

CALM-WATER BATTLE CRUISER

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Stacer's 420 Proline Angler ticks all the boxes

Looking for a great calm water fishing tinnie to get you into the action this season? The Stacer 429 Proline Angler may well be your answer; it's priced right, has plenty of storage and is ready for you to load up and hit the water.

It's fantastic how far aluminium fishing boats have come since I first started boating in a rough 14' tinnie with bench seats, narrow gunwales, no floor and almost zero storage.

Now it's all new hull designs, improved construction technology,



The Stacer 429 Proline and Mercury 40hp four-stroke blend into a sporty, economical package great for estuaries and impoundments.

Specifications

Length:	4.29m
Beam:	1.83m
Depth:	0.80m
Bottom alloy:	2mm
Side alloy:	1.6mm
Hull weight:	111kg
Total weight BMT:	409 kg
Max power:	40hp
Min power:	30hp
Persons capacity:	5
Fuel:	25L portable
Hull warranty:	3 year
Priced with fitted options below	\$19997
Options in test package: Sports side console; rear step; cockpit carpet; enclosed waters safety gear; Lowrance Mark 5x sounder; bow mount plate; marine battery and box; boat and trailer registrations.	
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The instrument panel has everything laid out in clear view.

carpeted floors, well-planned storage compartments, side consoles, casting decks and plenty more

Stacer's 429 Proline Angler is an enclosed-water angler's dream. With simple marine electronics, ample storage, carpeted forward and rear casting decks, a side console with hydraulic steering, pedestal seats and four gunwale-mounted rod holders, this package is hard to beat for the price.

Powered by a Mercury

40hp four-stroke EFI, the pick-up out of the hole is pretty quick, almost instantaneously tucking the hull onto the plane and zipping it along.

These boats are known for their sure-footed ride and this hull powers in and out of turns confidently.

The wide beam is carried

a bit, but that's part of boating when you own a small tinnie.

Driving seated was comfortable enough in the calm to slightly choppy water we encountered on the test day.

STORAGE

There's a place to stash everything you need.

The well-thought-through

standard Lowrance Mark 5x sounder, such as a chart plotter or marine radio/stereo.

There is easily accessible storage in the side pocket to port, a top spot for assorted items you need to keep readily at hand.

Under the console you can store a number of medium-sized tackle boxes, while



Left: A big forward fishing platform with a secure mount for an electric motor – the Stacer 429 Proline Angler means fishing business. Right: From the port side pocket to the console and the huge areas below the casting decks, there's storage in abundance for everything an angler is likely to need.

forward, ensuring good stability at rest, while the vee bow comfortably manages a slight chop. As is the case with all boats of this style, sizeable chop will make the hull bang

layout tells the story of years of Quintrex listening to customers and dealers. The dash and console are simple and space is available for more marine electronics than the

under the forward casting deck there is a lined compartment that can act as a kill box, an anchor well or a stash spot for bags, wet weather gear and further tackle.

Aft of this, a large dual access compartment stretches from gunwale to gunwale, providing space for oars and life jackets. This space could be optioned up or retro-fitted for a number of purposes to suit your needs.

Under the rear casting deck brackets are welded to store at least one 25L portable fuel tank, the battery box and battery.

As you would expect from Stacer, the finish and workmanship are great, while numerous two-tone



The 429 Proline Angler is well-matched to its 40hp Mercury four-stroke to produce nimble, stable handling.

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The forward sections can pacify a minor chop and turn away spray.

Pick-up out onto the plane is pretty much a matter of a second or two.

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paint choices allow you to customize the look of your pride and joy.

FISHABILITY

An electric-motor mounting bracket at the bow provides the option to bolt on some battery-operated stealth.

The Lowrance Mark 5x mono fish finder is standard, as are four gunwale rod holders, carpeted floor and casting decks.

Transom boarding steps mean you can board and leave easily.

A plumbed live-bait tank would be an asset if you like to fish livies for larger predatory fish. I'd probably mount a few more rod holders in the gunwales and an upright rod

storage bracket.

Within the Stacer range there are other console options available, including those with rod racks built in.

Make no mistake, the

Stacer 429 Proline Angler is an Australia-wide success for a number of reasons aside from the \$19,997 price tag. These great tinnies are ready to fish and will deliver you

hours of fun with at least one fishing buddy.

So whether you are in the far north or the deep south, a boat like this will get you into the calm-water action with confidence and precision.

Solo launching and retrieving is a breeze at any half-decent boat ramp.

The package comes with a Stacer TQ46 galvanised single-axle trailer and the rig is easily towable behind a medium-sized car.

So if over the coming season the calm waters of our fishing nation are calling your name, check out this and other packages from Stacer.

• Quoted performance figures have been supplied



The transom treatment is neat and tidy, with boarding steps, grab rails and sounder bracket adding to the convenience. The factory trailer is, of course, a perfect fit.



Launching and retrieving the 429 Proline Angler is a piece of cake, even single-handed.

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