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750 SPORTS CRUISER

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# IF LOOKS COULD KILL

White Pointer Boats' latest custom 750 Sports Cruiser possesses stunning looks, an ocean-eating ride and impressive performance. Is *Ballistic* a fitting name? **MATTHEW JONES** certainly thinks so...



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**R**ide, performance and features are vitally important to a boat's appeal; combine these with stunning looks and a menacing charm and you'll be close to embodying White Pointer's new 750 Sports Cruiser, aptly named *Ballistic*.

It's fair to say that this boat is armed and dangerous. There are too many features to list here, but like all White Pointers she's been expertly customised for her owner, whose first love is game fishing. He wanted a boat with enough range and comfort to tackle the offshore waters of East Cape, Poverty Bay and the mighty Ranfurly Banks. *Ballistic* is certainly up to the task.

The businesses end features all-round footholds and thigh-high coamings so anglers can brace themselves when fighting the big freight trains that lurk offshore. The engine box takes up a bit of the available cockpit space, so White Pointer has made the most of it and mounted a large, removable and self-draining food-grade bait board without any annoying lips around the outer edges, allowing large fish to be filleted with ease. Included across the back are four rod holders, a couple of knife holders and sinker/drink holders – this is thirsty work.

Further fishing space has been created by the secure duckboard cage, which allows three anglers to drop a line at the water's edge. Twin integrated dive ladders fold down to allow excellent water access for divers or to land a trophy fish. Two large, easy access tuna tubes are fed by a 3000 GPH pump on a continuous pickup system to keep the skippies in prime condition. A live-well in the transom walk-through will take good care of the smaller live baits as well.

Fourteen heavy-duty rod holders are precisely placed around the cockpit, with a further six in the rocket launcher. No space has been left unutilised, with the helm footrest also doubling as sinker storage. Tackle storage trays are neatly mounted within the gunwales on each side of the cockpit, with 12-volt sockets in the corners for powering up the electric reels. White Pointer has also managed to neatly install a cray pot boom with an electric winch.

A large underfloor kill-tank with custom-made fish bins will take care of the day's catch, while a smaller hatch in the centre means you don't have to lift the whole lid to put a few



Comfortable, secure cabin with electric toilet and room to sleep three. Great vision from ergonomic helm



Ready for hot coffee and cold beers. 150L fresh water; large freezer



pannies on ice. Clean-up should be quick and easy with the pressurised saltwater wash-down system, tread plate floor and self-draining cockpit.

**VERSATILE COMFORT**

She's one hot fishing machine, but with overnight accommodation for three she's also quite the all-rounder. There's ample cold storage for extended adventures, with a 40-litre fridge in the galley and a large freezer out in the cockpit (which also doubles as a seat). Hot meals can be cooked on the two-burner gas hob, although a splash back would increase aesthetics and ease of cleaning. The 150 litres of fresh water on board ensures a good supply.

The galley and dining table are beautifully finished in solid wood, with stainless cup holders to minimise spillage. An electric toilet is neatly hidden beneath

the front berth, and a privacy curtain is included. White Pointer offers a more private toilet and shower cubicle option – you'd lose the opening rear window, which provides added ventilation and allows the crew to sit inside the comfort and shelter of the cabin while watching the lures out the back.

On the bow, a Lewmar 1000 Pro-series free fall windlass provides fingertip anchoring from the helm,



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## [TRADEABOAT SAYS...]

An exceptionally finished boat, custom-built for game fishing far and wide. With superb ride and handling, the latest White Pointer 750 is a stunning performer, and with almost endless features she arguably sets the benchmark for this class of boat. Hot styling helps, of course.

With outstanding views through the large curved windscreens and a comfortable, fully adjustable helm seat, one quickly feels at ease at the wheel. The dash affords superb functionality, with a Raymarine autopilot system to eat up the nautical miles. A neatly flush-mounted Raymarine C120w screen takes centre stage, with a 1kW thru-hull transducer for locating target species on deep offshore reefs.

When not hunting, *Ballistic* sits atop a custom-built White Pointer trailer equipped with Teflon skids. It's fully aluminium constructed to minimise the towing weight but, at 2750kg, she requires a capable tow vehicle. As far as fishing spots go, however, you can take your pick.

Back at the ramp, White Pointer's snub catch allowed for a straight forward launch and retrieve by simply driving on and off the trailer, although the removable rear rollers aren't paint friendly if you get the entry wrong.

## THE LAST WORD

*Ballistic* by name and by nature, this 750 Sports Cruiser is an impressive package. Not only is it a fishing weapon that's comfortable, capable and versatile, it also possesses a wave-defying ride. As one expects from White Pointer, expert customisation is evident throughout, with a staggering amount of features functionally integrated into a 7.5 metre trailer boat that's also smoking hot. If looks could kill, *Ballistic* would be serving multiple life sentences. 🚤

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## TO OWN THIS BOAT

BASED ON PRICE OF \$225,000  
DEPOSIT \$55,000  
FINAL BALLOON PAYMENT \$55,000  
TERM 48 months  
MONTHLY \$3,742.16  
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## [HIGHS]

- › Smouldering looks
- › Hunter-gatherer's dream machine
- › Impressive ride and performance
- › Versatile, capable and comfortable
- › Expertly customised

## [LOWS]

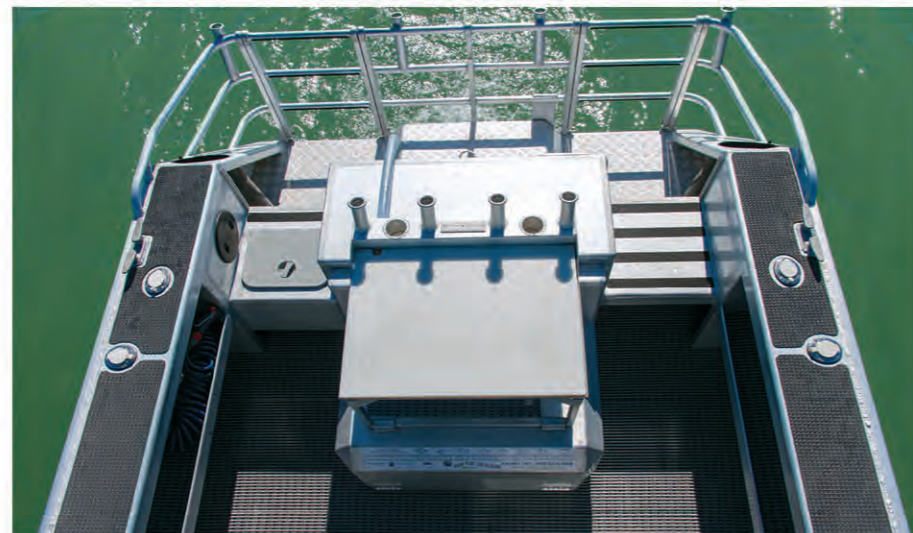
- › No splashbacks on galley unit
- › My wife's worried I have eyes for someone else

with a double fairlead fitted to allow easy securing of mooring lines for the night.

## THE EXTRA MILE

Little touches make a big difference on the water, and White Pointer likes to go the extra mile to ensure overall comfort, safety and ease of use. Lifejackets are safely stored within easy reach on a purpose-built rail under the rear cabin seat. For peace of mind the LPG bottle is safely secured inside a transom locker, which drains outside the boat to meet legal requirements.

Wipers feature an intermittent switch and a freshwater washer system to ensure optimum visibility at all times. No matter where you are on the boat there's a grab



so we made good use of the photo boat's wake instead. *Ballistic's* 6mm hull backed with heavy-duty construction and pressure-tested sealed buoyancy chambers certainly takes no prisoners.

Like all White Pointer boats she's been built from the inside out for good reason – the process allows exacting tolerances and the creation of curves for strength and ride-quality. The resulting shapely and strakeless hull allows water to be turned away rather than slammed against any hard edges for an impressively smooth ride.

Equally impressive was how quiet the Volvo Penta D3 220hp installation was, even with the cabin door open. Bourke says White Pointer is one of the few companies that vents the engine outside the cockpit to minimise noise, and it certainly does the trick.

*Ballistic* is a fitting name, as she's capable of an impressive 36.5 knots at WOT. Ease the throttle back to 2800rpm and she quietly cruises at 25 knots while using only 0.84 litres of diesel per nautical mile. Trolling fuel usage is even more impressive: 0.16 litres per nautical mile at five knots and 0.47 litres per nautical mile at seven. With 300 litres of diesel on board she's capable of hunting far and wide, and she has the ride to do so in comfort.

rail within reach for safety while tackling offshore conditions.

White Pointer Boats' exemplary build quality and safety focus means commercial use is common. "All of our boats can go into survey and most models have," says business development manager Tony Bourke. Customisation includes complete choice when it comes to engine and electronics packages.

## EASY RIDER

Gisborne turned on a stunning day for the test, but conditions were way too pleasant to challenge the ride

Top: smooth ride, great handling, very capable in much rougher water. Above: spacious cockpit, loads of room to fish aft, stable platform. Right: two tuna tubes fed by 3000 GPH pump with continuous pickup



## Facts &amp; figures

## WHITE POINTER 750 SPORTS CRUISER

PRICE AS TESTED  
\$225,000

## OPTIONS FITTED

Two tuna tubes w. pump  
Self-draining bait board  
Live-bait tank  
24 rod holders  
Electric reels  
Cray pot boom w. winch  
40lt fridge, large freezer  
2-burner gas hob  
150lt fresh water  
Electric toilet  
Raymarine C120w

## SEA TRIALS

White Pointer 750 Sports Cruiser with Volvo D3 220hp stern drive.

RPM	SPEED (Kt)	FUEL BURN (L/hr)
700	5.0	0.8
1200	6.9	3.3
1600	9.0	7.3
2000	14.3	13.1
2400	20.0	16.6
2800	25.0	20.9
3000	27.2	24.6
3300	29.7	28.6
3500	32.0	33.7
3700	34.1	39.6
4000	36.5	46.1

\*Figures supplied by Volvo Penta performance report.

## GENERAL

LOA 7.6m  
HULL LENGTH 7.2m  
BEAM 2.5m  
FREEBOARD 900mm  
HULL plate 6mm  
TRANSOM 6mm  
SIDES 4mm  
DEADRISE 18 degrees (variable)  
TOW WEIGHT 2750 kg (approx.)  
HP RANGE Petrol stern drive 250-400hp; diesel stern drive 170-300hp; single outboard 225-300hp; twin outboard 115-200hp each

## CAPACITIES

FUEL 300 litres (under-floor)  
WATER 150 litres

## ENGINE

Volvo Penta D3-220/SX (220hp)

## MANUFACTURED BY

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