



# MORNINGSTAR 498 BAY FISHER



The Morningstar range has taken another important step by adding a longer version of its popular Bay Fisher series – the 498 Bay Fisher. Extending the transom length has allowed the craft to grow in size to 4.98m thereby taking it beyond the limit where life-jacket wearing often is required underway.

Previously, as a 4.6m craft the skipper would be required to wear a life-jacket boating solo. In Victoria, all occupants would have to wear a life-jacket while underway.

Morningstar Boats says that while it fully supports the industry push for more life-jacket wearing it found that its 460 version was losing sales in some areas because of its length.

The new model features longer, larger landing steps, which not only make boarding easier but also provide greater protection for swimmers around the motor, and less chance of fishing lines catching.

The Bay Fisher is designed for bay/estuary tournament and lure-cast fishing. A key feature is the centre console steering station and raised bow casting deck with tough checkerplate flooring. The 498 Bay Fisher also incorporates a number of advancements like fully-plumbed live bait well on the portside rear deck.

The 498 Bay Fisher also features a large two-person seat-kill tank. High quality two-tone upholstery covers the helm seat plus the rear folding lounge.

Morningstar hull combines a highly sophisticated form of aluminium construction with topsides and side deck all pressed in one sheet to create a curved, attractive shape. The bottom also provides a very sophisticated shape not unlike a fibreglass craft with

a hollow gull-wing curve. This unique Morningstar design means a smoother ride in rough water than an ordinary tinny and enhanced at-rest stability.

Other changes include a slightly deeper Vee deadrise in the bottom, and a folding ladder at the stern for easy boarding from beach or water.

The same 498 hull is also available in side console and cuddy deck versions. Morningstar Boats are built in Taiwan using advanced automatic alloy pressing and robotic welding. The R&D is done in Australia so the craft are well suited to our boating/fishing conditions.

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