

Senator RC 560 - Gunrunner

Hawke's Bay

STANDING THE TEST OF TIME

BACKGROUND

Rangi Vallance spent 20 odd years camping at Kairakau Beach immersed in fishing and boating. He decided early on, based on experiencing a range of boats, that he was keen on Senator.

His first boat was a custom built charter that had operated from Karakau, in time he found the larger size restrictive. Next up was a Senator RC 540 which served him well for around 6 years.



RC 560

Rangi has had RC 560 for 5 years. This one has hit the sweet spot, just a little more space but still has the versatility to beach launch in interesting spots.

It also has enough range to explore further out and has proven to handle some fairly rough conditions. As a style he prefers cuddies, for him Gunrunner is a "big little boat".

WHERE & HOW IS IT USED?

Rangi is a devoted spearfisher so plenty of hours get clocked up. Spearo's are renowned for being tough on boats which the cuddy can take. If the weather suits, a day trip to the Bay of Plenty is not uncommon. Gunrunner has made several dive trips around White Island. The Hawke's Bay coastline remains his go-to for fishing and diving. This cuddy has regularly taken 4-5 people on board in safety and comfort.

The rocket launcher and canopy give all important rod storage and some protection from the sun and weather. Other recent modifications are the side grab rails which are brilliant for diving. Extra duck boards were added along with an extra step on the ladder. A new bait board has replaced the original. The orange wrap and great design work has given the boat a fresh look.



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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Model:	RC 560
Boat length:	7.5 m
Boat weight:	1090 kg
Engine:	Yamaha F115
Fuel:	Petrol 91
Electronics:	Lowrance Elite 7 set up
Special Features:	Extended duckboards New canvas awning Rocket launcher Side grab rails Upgraded baitboard
Deck Covering:	Tread plate
Hull Finish:	Vinyl wrap on top

