all the necessary gauges, radio, sounder and GPS, and also for two people to stand behind.

This boat was hot off the production line, so there may be a few changes in the console such as a few grab rails and a more solid windscreen bracket.

The addition of these few minor details will improve the security of the passenger when blasting over waves.

However, grab rails have also been recessed into the side of the boat and around the stylish seat.

The helm seat has a couple of rod holders ensuring your weapon of choice

is at the ready and within easy reach, which is ideal when chasing pelagic like tuna or mackerel.

Four additional rod holders are also fitted flush mount to the gunwales.

An option of a bait board would be a good idea, giving you a work station for rigging up and also a place to store some bait.

Two decent size storage shelves provide a place to put your tackle and a forward underfloor storage area of 120 litres is provided for items like life jackets and buckets.

An additional 90 litre underfloor storage compartment or fish box is located midship.

Some nice finishing touches include the fully carpeted floor and a battery shelf that is hidden by a removable cover.

A boarding ladder gives you access to the hatch, making boarding easier.

Also fitted is a live bait tank, which is an ideal feature to have in a fishing boat like this.

Priced around the low \$40K mark, the Tournament 1900 Centre Console is a decent all-round fish-

ing package and provides an economical option for those looking to spend time offshore fishing.

For more information on this boat or any other Tournament Pleasure Boats check out www.australianmarinecentre.com.au or call 07 3808 7333 or even drop into the Australian Marine Centre yard located at 3491 Pacific Hwy, Springwood and have a look over the boat yourself. 🐟

Specifications

Length: 5.8m

Length overall incl bowsprit: 6.05m

Beam: 2.34m

Cockpit depth: 0.78m

Dry weight (approx) 900kg

Max persons smooth water: 6

Deadrise: 21deg

Transom height: 25"

Engine power min: 115hp

Engine power max: 150hp

Max load: 740kg



The 1900 CC getting put through its paces.



The reverse chine makes this a very stable boat at rest.



Rods at the ready.



The 1900 CC is a big boat for its size.



Centre console.