

What Our Customers Say

50 quotes from Senator Boats customers and independent reviewers across New Zealand and Australia.

1. *"I can't fault the ride of a Senator. They're very soft into a sea, thanks to their fine entry. If you launch off the top of a wave, you don't grit your teeth waiting for a loud bang. The same goes in a following sea. They're incredibly safe and I've never had that feeling like it's going to broach on me."*

Dan Govier | AquaDeziac, RH770 — The Captain Magazine, Adventure Test — August 2024

2. *"I have been fishing on Senator boats 28 years. I trust Senator. The boats are built tough for fishermen. I have been in some big seas in a range of Senators and have never felt unsafe."*

Doug Cushing | No Limits, RH770 — October 2023

3. *"Safest boat on the market."*

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4. *"I know that if the weather cuts up, the mighty Senator will always get you home, and you won't be 6 inches shorter from having a hard ride."*

Dan Govier | AquaDeziac, RH770 — July 2023

5. *"Senators ride very well in a messy sea. No matter what direction the sea, the boat is just as comfortable going into the sea as it is going with it or across it. Size for size, Senators punch well above their weight."*

Dan Govier | AquaDeziac, RH770 — July 2023

6. *"We are talking 23 to 27 knots (real GPS) in 20 knot wind and 2.5m swell in comfort. We are always passing other boats especially coming home late from 30 nautical miles out."*

Kevin H | Dhue Diligence, RH690 — Western Australia — May 2023

7. *"When we cannot see land we are confident we will come home safely and on time even if conditions deteriorate."*

Kevin H | Dhue Diligence, RH690 — Western Australia — May 2023

8. *"If people ask me I always say the Senator is the best ali pontoon boat on the market. They can handle extreme conditions if you ever get caught in any."*

Roy Jervis | Reel Addiction, RH650 — Western Australia — January 2024

9. *"The Bowentown bar was sloppy, running a metre of chop in a modest wind-against-tide situation. As might be expected from pontoon configurations of this size, the big Senators absolutely aced it in comfort."*

Sam Mossman | Fishing.net.nz — Senator RH780W Review — August 2020

10. *"A well-performed, solidly-built and eminently functional watercraft. It provides a very comfortable ride, oodles of fishing space, supreme build quality and tonnes of buoyancy."*

Martin Auldist | Fishing World Australia — Senator RH650 HT Review — March 2025

11. *"Soft-riding in a head sea? Check. Predictable in a following sea? You betcha."*

The Captain Magazine | Adventure Test, Senator RH770 — August 2024

12. *"Stable, spacious and well laid out, with features galore. It feels like a bigger boat."*

John Eichelsheim | Boating NZ — Senator 500 Side Console Review — September 2023 — Rating: 4.5/5

13. *"You just can't fault Senator. Everything they build is fantastic. As you've seen with our two boats, they can accommodate whatever you need, based on how you use your boat. That's why I love them."*

Dan Govier | The Captain Magazine, Adventure Test RH770 — August 2024

14. *"After a rough couple of years for most of us, this boat has definitely been The Cure!"*

Mark Gawith | The Cure, RH770 — June 2023

15. *"When I come home from an extended period away from the family, one of the first questions is: when are we going to get the boat out? While our daughters are still of an age that they want to hang with their parents, we want to make the most of that. Happy memories have been and will continue to be made on that boat."*

Mark Gawith | The Cure, RH770 — June 2023

16. *"On numerous occasions we have been stopped by others at boat ramps and marinas to talk about the boat and pass on their admiration. One chap even told me that The Cure was his dream boat!"*

Mark Gawith | The Cure, RH770 — June 2023

17. *“The ride in rough weather is exceptional. For a 5M boat to operate so well in rough conditions and chop is just amazing.”*

Bayley Sisson | La Nina, RC450 — June 2023

18. *“Adventures on La Nina include 100NM around Great Barrier Island, White Island and Mayor Island. Destinations seen to be for big boats.”*

Bayley Sisson | La Nina, RC450 — June 2023

19. *“Getting out on the water is crucial for my mental health. It’s a place where I can go to relax and unwind. Exploring new locations for fishing or diving with friends and family seems to never get old.”*

Bayley Sisson | La Nina, RC450 — June 2023

20. *“Weld quality throughout the vessel, by the way, was exquisite.”*

Martin Auldist | Fishing World Australia — Senator RH650 HT Review — March 2025

21. *“Build quality is great. Small things like the anchor well washer and wash down pickup show attention to detail and that thought has been put into the design of not just the hull but the way it is used.”*

Chris Grainger | Manannan, RH580 — August 2023

22. *“The RH580 feels and performs like a much bigger boat. It ticked all our boxes.”*

Chris Grainger | Manannan, RH580 — August 2023

23. *“I found that anything is possible with Senator. Its just how can we do it.”*

Grant Ambrose | Easterly, RH620 — September 2023

24. *“My boys and I love our fishing adventures together. As a parent it has given me the perfect opportunity to stay in tune with everything going on in their lives and iron out any bumps along the way.”*

Grant Ambrose | Easterly, RH620 — September 2023

25. *“They are extremely safe, versatile and user friendly. They also hold their value really well, which makes updating much easier. I’m about to update to my 3rd Senator.”*

Grant Ambrose | Easterly, RH620 — September 2023

26. *“My last four boats have been Senators and I don’t imagine owning any other boat in the future. With Senator you get a lot of boat for your money.”*

27. *“The team at Senator boats are always proud to build the dream boat for their many customers.”*

Dan Govier | AquaDeziac, RH770 — July 2023

28. *“Fishing with my Dad and my brother from a very young age has instilled a love of fishing in me, which I now enjoy with my wife and daughter, creating great memories out on the water.”*

Dan Govier | AquaDeziac, RH770 — July 2023

29. *“Once I met Grant and the team, it was an easy decision. With their friendly vibe I instantly clicked and the decision was made.”*

Ollie Craig | RC480 — 2023

30. *“There was a clear standout winner between NZ pontoon boats being Senator for their superior ride quality, quality construction, and the ability to build to suit my personal needs.”*

Ollie Craig | RC480 — 2023

31. *“Being on the water definitely means a form of forced meditation of sorts and relaxation for me. Especially being underwater for a big part. I can totally switch off and just focus on hunting for some fresh food to take home.”*

Ollie Craig | RC480 — 2023

32. *“Our boat just gave me the confidence to go to these places despite it only being 4.5m.”*

Andre Kassal | Short Black, RCC450 — June 2023

33. *“Having the ability to leave the land and venture out at sea is essential for my overall wellbeing.”*

Andre Kassal | Short Black, RCC450 — June 2023

34. *“Everyone that has come on the boat has been amazed at the absolute stability of the boat. A really awesome feature that is so important for safety and with the family on board.”*

Michael McCormack | Chasin Tail, RC480 — June 2023

35. *“Fishing with family and friends is healthy for everyone as it does keep you off your phones and getting vitamin D. The ocean is my happy place.”*

Roy Jervis | Reel Addiction, RH650 — Western Australia — January 2024

36. *"It is really the fishing with my son, and then seeing him take the boat out with his family, swimming, watching dolphins, picnicking on the boat. And knowing all the time that we are in a very safe package."*

Kevin H | Dhue Diligence, RH690 — Western Australia — May 2023

37. *"To me, being out on the water is everything. Getting out on the water is my time to relax, recharge the batteries and reset."*

Dan Govier | AquaDeziac, RH770 — July 2023

38. *"I love their boats, and they have never let me down, so I couldn't see any reason to swap to another brand."*

Blake | RH690 Owner — senatorboats.com — January 2020

39. *"Each boat I own, I learn and improve on. I reckon I'm pretty close to perfect with my 770."*

Dan Govier | The Captain Magazine, Adventure Test RH770 — August 2024

40. *"The Senator really doesn't mind the rough stuff. I was glad to be onboard in such a sea state."*

Matt Hewetson, Editor | Fishing in Godzone — Senator RH690 Review — March/April 2021

41. *"Everything looks rugged and over-engineered. We've seen these sleds being used by commercial operators for years and can see why."*

The Captain Magazine | Adventure Test, Senator RH770 — August 2024

42. *"Senator boats ride the line between a production and custom build beautifully. They can suit anyone, from the first-time boat owner, to the fastidious dude wanting a specific fit-out, or the commercial operator."*

The Captain Magazine | Adventure Test, Senator RH770 — August 2024

43. *"The Captain's two cents on Senator after a couple of days aboard? Very impressed."*

The Captain Magazine | Adventure Test, Senator RH770 — August 2024

44. *"The Senator 550 hits a sweet spot. It's well finished, strongly built, and easily towed on a single-axle trailer. What's not to like?"*

John Eichelsheim | Boating NZ — Senator 550 Hardtop Review — September 2025 — Rating: 4.2/5

45. *“The Senator hull incorporates five pressure-tested buoyancy chambers, including a huge foam-filled pontoon along each side. Unlike other boats, these pontoons don’t encroach inside the deck and therefore don’t impinge on fishing space. The end result is a huge amount of reserve buoyancy.”*

Martin Auld | Fishing World Australia — Senator RH650 HT Review — March 2025

46. *“Foam-filled chambers result in an amazingly quiet ride. This boat exhibits none of the metallic plinking and booming you tend to expect from small aluminium vessels.”*

John Eichelsheim | Boating NZ — Senator 500 Side Console Review — September 2023

47. *“The Senator 780 W, a big pontoon hull with great inherent stability, considerable load-bearing capacity and reserve buoyancy, has proven ideal for the task. These two boats impress with their high level of finish and robust construction.”*

Sam Mossman | Fishing.net.nz — Senator RH780W Review — August 2020

48. *“The hull design and wide beam deliver the predictable, soft ride the RH series is known for, while the pontoons add impressive stability both underway and at rest.”*

Whitiangler (Geno) | In-Depth Review, Senator RH770 — senatorboats.com — November 2025

49. *“Nothing else.”*

Doug Cushing | No Limits, RH770 — October 2023 (when asked what other brands he considered before buying his Senator)

50. *“Great service. We were treated like we meant something during a period of boat purchasing craziness!”*

Mark Gawith | The Cure, RH770 — June 2023
