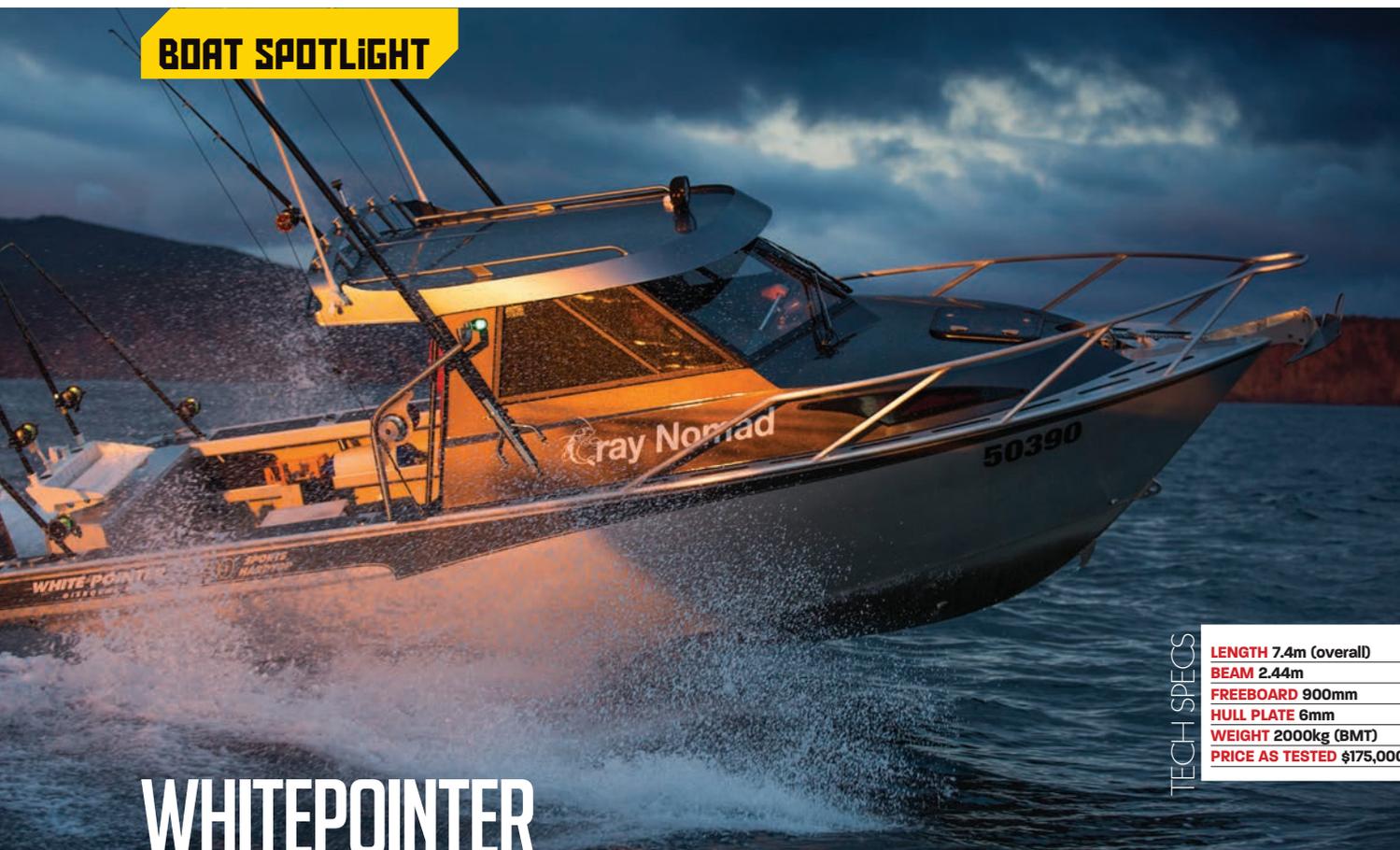


BOAT SPOTLIGHT



TECH SPECS

LENGTH	7.4m (overall)
BEAM	2.44m
FREEBOARD	900mm
HULL PLATE	6mm
WEIGHT	2000kg (BMT)
PRICE AS TESTED	\$175,000

WHITEPOINTER 730 SPORTS HARDTOP

THE 730 IS CENTIMETRE PERFECT IN THE EYES OF BRUCE FRANKS

Bruce Franks is a numbers man. An engineer by trade, he applied his no-nonsense sensibilities to conceive his ultimate boat, the WhitePointer 730 Sport Hardtop. Stepping aboard the 730, named Cray Nomad you get a sense that this boat is built for purpose, with everything neatly stowed in its place. The boat's purpose, according to Bruce, is single-handed deep-sea fishing and crayfishing. The layout features an acre of deck-space with an enclosed cabin and customised bench seating.

Bruce might have the brain of a physicist, but he has the hands of a plumber. He's definitely a doer. Not just content to own his perfect boat, Bruce works Cray Nomad hard – and often. When the invitation came

to chase barrel-sized tuna in south east Tasmania, he slotted himself straight in. The fact he'd never caught a tuna didn't stop him. Nor did the 5m swell that was forecast.

Rounding the heads, the WhitePointer drove straight and true in the south east slop. The 730 achieves a good balance between ride and stability, with an 18° deadrise, a fine entry point and downturned chines. The hulls are built in a jig and welded over an egg crate frame. The result is a curvaceous hull-shape that predictably carved through the Tasman Sea.

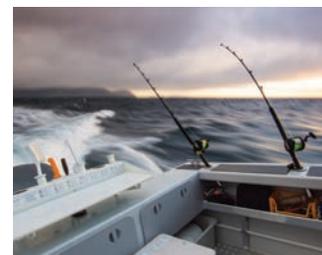
I can imagine when Bruce first stepped on board a WhitePointer, he felt right at home. The slide down window from the cabin to the rear deck is effortlessly efficient, creating an open feeling,



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT; YOU ONLY GET BEAR HUGS FROM BRUCE FRANKS IF YOU'RE A 100KG TUNA. DOUBLE BARREL HOOKUP ABOARD THE 730 SPORTS HARDTOP. NEAT AS A PIN WORKSTATION

while keeping the elements out. Up front, a yachting-style hammock (pipe berth) can be unrolled from the helm, which provides a third sleeping area. The cabin is fully lined in carpet – with stylish handrails up inside. Every detail has been carefully planned out.

The 730 Hardtop has been



20 years in the making, a culmination of great ideas and testing. The result, as WhitePointer puts it, is the perfect predator. Bruce agrees, knowingly.

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BOAT SPOTLIGHT

WHITEPOINTER 800 SPORTS CRUISER

IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST RIDE FOR DAVID KRUSHKA

Halfway through David Krushka's first WhitePointer test drive, he turned to Cameron McDonald from Geelong Boating Centre and said, "I've had enough". Shocked, Cam asked, "Oh, what did you think?" David replied, "Best boat I've ever been in..." The next day David ordered his new WhitePointer 800 Sports Cruiser.

The 800 Sports Cruiser strikes a mean pose on the ocean, sleek lines and rugged, yet elegant styling. The flagship of our WhitePointer Tasmanian expedition; the 800 is all battleship outside – and deluxe cruiser inside. There's no doubt David is a man that knows what he wants. He even painted a piece of aluminium with Mercedes Charcoal paint, took it down to the foreshore and stuck it in the sand. He

then took a step back, and looked at the colour scheme in relation to the water. All of this, just to make sure that his newly ordered WhitePointer 800 Sports Cruiser in Mercedes Charcoal would look awesome on the high seas. Now that says something about the type of people that buy WhitePointers. They're driven, perfectionists and won't accept anything but the highest quality product.

David has spared no expense kitting out and personalising his 800 Sports Cruiser, affectionately baptised Lie-Ability. Outriggers don the sides of the cab, a fleet of rocket launchers line the hardtop with a glistening Garmin radar dome sitting close-by. It's not just fishing accessories though, David has set his rig



AT THE HELM ON LIE-ABILITY



800 OWNER, DAVID KRUSHKA



THERE'S SERIOUS SPACE IN THE 800 SPORTS CRUISER. REX AGREES

up to accommodate his family as well; there's a warm water shower, cooking facilities and fridge/freezers – all of which were welcome creature comforts on our Tassie trip. Onboard, Rex Bryant, owner of WhitePointer Boats

describes the layout, "The cabin is cosy, but it's not over the top. Out the back you've got a functional area that you can knock around without worrying about breaking anything".

TECH SPECS

LENGTH	8.2m (overall)
BEAM	2.5m
FREEBOARD	900mm
HULL PLATE	6mm
WEIGHT	3200kg (BMT)
PRICE AS TESTED	\$265,000

