



# Go ahead...

MAKE MY DAY IS A NEW CUSTOMISED 8M SPORTS CRUISER FROM NEW ZEALAND'S WHITE POINTER BOATS. **MATTHEW JONES** REPORTS THE BRAND SUCCESSFULLY COMBINES LOOKS, FINISH, STRENGTH AND FUNCTION INTO A PACKAGE THAT MAKES ANYBODY'S DAY



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*“He wanted something with a bit more room over his previous trailerboat and his wife was angling for a launch...”*

**OPPOSITE** Black strips of non-skid line the sidedecks for good footing to the bow, and aided by sturdy bowrails.

**BELOW** Gas bottle storage is outside the transom in the hull sides, nearby a heavy-duty swimladder for divers.

**ABOVE** The too-good-cut-on jarrah baitboard takes pride of the place on the transom.

**BELOW RIGHT** Navigator's seat base includes a two-burner gas stove, a fridge/freezer opposite.

**How does it rate?**

White Pointer 8m Sports Cruiser

1	SUITABILITY FOR PURPOSE	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
2	INNOVATION	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
3	DESIGN AND LAYOUT	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
4	QUALITY OF FINISH	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
5	HANDLING AND RIDE	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
6	STABILITY AT REST	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
7	ERGONOMICS	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
8	STANDARD EQUIPMENT	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
9	VALUE FOR MONEY	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
10	X-FACTOR	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**Average** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Sitting curbside at the Gisborne boat ramp inhaling a coffee, something shiny caught my eye. Could it be the new boat White Pointer Boats promised to deliver? I certainly hoped so, as its mesmerising silver and gunmetal grey painted curves undoubtedly had my attention. Closer inspection revealed it was in fact the new 8m Sports Cruiser, which couldn't have been more aptly named *Make My Day*.

I immediately thought of that infamous scene from the '80s cult hit movie *Sudden Impact*, when Harry Callahan (Clint Eastwood) aka Dirty Harry muttered those epic words – his gun drawn, a filthy look emblazoned across on his face, all playing out in my head. While certainly the epitome of cool back in the day, I'd argue this version of *Make My Day* delivers

more cool-factor on the water. Sure, just like Dirty Harry it's staunch and exceptionally tough with 6mm aluminium plate hull backed by pressure-tested buoyancy chambers, but it's got Harry beat hands down in the looks department. What's more, I'd suggest it has more stamina, range, fishability, overnight comfort and as I was soon to discover on the water, it goes like a lit skyrocket too.

**FAST AND FURIOUS**

As the boat was backed down the ramp, suddenly my cappuccino had lost all appeal. The 250hp Yammie four-stroke was fired up and *Make My Day* was driven forward to unlock the trailer snub catch, then dropped out of gear and allowed to gently coast backwards off the custom-made aluminium trailer.

I put the camera away and hastily

climbed on board. We cruised past the port and headed into the open waters of Gisborne's coastline, with a building onshore breeze and ominous grey clouds bearing down. Thankfully we were tucked up inside the large open-backed hardtop, so no further thought was given to Huey's desires.

I wasted no time talking my way into a turn on the helm and promptly gave the smooth fly-by-wire throttle on the big V6 Yamaha outboard a nudge. My previous White Pointer experiences meant I was expecting good performance, but I wasn't quite prepared for just how responsive and adrenaline inducing it would be this time around.

We were lightly fuelled at the time and certain unprintable words escaped my mouth as I watched the Yamaha digital speedo zip round





## Sea Trials

Single 250hp Yamaha F250D with Mirage 15P prop and 25% fuel

RPM	SPEED (KTS)	FUEL BURN (LT/H)	RANGE (LT/NM)
1000	4.9	4.7	0.96
1500	6.1	7.9	1.3
3000	18.2	23.5	1.29
3500	23.8	28.7	1.21
4000	27.7	39.5	1.43
4500	29.8	49.8	1.67
5000	34.1	64.9	1.9
5500	37.8	80	2.12
6000	39.5	92.5	2.34

\*Sea-trial data supplied by White Pointer Boats.

**ABOVE** White Pointer utilises a 6mm thick aluminium skin to create an immensely strong and wave-defying structure.

**OPPOSITE TOP** Opening side windows and overhead hatches add good ventilation to the austere but practical wheelhouse.

**OPPOSITE BELOW** Dash looks sparse but that's because all you need to know is housed within the Simrad touchscreen and Yamaha engine display.

## Highs

- Tougher than Dirty Harry and arguably better looking
- Versatile overnighter/fishing weapon
- Extended cabin with lockable door and electric toilet
- White Pointer's ride and solid build

## Lows

- Baitboard needs to be removed for fuelling

to just under 40kts – downright impressive for an offshore fishing rig that tips the scales at 2.2 tonnes off the trailer. The view was also impressive thanks to the large, curved safety glass windscreens and generous sliding side windows. Had the climate been more tropical the windows and overhead hatches would allow plenty of airflow.

As far as helm layouts go the White Pointers aren't dazzling, but like all things made from the practical blokes down in Gisborne there's an underlying reason for this – it's easy to see thanks to the ant glare brow, dash angle and lavish black leather finish. At first glance the helm looks rather barren

but that's because Simrad's NSS12 chartplotter/multifunction display and Yamaha's digital gauge provide all the info required by the owner in compact, yet informative easy-to-read displays.

Ergonomics are all the more important when trolling for days on end but *Make My Day's* owner shouldn't have any back complaints. The fully adjustable bolster seats are seriously comfortable and leather clad to boot. In fact, a good deal of the cockpit is actually finished in black leather and with the dark carpet and polarised windows provides a comfortable hideaway from the elements and glare.

Like most things in life there's

a logical reason behind the performance and impressive ride. It starts with White Pointer Boat's approach to building its staunch range of offshore weapons from the inside out on jigs. This allows the 6mm thick aluminium armour to be curvaceously wrapped, creating an immensely strong and wave-defying structure. Apart from being pleasant on the eye the curves also serve another purpose, they gently turn rising water away to create the dry and soft ride White Pointers are renowned for. Perusing the spec sheet afterwards revealed White Pointer stating this muscle-bound hull will also handle a 350hp outboard – stop it!

## COMFORTABLE ADVENTURES

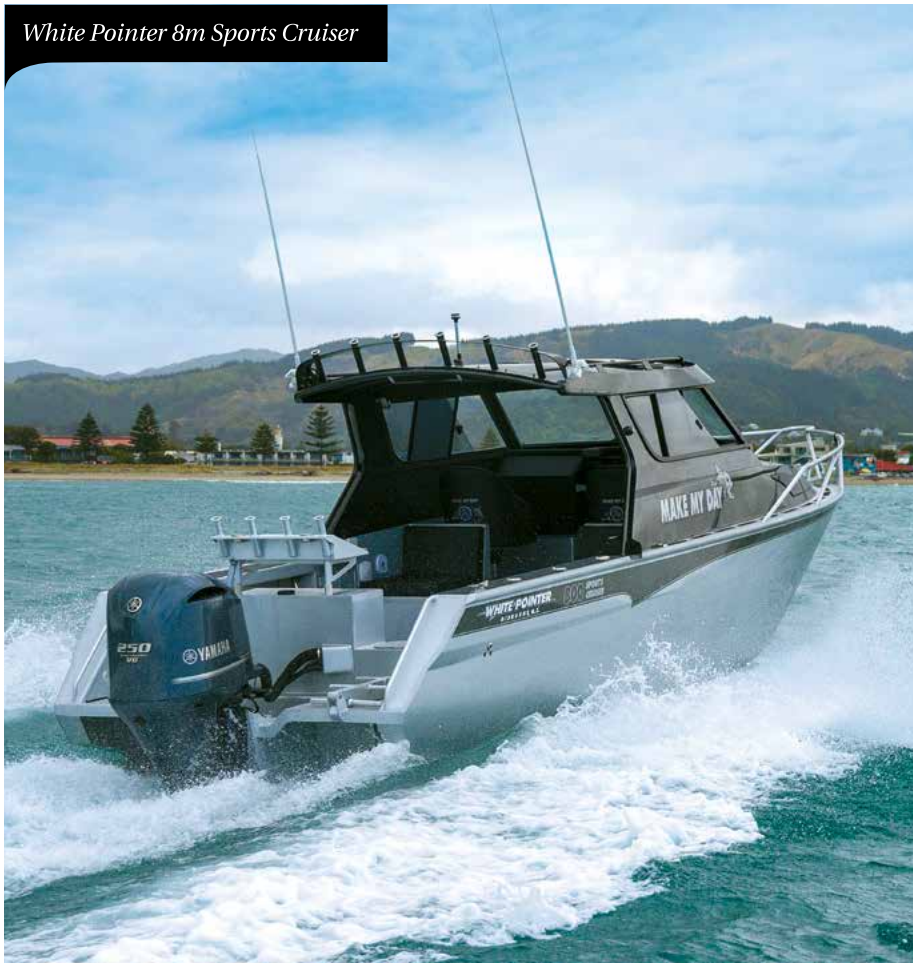
Like all the other 400-odd custom-built White Pointer Boats, the owner of *Make My Day* had his expertly customised to suit his needs and wants – namely fishing, overnighting at Great Barrier Island and weekends spent on the water with his wife. He wanted something with a bit more room over his previous trailerboat and his wife was angling for a launch, because she didn't like having to move the bedding in the night when nature calls. With the XL lockable cabin design on the 8m Sports Cruiser she doesn't have to, plus the 1.95m front berth becomes 2.35m overall when the electric toilet is not in use.



An electric Engel fridge/freezer is neatly housed beneath the king/queen helm seat to keep the bacon and eggs fresh, while the passenger's version houses the twin-burner gas hob with a drawer below to stash the utensils. Twin gas bottles are safely housed in the self-draining lockers on either side of the duck board – one for the barbecue which

mounts on the baitboard and the other for the califont and gas hobs. Bon appetit!

The beautiful wooden jarrah baitboard has no front lip for easy filleting of the day's catch but looks almost too good to fillet on. Knife, cup and rod holders are all laid out for ease of use. A reserve supply of lead can also be stored beneath the



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helm footrests, which include sinker storage compartments.

While you compromise a bit of cockpit space with the extended cabin option, you can still fish at least four comfortably.

The business end is uncluttered, the batteries, switches and fuel filter all housed well up off the floor and neatly concealed behind hatches. Fish TV brings the livies to a screen near you, while the saltwater washdown and self-draining cockpit should make light work of the mess.

If you prefer the view underwater, the foldout dive ladder will make getting back aboard with scuba gear on almost graceful. A hot shower can be enjoyed thanks to the gas califont and 85lt freshwater tank onboard. The 12V electric reel sockets are located beneath the precisely-positioned heavy-duty rodholders to

make light work of hauling in a tasty feed from the deep.

### THE LAST WORD

Make My Day is yet another shining example of White Pointer Boat’s ability to turn its customer’s dreamboat into reality – in this case effectively providing a trailerable offshore-capable fishing boat that’s also got enough comfort to enjoy a romantic getaway, keeping both sides of the marriage happy.

Does it work? I certainly think so and the lines are nothing short of irresistible in a menacing way. The multifunctional layout increases versatility, which equals more opportunities to take the boat out and enjoy it. A happy compromise indeed. Of course, like all White Pointer’s models, it’s also fully customisable to suit your needs, wants and desires. ■

**LEFT** Performance on test day saw almost 40kts from the 250hp Yammie, but if that’s not enough adrenalin for you this White Pointer is rated to take 350hp.

## facts & figures

### White Pointer 8m Sports Cruiser

**PRICE AS TESTED**  
\$205,000

**OPTIONS FITTED**  
Endless

**PRICED FROM**  
\$150,000

**GENERAL**  
**TYPE** Monohull  
**MATERIAL** Marine grade aluminium  
**LENGTH** 7.6m; 8.2m overall  
**BEAM** 2.5m  
**WEIGHT** 2680kg (BMT)  
**DEADRISE** 18-degree variable

**CAPACITIES**  
**PEOPLE (NIGHT)** 3  
**REC. HP** 250  
**REC. MAX HP** 350  
**FUEL** 300lt  
**WATER** 85lt

**ENGINE**  
**MAKE/MODEL** Yamaha F250D  
**TYPE** Four-stroke V6 outboard  
**RATED HP** 250  
**WEIGHT** 253kg  
**DISPLACEMENT** 4169cc  
**GEAR RATIO** 1.75:1  
**PROPELLER** Mirage 15

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